UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

Hon. David Mills is reported to have stated in the Senate a few days ago that the government is making arrangements to bring immigrants from Southeastern Asia into Canada Surely there must be some mistake. The people of Southeastern Asia are a mixture of Malay, Chinese, Tartar, Hindu, and a dozen other races, all low down in the scale of humanity ity and about as amenable to civilizing influences as the African orangoutang. We think that the Minister. of Justice must have meant Southeastern Europe, where Mr. W. T. R. Preston has been carrying on im migration missionary work of late. It is altogether beyond belief that the Covernment should encourage the settlement of Asiatics in this country, and there are not wanting those who think that the line should be drawn at the semi-enslaved European races who have lived for generations under the blighting shadow of Turkish or Russian rule. Such immigrants, they contend, cannot readily be absorbed into the national population and are bound to leave their impress on the national character. The Government's answer is that their children will adopt the ways of thinking of the country and will be just as good Canadians as the children of the Anglo-Saxon. That it will turn out so in most cases is probably the fact, especially since it is compulsory for the children of settlers to attend the public schools and learn English, but at the same time it is not advisable to encourage the immigration of peoples who for centuries have been intellectually and morally little better than animals and of whom it may be doubted whether they possess the sterling fibre which has enabled the Teutonic races to attain to their present level of civilization and refinement. It would be better for Canada to grow slowly and build up a homogeneous population than to fill her vacant lands with the rag-tag of Europe, in whom the capacity to become a great people may as likely as not be lack-

THE COOK CHARGES.

The Toronto News, Independent

While the evidence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright acquits those gentlemen of participation in the attempt to sell Mr H. H. Cook, a Senatorship, the testimony witnesses makes it no less clear that he was approached by persons who were closely in touch with the administration, and whom he had every reason to believe were authorized to act for the heads of the Government. Mr. Biggs was not a friendly witness, yet Mr. Biggs' evidence proved that Mr. Cook had acted with perfect good faith in making the charge, and that he believed , hroughout that the offer had the sanction of the members of the Cabinet. It is some grain of consolation to find that the Ministers were free from connection with so dishonorable a transaction, though the very fact that secondary members of the party are able to traffic in this way in the highest offices speaks badly for the control exercised by the leaders over their lieutenants and for the morality of the working forces of the party. Though the evil went on without the knowledge or consent of the Premier and his colleagues, it still went on, and we cannot doubt that if Mr. Cook had consented to pay the \$10,000 demanded, he would be occupying a seat in the Senate to-day. The investigation has exonerated the Goverament, but it has not exonerated the party or the system, and if the Cabinet members were ignorant of this particular case, they could not but be aware that the recommendations for offices were arranged on a commercial basis. The enquiry will do good if it leads to the exercise of greater care in making such appointments, and to the restriction of the power now possessed by the machine section of the party in these matters.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

A British blue book has been pubbished comprising a series of papers regarding British relations with the neighboring tribes on the Northwest frontier of Indian and Punjab Frontier Administration, says the London Free Press. A summary of the various points raised in this book of 170 pages would be unintelligible without a full understanding of the local geography and conditions, but it may be said, in brief, that it proposes a new plan, or rather revives an old plan, growth. for the governing of the northwestern portion of India. The existing arrangement is described as unsatisfactory from the point of view of the Punjab government as it can be from that of the government of India. The former is called upon to carry out a frontier policy for which it is not in the last resort responsible, and with which it is not specially qualified to deal. The latter is responsible for a frontier policy which is not carried out by its own agents, and is to a large extent removed from its direct supervision. Labor without responsibility is

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the experience of the local government; responsibility without control is that of the government of India. In one of his despatches which appears in the blue book of Lord Curzon, the Viceroy, deals with various suggestions that have been made, pointing out their defects, and proceeds to sketch out his own scheme, which is to create a province of the Trans-Indus district as far south as Dera Ismail Khan. As to the merits of the scheme, he thinks it will express and enforce the direct responsibility of the government of India for frontier affairs. It will enable the Viceroy to conduce the most important business of the department of which he is the personal chief. It will free the management of frontier politics from the delays that are inseparable from a chain of reference, whose strength is sacrificed to its length. It will promote greater rapidity and consequently greater freedom of action. Its tendency should be, not towards aggression, but towards peace,-since war with the tribes is commonly the result of ignorance or indicision at earlier stages. It will entrust tribal management exclusively to those who know the tribes. It should train up a school of officers worthy of the most critical but splendid duty that is imposed upon any of the officers of the King's government in India.

THE IMPERIAL SPIRIT AND THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.

