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Comments

ON THE
Cartoons.

WOOD, MAN! SPARE THAT TREE!—The Government of Ontario once more vindicated its claim to be a good old-fashioned Tory administration by defeating Mr. Wood's resolution, which was as follows:

"That in the opinion of this House the system of paying Provincial officers by fees is objectionable in principle, and that the law ought to be so amended as to provide for the remuneration of sheriffs, registrars of deeds, clerks of the peace and county attorneys by salary instead of by fees, and a like change should be made in the mode of remunerating all other Provincial officers now paid by fees to whom the same could be satisfactorily applied."

Mr. Mowat did the best an honest and conscientious man could do to defend a system under which many Provincial officers get salaries twice as large as the Attorney General's for performing duties not one half as onerous, and his party in the House stood by him to a man. All the same, however, the fee system is an anachronism at this late day, and will have to go. The Attorney General and his allies will begin to think so too when the other fellows happen to be enjoying the offices.

GRIP'S SOLID PLATFORM.—Mr. Goldwin Smith's book on "The Canadian Question" has given a fresh impetus to the discussion of the future destiny of the Dominion, and the moment seems opportune for GRIP to set before the public the ideal which, "could love

fulfil its mission," he would bring to realization. This he appropriately does in pictorial form, and it is respectfully submitted to his fellow citizens. It is especially commended to the study of the party leaders, who, of all Canadians, seem to be without any clear views on our subject of our future. Briefly summarized, GRIP's platform contains the following planks—or rather solid, square, granite blocks of political wisdom:

1.—National Independence.

A Republic, maintaining the British system at present in operation, so far as that may be possible under the altered conditions, or may be deemed desirable by the people.

2.—National Relationships.

An offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain, the United States and every other Anglo-Saxon community. Good will toward all other nations outside of this family circle.

3.—Free Trade with the World.

Absolute, unconditional free trade, involving the abolition of all tariffs, internal revenue laws, taxes, tolls and imposts whatsoever on labor or the products of labor.

4.—Revenue to be obtained by the taxation of Monopoly.

A single tax, and that imposed on the rental value of natural opportunities.

5.—State control of monopolistic business.

Railways, telegraphs, telephones and all other enterprises necessarily monopolistic, to be worked by the Government in the interests of the whole people.

6.—Abolition of the liquor traffic.

The manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink to be absolutely suppressed, as something which experience has proven to be contrary to the well-being of the community.

7.—Woman Suffrage.

The right of all citizens, irrespective of sex, to a voice in the affairs of the nation to be guaranteed.

8.—Manhood Suffrage.

Every citizen, man or woman, of the age of 21, to be entitled to vote, subject only to an educational test, viz.: ability to read and write.

9.—Equal Rights.

In all respects equal rights before the law to all citizens and religious sects. Special privileges to none.

10.—One official language, and that English. One Canadian flag.



THE Grits are going from bad to worse in their outrageous career of treason. Here is the *Globe* boasting, yes openly boasting with brazen effrontery, that it has made arrangements to reach the Pacific Coast one day in advance of all its rivals, by using the Yankee railways a good part of the way! And the disloyal gang of Grit contemporaries not only do not condemn this Benedict Arnold-like proceeding, but actually applaud it as "enterprise which does honor to the Canadian press!" This is simply horrible, but what can we do, brother *Empire*, but stamp on the ground and howl?

REV. J. E. LANCELEY gave a lecture a few evenings since on the Ministry of the Nose. The effort was spoken of as "quaint and delightfully instructive." Couldn't the clever gentleman get up something equally good now on "The Nose of the Ministry?"

SIR JOHN, we're deeply pained to see You're bent on Reciprocitee With that big Yankee nation; But please to clearly understand, 'Gainst goods from our dear Motherland Make no discrimination!