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To people who have no respect for truth and but little regard for accuracy words are of very little consequence. One word is as good as another so long as in their opinion it suits their purpose.

The most significant of the "utterances" to begin with, are not the utterances of Eastern protectionists but they are statements seriously made by British free traders.

The Times affects to believe that the sole cause of the closing of Mr. Luke's mills was the competition between millers themselves, without reference to foreign competition and to the low state to which free trade has brought the agricultural interest.

Complaints about the depressed condition of agriculture have long rung unheeded in the nation's ear. People have been easily excited by stories that in this branch of trade or in the other English supremacy is threatened by French or German competition.

The writer of this passage evidently knew that he was describing a state of things that was known to everyone, the existence of which it would be folly to attempt to deny.

The Plymouth Western News not only asserts that agriculture and everything connected with it is in a bad way in England now and has been so for a long time, but it holds the Government responsible for allowing it to remain in that condition.

The News leaves it to the sagacity of the reader to find out what "something to stave off disaster" is. For our part we are satisfied that what the writer points to is protection, although he is not sufficient moral courage to write the word.

The Opposition in the Province of Quebec, like the Opposition in British Columbia, are perpetually boasting of their strength and of the wonders they will do when the opportunity is afforded them of trying conclusions with the Government.

In the province of Quebec matters are in pretty much the same position. The Opposition are bold and boastful before an appeal is made to the people, but after the election they have to exhaust what energy they have left to devise excuses for their defeat.

They made the attempt and the result was that their candidate lost his deposit. The Government's majority, instead of being diminished had increased considerably.

Mr. Em. St. Louis, the Curran bridge labor contractor, will realize before very long, if he has not done so already, the truth of the proverb, "Honesty is the best policy."

The Government, suspecting that he had not dealt fairly with them, refused to pay part of his claim. He sued them for the money, some \$64,000, and lost his suit.

It is observable that the best Americans have nothing but good to say of the British Sovereign and the British people. The United States citizen who thinks that loyalty to his country requires him to adopt a defiant tone when he speaks of Great Britain, and to disparage her institutions and everything connected with her, is almost invariably a fourth or fifth rate politician.

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A late speech made by the Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain, shows the impression which residence in Great Britain makes on a citizen of the United States when he is a man of culture and ability.

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From the benches of the bench, the venerable lady whose virtues so illustrate the happy reign over a contented people, to the officials, and down to the very heart of the people, I have heard nothing but friendly hints, kind words, and offers of good service.

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question be viewed from whatever point it is a most perplexing one, and no one who realizes its importance will wonder when it is known that the Socialistic question is at the bottom of the present German Governmental difficulty.

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS. The United States War Department has lately issued a publication dealing with the organization, armaments and military progress in American and European armies.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT. NANAIMO, Oct. 27. (Special.)—After a period of depression which has lasted for many months, Nanaimo's business men are anticipating brighter times in the near future.

CAPRIVI CRISIS. Resignation of the Chancellor von Caprivi—German Politics.

Disagreements as to the Financial Policy—The Chancellor.

BRASER, Oct. 26.—The report of the Emperor's abdication has been confirmed by the Emperor's own statement.

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THE ANCIENT CAPIT. QUEBEC, Oct. 26. (Special.)—The British marines on board of the Japan.