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#### WILFULLY BLIND.

No one is so blind as he who will not see, and no one is so stupid as he who her name may be, is ruled by a firm of those who take the Times as an authority on matters of fact have become to believe. They do not want to believe that Col. Prior has been appointed to a seat in the Cabinet, and they affect to remembers who was President of Peru of the Dominion, when he says that Mr. Prior is a member as much as he is.

The appearance of the Times' leading article should convince the most obstiinforming the Times that " Mackenzie

mier as to a matter of fact about which he knows everything as against the word the trade mark

are dishonest. If they took a moment trick will be exposed, or they will be condemned as downright fools for not believing at once what the Premier said on such a subject in preference to the assertions of anyone else.

The Times contains a lot of nonsense about Col. Prior's status. It is clear to everyone of common sense that if Mr. Prior is a member of the Cabinet at all, he is as much a member as Sir Mackenzie Bowell or Sir C. H. Tupper, or anyone else in the Cabinet. His vote on vote of any other member.

# A MISAPPREHENSION.

The Vancouver World says that "the telegram from Premier Bewell read at mean the opportunity to pilfer the pubthe Conservative meeting last night to lic treasure, and ruin the commerce of the Hon. E. G. Prior that His Honor their country by breaking contracts and (Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney) had made remonstrances orging that the and such it will remain as long as the gallant Colonel be raised to the status of present system of republican govern full-fledged Minister of the Orown," ment continues. Socially-a moral and etc. Premier Bowell's telegram indiniless but contented half-breed populacated nothing of the kind. Col. tion. Politically—a mass of violence, Prior had been offered a seat fraud and corruption, utterly untrustin the Cabinet by Premier Bowell worthy in its promises both to nations and individuals, and liable at any moand Col. Prior had accepted a ment to overthrow such promises when seat in the Cabinet. This was known a new government arises by to several gentlemen in this city some arms antagonistic to the political creeds time before the meeting was held. They of its predecessor.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S PROTEGES.

What are these South and Central American Republics, of which the United States has constituted itself protector Will their condition moral, social and to write: political compare favorably with that of the Dominion of Canada, which is very

cerned comes from an American traveller who is at the same time a writer of more than ordinary ability. His name is Richard Harding Davis, and his account of those republics is to be found in the November number of Harper's Magazine. Speaking of the Island Amapala

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nate Grit of them all, particularly if he Foreign Affairs and the President and ment were taken only in the presence of article is Sir Mackenzie Bowell's tele- a policeman or a soldier, who was there gram to "the Hon. E. G. Prier" telling to see that you did take it. You find this condition of affairs all through Cenmediately under it is a telegram signed company controls it, and you soon grow A. J. Magurn, Press correspondent, to look upon a mule loaded with boxes Bowell told him (when, it is not said) on a soldier who wears the linen ribbon of the Government. For you know that they are protected by the Catholic that Prior was not a Cabinet Minister."

that Prior was not a Cabinet Minister who wears the linen ribbon of the Government. For you know that affection; we are proud of the deeds of at a word the soldier will tear the ribbon from his straw sombrero and rebon fro place it with another upon which is that we belong to an Empire on which printed Viva Dr. Somebody Else, while the sun never sets. Would an unnatural the trade mark of the business and inexpedient union produce such reof a Grit press correspondent about a house will continue so long as subject with respect to which he has to English and German merchandise is sults as these? depend upon others for his information. And it will also continue as long as We find it difficult to believe that any Great Britain and Germany and the man out of a lunatic asylum will prefer United States are represented by contract they felt any ill effects from European Council Judges say, "a parliamentary the word of the press correspondent to suls who are at the same time the part-complications. None of these things compact." ners of the leading business firms in the trouble them. They have never found that of the Premier of the Dominion.

Small politicians who think themselves

ners of the leading business firms in the seaport over which their consular jurisdiction extends. For few Central Ameriwonderfully clever may affect to believe can republics are going to take away a Mother Country in the slightest degree wonderfully clever may affect to believe consul's exequatur as long as they owe what the newspaper man says with rehim in his unofficial capacity for a large ed that their union with the Old Land spect to Mr. Prior's appointment, but loan of money; and the merchant on shall continue, unnatural and inexpedithey must be as shallow as they the other hand knows that he is not going to suffer from the imposition of a
ent as that union appears to Mr. Secforced loan nor see his mules seized as retary Olney. to think they would see that the long as the tin sign with the American truth must be known to everyone in a eagle screaming upon it is tacked above very short time, and then their little the brass business plate of his ware-

pendence of republics such as these that termined to continue its tricky and dethe American jingoes are ready to ceptive course. It will have it that Col. plunge their country into war. As to Prior has not been appointed to a seat Venezuela, about which such an ado is in the Cabinet even though the man who of the United States, but by the Head of ters says he has been. Well, let them its Government, another intelligent keep on contradicting the Premier; we traveller, Mr. H. Somers Somerset, pre- intend to give them a little more of the

sumably an Englishman, says: The home politics of the country are notoriously unjust and corrupt. Conany matter will count as much as the tracts both with foreigners and natives are not worth the paper of their deeds; and from time to time the injured populace show a marked dislike to their

form breaks out in the city. Political power and the honors of office infringing on the rights of foreigners.

