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OUR CLAIMS ON THE DOMINION. On March 18, 1893, Col. Prior moved in the House of Commons for a return of the total sums expended in the several provinces for public works in the twelve years ending June 30, 1892.

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THE RIGHT OF DISALLOWANCE. A question has been raised as to the power of the Governor-General to veto acts of the provincial legislature, as to the source of such power, within what limits it shall be exercised as to what acts.

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annulled. Section 90 applies these provisions to acts of the local legislature, substituting the Governor-General for the Queen and limiting the period of disallowance to one year. The language of section 56 being general in regard to bills, it follows that the provisions of section 90 are also general and that the Governor-General may disallow any act whatever passed by the local legislature, provided he does so within a year from his being notified of its passage.

OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY. The Toronto Globe has defined what it thinks ought to be the commercial policy of Canada, and we think no violence will be done to the probabilities of the case by accepting its definition as representative of the intentions of the Laurier ministry.

A WORD OF CAUTION. We know the difficulty of saying anything on the subject of Chinese and Japanese labor, other than a demand for its prohibition, without laying ourselves open to misconstruction; but a newspaper has certain duties to perform and these ought never to be shirked through any fear of this.

OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY. The new American tariff, if it becomes law, will have the result of throwing us upon our own resources; and we are indeed to be congratulated for the more effect upon our neighbors to let them know that we are not poor relations, dependent upon their good-nature for our surplus products.

OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY. There seems to be a prospect of the reversal of the order creating the forest reserve in the State of Washington, which caused so much anxiety among mining men there. The Olympic reserve in the same state, which takes in most of the Olympic peninsula, is likely to stand.

respect to its tariff policy. People will not wonder to find that the action of the United States has really left no other course possible, or if they do, will congratulate themselves and congratulate the country. We have thought it our duty to direct attention to this matter while it is yet time. In view of the important financial interests that are involved in the incorporation of companies in whose charters the above provision seems likely to be inserted, and the danger that these charters may be annulled by the Governor-General, we suggest, if the legislature is determined upon legislation of this kind, that it be dealt with in a general bill applying to all companies incorporated at the present session, and that the several acts of incorporation be passed without any such provision.

OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY. The Oregonian says: "We are beginning to see how flimsy is the tie that binds British colonies to the Mother Land. Flimsy to look at, no doubt; but strong enough to resist any strain that is ever likely to be put upon it. And the strangest thing about it is that the more flimsy it looks the stronger it becomes."

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OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY. The announcement that F. Ang. Helme, president of the Columbia and Western Railway Company, has determined to invest every available dollar of his large private capital in extending the Columbia and Western railway to Penton is hailed with delight by every true British Columbian. Such unbounded faith in the future of this province as that announcement discloses is most creditable and is worthy of emulation by every business man within the borders of the province.

OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY. Mr. Goldwin Smith calls the attention of the London Times to the fact that the three states in which female suffrage prevailed—Wyoming, Utah and Colorado—all voted for Bryan and repudiated. He wonders what would have happened if all the women in the United States had voted. But that will not be allowed. Even the Wild West states are turning against the idea, and here older and more intelligent states it is growing less in favor than ever. It is a woman's irresponsibility that makes it dangerous to put the government into her hands, and no legislation can remove it. "Put the power where you will, the responsibility must rest on the man, and where the responsibility is the power ought to be."

Among the curiosities in legislation lately proposed in the United States are the following: In Indiana, a bill to change the relation between the diameter and circumference of a circle, and a bill making it a crime for women to send bouquets to a man; in New York a bill to make it a crime to carry "knock-out-drops"; in Missouri a bill to prohibit railway conductors and brakemen from flirting with women passengers; in Minnesota a bill to compel saloon-keepers to display a red sign with the word "Danger" on it; in Kansas a bill to prohibit the wearing of corsets and bloomers by women and skull caps by men, also a bill to compel solvent banks to reimburse all depositors who had lost by insolvent banks; in Nebraska a bill to make football a crime; in Oklahoma a bill to authorize the issue of legal tender on the deposit of farm produce; in several legislatures bills to prohibit the wearing of high hats in theatres; in Michigan a bill to compel bills of fare to be printed in English; in Washington a bill to prohibit the use of type-setting machines in the government printing office. None of these bills passed; but the fact of their introduction shows the monstrous absurdity to which some legislators descend.

OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY. The Salem, Ore., Statesman affords an example of the sort of pabulum upon which American readers are fed so far as Canadian questions are concerned. It tells of the millions of capital that England has furnished to build railways in Canada and spent to bring immigrants to Canada, of the terrible depression from which the Dominion is alleged to be suffering, of the hindering limitations of our colonial condition, of England's denial to prevent us from negotiating reciprocity treaties, of the galling denial of free citizenship, of our being like that. Now we know what's the matter with the country. But how did the Statesman ever find it out?

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THE CANADIAN PRESS. NOT BORN TO BE HANGED. A curious case is told in the law records of Bristol, England. An elderly man named Lee was charged with the murder of a man named Lee, and was found guilty. He was sentenced to be hanged, but was reprieved on appeal.

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SCOTT'S EMULSION makes the blood richer and improves the circulation. It increases the digestion and nourishes the body. It corrects diseased action and strengthens the nervous system. In a word, it places the body in the best possible condition for preventing the germs of Consumption from beginning or continuing their work.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Water—What was your order, sir? I am sorry to say that I have forgotten it. Customer—I don't remember, I gave it so long ago; but I'll change it, for I'll be out of season, I suppose.—Town Topics. Gunno—Why don't Mr. Gugal and Miss Perkins get married? Answer—They are both sides.

Vancouver Has a Batch of Accidents, Including Indians Drown. Conditions Attached to Proposition—Another Official Dismissal.

VANCOUVER, March 27. Last night there was a run that a steamer had been wrecked near the Narrows, and word was wired here a rumor that it reached Seattle. An investigation of the wreck was made, and it was found that the only apparent cause was the fact that the steamer had been struck by a log. The log was found to be a piece of driftwood that had been driven ashore by a storm.

H. Symons, Q.C., represents Evans & Co., who propose to build a smaller and better mill in the city. Mr. Symons says that the local representatives of the proposed mill are not the details of the proposed mill are not the details of the proposed mill.

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