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MR. KIPLING AGAIN.

Mr. Kipling's warmest admirers will

e bitterly disappointed over his fifth letter. It is devoted to British Columbia, ostensibly to the bearing of the question of Oriental immigration up-

on the present condition and future development of the province, but really to imaginary dialogues alleged to have been held with imaginary indi-

viduals, in which it is represented that the opposition to such immigra-tion is little more than the result of unreasoning prejudices on the part of the Labor Unions. Mr. Kipling makes some startling statements. One makes some starting statements. One is that Chinamen are scarce and are charging \$50 a month as household servants, which is true only in a few instances, and to this he adds: "This is said to be the reason why overworked women die or go off their heads; and why in new cities you can see blocks of flats being built to minimize the inconveniences of house keeping." We should not care to say that there are not some women in British Columbia who find their health undermined by housework because they are unable to get servants. We suppose that is true the But we do most emphatworld over. But we do most emphatically deny that the evil is any greater here than anywhere else and we condemn as infamously false the statement that the lack of Chinese servants is productive of insanity among the women of British Columbia. A grosser or more indefensible. among the women of Bertish Columbia A grosser or more indefensible and the policy of t

LET REASON RULE

We may remind the Asiatic Exclusion League that organizations as well as individuals may sometimes take themselves too seriously. It would, we assume, be unjust to suggest that possibly the motives animating the leaders of this not very rapidly growing organization may not be wholly unmixed. That the thought of personal or political advantage ever entered their minds is not to be thought of. They are doubtless inspired by high resolve into which individual advantage in no wise enters. It is because we look upon their efforts in this light that we suggest to them the possibility of taking themselves too seriously. If we thought that in the back of their we thought that in the back of their minds political ambition was making its influence felt, we should not refer to them at all, and should regard the fury into which they have been aroused by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter as easily understood, but if, as we are bound to assume, they are animated solely by a patriotic desire to see a serious question effectively solved, they seem to have taken a very extraordinary course. It is true that there is nothing in the First Minister's letter that we did not know before. Everybody knew that the Chinese head tax was greatly restricting the entry of Chinese; also that the Japanese government had promised to restrict Japanese immigration; also that negotiations are now in progress with a view of checking Hinds in the progression. Chinese; also that the Japanese government had promised to restrict Japanese immigration; also that negotiations are now in progress with a view of cheeking Hindu immigration. If in writing to the League Sir Wiffrid had told them to read the daily papers, he would have contributed as much information as he has vouchsafed to communicate, but of course, that would not be polite and the Premier is noth-

taken for which we have consistently contended, for from the very beginning we have said that the place to stop the Mindu influx is in India. The right of the provincial legislature to regulate improvement. mmigration is before the courts There is at the present time practically no Oriental immigration. This result has been due in part to the attitude of the British Columbia press; doubtless in some degree also to the action of the Exclusion League, but chiefly to the

conservatives acting in concert upon any subject seems impossible, but politics makes strange bedfellows.

A NOTABLE DRIFT.

The drift towards political independence is very notable throughout Canada, and an interesting feature of the case is that it gains in strength in proportion as the absolutism of party rule in Parliament increases. There never was a time in the history of Canada when there was a sittle independence among the representatives of the people as is exhibited by the sunporters of Sir Whiftid Laurier. His word is absolutely law with them. Whether or not there are certain independence among the representatives of this people as is exhibited by the sunporters of Sir Whiftid Laurier. His that that they were before the Liberals go ut. In 1896 there were so few Liberals in the Sentence of Sir Whiftid Laurier. His that that they were paractically without his party with an iron hand, from which the velvet glove is rapidly wearing on. That possibly this is a good thing for the country is neither the party with an iron hand, from which the velvet glove is rapidly wearing on. That possibly this is a good thing for the country is neither the party with an iron hand, from which the velvet glove is rapidly wearing on. That possibly this is a good thing for the country is neither the possible of the fact, which is the properties of a caucus, but this does not from those, who would maintain the properties of a caucus, but this distribution the velves as a sittle independence within a political party at Ottawa as a seasold thing for the country is neither the possible of the fact, which is the party with an iron more lightly upon the prever was as little independence within a political party at Ottawa as a seasold thing for the country is neither the possible of the fact, which is the party with an iron more lightly upon the prever was a serviced to a caucus, but this does not fact that the liberal party to a caucus of the properties of a caucus, but this does not fact that the properties of a caucus, but this today. Meanwhile it is evident that party ties are sitting more lightly upon the people, and more lightly upon the press. The result is that the

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Work was begun yesterday upon the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific at Prince Rupert. We congratulate all concerned, and especially do we congratulate the provincial govern-ment, through whose business saga-city an early beginning was secured. It is many years since the first proposal to build a line of railway across British Columbia from Yellow Head Pass to the sea was made. More than thirty years ago Mr. Marcus Smith recommended that route for the Canadian Pacific, and, if his re-

white immigration, "and it is above this he adds what is above quotes the content of the proposed route. The proposed route is a properly owners are the sort of things that are said about us by a man, whose utterance of an intimate consultation with Mr. Sifton added a somewhat prolongary and for that purposes we applauded when he told us that we must preserve this as a white many's country, and for that purposes and the proposed route. Works in the Conservative Manitoba many's country, and for that purposes and the proposed route and provided the proposed route. Works in the Conservative Manitoba many's country, and for that purposes and the proposed route and provided the many is country, and for that purpose and the proposed route and provided the proposed route. Works in the Conservative Manitoba many's country, and for that purpose and the proposed route and provided the proposed route. Works in the Conservative Manitoba many country, and for that purpose and the proposed route and provided the proposed route. Works in the Conservative Manitoba manitoba

think that the senatorial term ought to be for a limited period and not for life.

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