Such, then, is the Venezuela of to-day.

had seen both the offer and the reply. It is to keep such republics as these in by Col. Prior at the Conservative meet-But some quidnuncs here, and it ap- their present condition and to prevent ing. It is quite likely that they will forth in this petition, and which are said pears in Ottawa, declared that Mr. their being subjected to the influence consider it wonderfully smart to write to create dissatisfaction among the Prior had not been appointed to a seat of the civilized and enlightened and talk about the ("alleged") state- Roman Catholics, not only in Manitoba in the Cabinet. The matter was the nations of Europe that the Monroe doc-ments in the above telegram to the may take speedy measures to give remain topic of discussion in the city on trine is hysterically invoked. If the Secretary of the Liberal Conserdress in all the matters in relation to Tuesday, and His Honor was asked by description of these South and Central vative Association. The men who which any well-founded complaint or quite a number of persons what really America republics is anything like true are fools enough to think, for grievance be ascertained to exist. was the office to which Cel. Prior had the unfortunate people who are subject rather to hint, that leading It is no wonder that Mr. Fisher asks. been appointed. In order to satisfy to their rule would be infinitely bene- men of the Conservative party are so "Can the most supersensitive critic find them he did what was most satisfactory fited if they were by some means sub- unutterably foolish as to forge or to fault with the language I have quoted?"

domestic reforms.

UNNATURAL AND INEXPEDIENT.

In the face of Great Britain's wonderand champion, like? Are they well-gov- ful success in planting colonies at great erned, are their inhabitants in the endistances from their Mother Country it joyment of all the blessings of freedom? was certainly cool for Secretary Olney

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The answer to these questions as far as the Central American republics are considerations. America is not interested in them and ought not to be vexed or complicated with them.

political union between Canada and Great Britain is "unnatural and inexpedient." That union has now continued for a long time and it is to-day would remove the grievance upon which to all appearance stronger than it was It is supposed to belong to the re- half a century ago. If the union had been "unnatural and inexpedient" could this have been the case? Unna- law need not be revived, but that the machetes to German music boxes, and tural and inexpedient unions do not existing law should be changed in such produce such results as are seen every- a way as to give the minority the redress where in this Dominion. Let Mr. Olney they ask for. compare the condition of the inhabit-You have only to change the name of ants of any Province of the Dominion to give effect to the Judgment of the Rossner Brothers to the San Rosario With that of the inhabitants of any con- Privy Council—no more, no less—it is revised in the direction of free trade the westerly winds failing as they and the westerly winds failing as they are Mining Company, to the Pacific Mail, to tiguous State of the Union and he will asserted requires the enactment of the as it is in England—Mr. Laurier's ideal way Company, and you will identify the be surprised to see people between old separate school law. It does not. way company, and you will identify the actual rulers of one or of several of the republics of Central thousand miles of ocean intervene, can must be admitted, is the best judge of has been in operation in England now due erst line from her last known be as happy, as prosperous, as law- its own intentions and the object and for nearly fifty years, and has it made position. see, and no one is so stupid as he will her name may be, is ruled by a firm of will not understand. The Times and coffee merchants in New York City, or abiding, in short as well governed in scope of the remedial law, has since by a German railroad company, or by a every respect, as those between whose in a communication to the Maniline of coasting steamers, or by a great State and the seat of government there toba Government explicitly stated that ity on matters of fact have become trading house with headquarters in become trading house with headquarters in London, or Berlin, or Bordeaux. If the phenomenal underlevers. Nothing is to London, or Berlin, or Bordeaux. If the them proof of what they do not want President wants money he borrows it subjects in Ontario whose union with sarily demanded. No intelligent man from the trading houses; if he wants Great Britain Mr. Olney stigmatizes as for a moment supposes that the Governarms or his soldiers need blankets the "unnatural and inexpedient" do not ment of Manitoba has been asked to essee a very great deal to envy tablish a system of separate schools in disbelieve Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Premier when Henry Meiggs was alive, and to- in the condition of their neighbors in the the province perfectly independent of called the Garden of England, writes: when Henry Meiggs was alive, and to-day William L. Grace is a better name on letters of introduction than that of with the Union Mr. Olney would no schools which are wholly or in part supwhen we were in Nicaragua one little doubt pronounce natural and expedient. schools which are wholly or in part sup-English banking house was fighting the We, in this Province of British Colum- sity be under Government direction and tion that farmers are abandoning their mained there until noon of the 18th, Minister of Finance and the Minister of bia, although more than three thousand inspection. They will be as completely miles of land as well as the three thous- under the law as any other schools so nas the least sense of numer in his com-position, that the unbelievers are mak-issued by the bank were accepted at and miles of ocean, separate us from the supported. Separate schools have been position, that the unbelievers are making themselves very ridiculous. In that
their face value, those of the Governing themselves very ridiculous. In that
ment were taken only in the processor connected, are very far indeed from But those schools are very far indeed realizing that the union with her is from being independent of Government. nim that he is a member of the Cabinet, tral America, and you are not long in a are, we imagine, very few among us who apply to them to exactly the same exhaving as much voice in the affairs of republic before you learn which mer-the Dominion as he has; and almost im-chant or which bank or which railway the inhabitants of the State of Washingto look upon a mule loaded with lookes bearing the trade mark of a certain busibearing the trade mark of a certain busiling over our heads; we are not only loyal
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gards education as are the minorities of the landowner has a second or loyal ling or ling or ling or ness house with more respect than up- to our Queen, but we feel for her some Ontario and Quebec. It is admitted Bowell told him (when, it is not said) on a soldier who wears the linen ribbon thing that very much resembles personal now that they are protected by the Con-