Shall we be afflicted now with . chorus of denunciation of the ingratitude of Great Britain and her insufficient appreciation of Canada's preferential treatment? One would hope not in these Imperial days, but the matter is no near to being a party issue here that there is no limit to the eloquence which may be expended upon Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's innocent remark, There is a danger that this question, of the "gift" of a preferential tariff on the part of Canada and the amount of appreciation to be looked for from Great Britain in consequence will come to be conceived entirely in dollars and cents-than which nothing more conducive to national selfishness and disastrous to Imperial interests could be brought about. The prefer-

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because it believed, or the predomin ant party for the time being believed, that it was calculated to promote Imperial unity-and the minority party had expressed assent to the same general principle. It was not intended that it should involve Canada in any. particular financial sacrifice-indeed it is doubtful if any country would be justified in making a present of any naturally acquired business or trade even to its motherland. The preference is, or is intended to be, valuable to Great Britain commercially; but we do not surely except a quid pro quo gift of any tariff privileges which Great Britain believes would be in the least detrimental to her own interests. The real value of the preference is less commercial than sentimental and cannot be expressed in steamship subsidies. Should Great Britain ever abandon her free trade policy the logical sequence of our preference is the Imperial Zollverein; but until that day we should be content with having shown our affection for the motherland in ways more emphatic than ever before.

Did anyone wander from his fireside last evening ?

"In the game that ensued I did not take a hand," says Sir Richard.

Go it, "Liberals!" The great Conserservative party looks on and enjoys

Aguinaldo's better half was captured some time ago. Of course she will now claim her Fillipino.

Russia is evidently imbued with philanthropic desire to protect China from all the powers except Russia.

The Philippines cost the United States ten million plunks but they cannot complain that Aguinaldo did not give them a run for their money.

The census enumerators in the Transvaal colony may have had trouble in locating a large portion of the population last evening, including one

Old John Bull hasn't been making much fuss about it; but he has sent 30,000 fresh troops to South Africa since February 7. John seems to be quite in earnest.

It is rumored that the \$10,000 initiation fee for the senate has recently been reduced as it is desired to rush in new members without loss of time as vacancies occur.

Cook as "Mr. Senator" on the momentous occasion referred to, if as he says, he came to tell Mr. Cook he could not get the senatorship because he lacked ability as an orator?

Russia has an army of 2,500,000 men and Japan has an army of 520,000 men. But the strength of Japan's navy in the east at the present time is 214,000 tons while Russia has only 137,000 tons of floating fighting material.

A young medical student at Columbia, went into a restaurant to kill a certain actress. He fired five shots at another actress and hit the business manager. It is suggested that this is some proof that they do not very successfully teach the young idea how to shoot at Columbia.

The city teachers were justified by precedent in petitioning the Public school Board in the matter of the inspectorate appointment. Vice-Principal Dearness, of the London Normal School, formerly I. P. S. for East Middlesex, was appointed to his present position as the result of the petition of the public school teachers to Hon.

The preliminary returns of the census taken in Italy show that even if some thousands are to be found, widely scattered wherever the horny-fisted son of toil seeks a job on this continent, the home supply shows no fall-off. In 1881 the population of Italy was 28,460,000. The returns just published show the present population is 35,000,000. This increase of about 23 per cent. in twenty years is three millions more than the official estimates, and four millions more than the uppfficial calculations generally accepted.

We have our language and race difficulties in Canada; but we are not alone in this. There is, for example, a pleasant little argument going on in New York between the Staats-Zeitung is intensely German in its editorials; and it has become excited over the change of the name of the Rechs shutzverein into the ordinary, everyday English term of the Legal Aid Society. But there was worse to follow. Vice-President Roosevelt "closed a long and incoherent speech by declaring that the greatest and best achievement of the Society counted in this, that it had become Americanized, and by dropping the German name had shown itself worthy of the American spirit." Now the Staats-Zietung does not believe in merging its Deutschthum in the ocean of Americanism. And so the New York Times Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. feelingly, but jocosely exclaims: "For-

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London News. would not the Czar of Russia what would not the Czar of Russia give for a little of the freedom from fear enjoyed by the president of the United States? Autocratic power may have its compensations, but it also has its drawbacks.—Troy (N. Y.) Re-

Isn't this rich? We had heard that a couple of presidents were assassinated in the United States, but having occurred in the last century, it probably has escaped the memory of the Trojan.

THEM'S OUR SENTIMENTS.

London Free Press. Perhaps if we went about it properly, we could get Mr. Carnegie to give the money necessary to build a memorial to signify our admiration and appreciation for the loyalty of our dead hero, Pte. J. A. Donegan.—Chatham Planett

Mr. Carnegie is a sympathizer with the Boers, and would not be likely to contribute to such an object. A mon-ument obtained in such a way would be an insult rather than a tribute to the memory of the dead hero, while it would be an everlasting disgrace to the people of Chatham.

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