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CURRENT EVENTS.

The Canadian Parliament has adjourned without approving the treaty of reciprocity with the United States, and the United States Senate is still debating the question of its ratification, with the possibility of a very small majority for or against it when it comes to a vote.

President Taft's proposal of an unlimited arbitration treaty with Great Britain has met with very general acceptance. Ex-President Roosevelt furnishes a notable exception, averring that no self-respecting nation could agree to arbitrate questions of national honor. He quite ignores the fact that such an agreement exists between Norway and Sweden, between Chile and Argentina, and between Denmark and Holland, Denmark and Italy, and Denmark and Portugal. In England, men of both the great political parties have welcomed the proposal, believing it to be sincere; and both France and Germany have asked the United States to extend to them a like proposal for diplomatic consideration.

The Dominion Government will establish experimental farms along the shores of Mackenzie River, chiefly for the purpose of showing the northern Indians how men live in a civilized community.

The war in Mexico has ended in the triumph of the revolutionists. President Diaz, himself a revolutionist of other days, but who had been for the eighth time elected chief magistrate, and had given his people a stable gov-

ernment for more than a quarter of a century, has resigned his office and fled from the country. It is little more than eight months since the Mexicans were celebrating the hundredth anniversary of their independence, and the aged President was the idol of the hour. But the uprising was even then predicted; and conditions which in our country would have given rise to a vote of want of confidence have driven him from power.

Instability and uncertainty, the evils which belong to a republic, are at present seriously affecting business conditions in the United States, and are largely responsible for the increased emigration to Canada.

The first general election has taken place in the new republic of Portugal. The monarchists refused to recognize it, and remained away from the polls; but they have, as yet, made no attempt to overthrow the republican government.

French forces have reached Fez, the beautiful city in the interior of Morocco where the Sultan was besieged by hostile tribes.

Other things besides law and order sometimes claim the attention of rulers in dealing with their own people. The government of France is about to confer honours upon a popular negro clown, who is retiring from public life with the understanding that he shall be allowed to amuse sick children in the public hospitals as long as he is able to work. His life-long efforts to do good in his own way are thought worthy of recognition.