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### THE TIMES.

In a long article on the Constitutional question on Wednesday the *Herald* very fairly and justly called attention to the attitude taken by the more unreasonable of those who have demanded the dismissal of Lieut.-Governor Letellier. Anything more factious and insolent than that attitude can scarcely be conceived. The Quebec Opposition have decided that in the event of their commanding a majority at any time during M. Letellier's term of office they will not act in concert with him or under him in any way.

WORSE than that. Some of the French-Canadian M.P.'s have declared that if the Governor-General shall refuse the advice of his Ministers, retaining M. Letellier in office, thus compelling the Ministry to resign and appeal to the country, they will never again take office under the Marquis of Lorne. Talk of Constitutionalism! we have got to decide yet whether we have, or are likely to have, anything better than Government by minority. Many of these French-Canadians are disloyal, and would be tyrants if they could. It is quite time for them to know that Canada does not exist altogether or mainly for them, and that all good government is not to be subverted on account of their unappeasable wrath. Sir John A. Macdonald would do a wise and popular thing if he were to set to work and emancipate himself from the disastrous influences of those violent and unreasonable men.

BUT in the interest of all parties in the Dominion, I hope the Privy Council will be induced to hand the question to its Judicial Committee for settlement. We want to have the powers of a Lieut.-Governor clearly and authoritatively defined, and the Letellier case is clearly a matter for the men versed in Constitutional laws to determine. If they will give a legal opinion, the Dominion will accept it, and be satisfied whatever the issue. But if they do not, it will lead to endless complications, and in all probability widen the breach already made by the changes in the tariff between Canada and Great Britain.

NEWSPAPER writers have been cudgelling their brains to find the cause of the long debate on the Address which M. Letellier gave to the Houses at Quebec. The *Gazette* correspondent said M. Chapleau wanted to kill time, so that the address, which was already engrossed and signed, might not be sent to England by steamer that Saturday. But as the *Star* most cleverly suggested in comment, "in that case they must have ignored the fact that there is such a thing as an Atlantic Cable, by which the result could at once be flashed to Westminster."

No: M. Chapleau knew all about the cable and the way news is "flashed," and simple delay was not his motive. The *Star* was no nearer the mark when it ventured to "hazard the opinion" that M.