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The Federation Movement.

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The present centre of practical interest is in the movement for federating the Australian colonies, which has just received the formal and conspicuous approval of the government.

Canadians can but not approval, we can do no more; but we may heartily enough wish success to our brethren of the fifth continent in entering upon the experiment which we have already tried, and with marked success.

But it is not alone more colonial confederation that is on the tapis. Lord Rosebery, a radical peer, proposes that the colonies shall have representatives in the house of lords.

Colonial representation in the commons has been long talked of, but going to the lords too is taking a higher flight than ever known before, we believe.

Now, Lord Rosebery is not only a radical peer, as the despatch calls him, but he is also a particular friend of Mr. Gladstone's.

He is, further, connected by marriage with the Rothschilds, and therefore likely to have all the backing that such an influential connection would attract.

It further appears that the Daily News, the particular organ of the Gladstone government, calls for a poet who shall teach the common fatherland of the English race, as Arnold taught the unity of all speakers of the English tongue.

Now some say: "Oh, this is mad, mad, mad, there is method in it," as says Shakespeare. For what is the great object that the mother country now has in view with regard to the colonies? Why, to keep them from adopting protective tariffs.

Let them do anything else, that has any shape but that. So, suppose now, that colonial members were given seats in the commons, in the house of lords, in the imperial confederated parliament. That deed once done, it would quickly appear that the colonial vote on tariff matters amounted to just nothing at all.

Birmingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds and Glasgow would with a touch of the little finger over balance all Canada and Australia together on tariff matters. But suppose that, in addition to seats in the commons, colonialists were called upon to sit as "lords," too. Why, the last spark of colonial independence would be gone; we would not have a single public man left to say a word for us.

Fancy Sir John, with a few of his particular friends, also Mr. Blake, with a few of his, taking a seat in the house of lords. Canada would be no longer a practically independent colony, a "new nationality," or anything of the sort. She would be back again to where she was before William Lyon Mackenzie raised the banner of responsible government, and when the demand here for real, bona fide parliamentary institutions was called treason.

Canadians are not to be caught with such chaff as that. The noble lords and gentlemen who flutter the shadow before our eyes may rest assured that we prefer the substance. We have the substance now, and we do not propose to do as the dog did in the fable. The right to make our own tariffs to suit ourselves is a solid and substantial one; it carries millions in it, and Canada knows the fact. That we should give it up, in order to catch at the shadow of imperial representation, is absurd. No dog and shadow business for the people of Canada, if they know it.

We do not want any number of representatives, either few or many, in the imperial parliament. But what we do want is to have our man to represent us in London; call him high commissioner, consul, ambassador, or what you please. In details as well as in the general principle, it is the substance and not the shadow that we are driving at.

Vested Interests. In England the power of "vested interests" to hold their own, and a great deal more than their own, too, has long been one of the most conspicuous facts of history.

The expression has so far been used with reference to the landed aristocracy and the Canadian Rockies a few months ago to make their fortunes are now working as navies upon the Canadian Pacific railway.

Mountain mining cannot be successfully carried on except by the aid of expensive machinery, and the riches of our mountains must lie perished until capital comes to the rescue in great force.

Fish Pedlars' Vets. To the Editor of The World: Sir: In answer to a subscriber's letter in your paper of Saturday, why don't the Toronto fish pedlars take a leaf out of our book, and take a lesson with them to foot as they drive around. The customers get to hear the sound, which is musical rather

than a nuisance, and are waiting for the pedlar instead of his waiting to show himself before their doors.

Hamilton, Aug. 4. FRANK PEDLAR.

An Artist on True Art.

Sir: When I see the indifference and ignorance of my fellow-countrymen upon so important a subject as what we term "art," it makes me impatient of my modelling stick and chisel—and I must needs resort to the harbor of weak humanity—words.

What then is art? It is seeking a breathing and drying steam engine of breeding and drying horses? Is it photography? Art in the sense of causing application of means to ends is required in all these operations, but this is debasing the word art as applied to fine arts.

In its high sense art means the symbol of something natural. A landscape painting is the artist's symbolization of what he and all men love in the nature we daily see upon us.

Figure painting goes further—for as our body is the clothing of the soul and mind so its every action or condition is the outward symbol of the inner mind.

The required in a body that shall (more or less adequately) serve the dictum of the mind—the multitude of different and conflicting impulses, power—the complication of interests and their different motives and degrees of force with which they are maintained by the individual at all times.

And by the many against the one or few and the relations of the known and unknown fields of mental action and relation, politics, family history, justice, science; of these things the artist is the inventor of symbols, which as it acts on matter, i. e., the body, the engine of the mind. Such symbol in the creating demands of the inventor creative art.

Just at the time when English and American cattle kings were unfolding their grand project of sending cattle from the western territories over the Canadian route to England, thus avoiding the arduous states, the Texas fever breaks out and a demand for extra precaution of course follows.

If the right measures be promptly adopted over the border however, the project may be carried into effect on a large scale next year.

If the mayor and town councillors of Kinairdine knew the estimation in which the hold by journalists they would not have indicated an address upon the members of the press excursion party the other day.

There may be stiff and formal occasions upon which the address nuisance becomes a necessary evil, but a newspaper junketing party ought to be exempt from it.

It is proverbially an ill wind that blows nobody good, but one would hardly expect good from any class from a cholera scare. Still the French religious orders seem to be having a noble revenge through the agency of the plague.

Some time ago the infidel rulers of that country expelled from all the schools and hospitals, only to discover that the christian nurses and teachers can alone be depended upon not to run away from the face of danger.

The sisters of charity, especially, have conquered all hearts by their devotion to the sick and suffering, and have put their official enemies to shame.

As is customary at this season, many of our contemporaries urge that swimming should be taught in the schools. There are more things taught in the schools now than are of practical benefit, and we fail to see how this idea is to be carried out in the vast majority of sections.

Parents and guardians should certainly see to this matter themselves. Any boy will soon learn to swim who is given the chance, and it is no reason why both boys and girls should be taken to learn to swim and girls should be taken to learn to swim under the guidance of adult friends, either in swimming baths, where there are such, or in streams or ponds where there are not.

Learning to swim is a useful pastime, but our over-taught school teachers, but no more over-taught for teaching it than they have for teaching skating or snow-shoeing.

At a recent mass meeting held in Charlottetown the Hon. Mr. Sullivan, premier of Prince Edward Island, made a speech in vindication of the protective policy that was held in its terms and defiant in its tone.

He claimed support for his party upon the ground that the national policy had built up factories in Charlottetown, and had improved times throughout the partizan plea, but even as such it seems to contradict the statement so often made by the Globe that the N.P., as is unpopular in the maritime provinces that no public man dare venture to stand upon it.

The westward march of empire spares nothing. Two hundred years ago the Spaniards of Santa Fe, New Mexico, built an adobe church with walls six feet thick, which withstood the tooth of time only to fall a victim to the yankee's pick and shovel.

Santa Fe has long been an attractive spot to lovers of the American antiquity, but at this rate its historic monuments will soon be improved from off the face of the earth, and will become as fresh and as rude as the far-famed Oklahoma.

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