the bond that connects them with the

and inexpedient union produce such re-

# A BAD BEGINNING.

The Times, having commenced a cam-It is to maintain the nominal inde- paign of falsehood and humbug, is desame kind of work to do. The following telegram was received by Mr. A. S. Potts, Secretary of the Liberal Conservative Association, Victoria, B. C., in reply to a telegram sent on Tuesday to the Premier, expressing gratification ruin, and a strong feeling for home re- at his according to British Columbia its memorial Mr. Fisher makes the followright of representation in the Cabinet and at the selection of Col. Prior:

Ottawa, Dec. 19, 1895. "Thanks for expression of approval by opportunity to have it done.

We see that the smart Alecs who run

asked the Premier himself to give many or France, and the United States the Premier of the Dominion, are only Dominion were not hampered by legal an answer to the question that itself would gain many advantages by a shade more idiotic than the forms or technicalities, and they consealmost every one in the city was asking, the change. Republicanism, so-called, men who believe, or say they be-quently addressed the Government of and the Premier answered promptly. has been the reverse of a success in Cen- lieve, that in so important a Manitoba in the most persuasive as well The appointment had been already made tral and South America, and it is very matter as the appointment of as the most respectful way. If the and there was no more politics in the difficult indeed to understand what the a Cabinet Minister, the Premier does "sunny ways of diplomacy" could be Governor's question that if he had asked United States can hope to gain by en- not mean what he says. The day is not effective with the Manitoba Ministry, the Premier what cheese was selling at couraging Venezuela and the other re- far off when men of both parties will see this friendly, conciliatory and reasonpublics which it pets to continue to dis- how phenomenally silly or how impu- able appeal, if it did not produce the regard national obligations and to oppose dently dishonest the men are who doubt effect aimed at by its authors, would at Thorough Exploration of Coast or affect to doubt the genuineness of least have elicited a kindly and Col. Prior's appointment to a seat in the courteous reply. But no such an-

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

It is said by some who are opposed to mending the legislature to alter the printhe Government's policy on the Manito- ciple complained of." This was cer- Strathnevis having not only been unsucba school question that the Manitoba tainly short and uncompromising and cessful in so far as picking up that long Government is required by the judgment did not give the Government much missing steamer is concerned, but proof the Judicial Committee of the Privy encouragement to resort to the "sunny viding no new data or reliable informa-Council to re-establish separate schools ways" again. The point, however, that tion upon which a conclusion can be arprecisely as they were previous to 1890. Mr. Fisher wished to make, and which rived at as to her present whereabouts. This is not true. Here is what the Judg- he did make, was that the Dominion | The cruise terminated somewhat sooner ment says on the subject:

It is not essential that the statutes repealed by the Act of 1890 should be re- wards redressing the grievance of which thorough and systematic. Through the enacted, or that the precise provisions of the minority complained, approached courtesy of the Admiral's secretary. Mr. those statutes should again be made law. them in the gentlest way and used Dent, the Colonist is enabled to pre-The system of education embodied in the Acts of 1890 commends itself to and ade-According, then, to Mr. Olney the quately supplies the wants of the great ception let his opinions on the question the search:

The Strathnevis was last seen and Acts of 1890 commends itself to and ademajority of the inhabitants of the prov- at issue be what they may. ince. All legitimate grounds of com-plaint would be removed if that system were supplemented by provisions which the appeal is founded and were modified as far as might be necessary to give effect to these provisions.

Here it is said specifically that the old

The remedial order, which is intended

tent as they do to other public schools. What the minority in Manitoba want Everything that they have done so far ity of the disaster we have only to look to get what they want has been done at the weekly list of bankrupts for con-European interests, so far, have never strictly according to the Manitoba Act of

# A MANITOBAN'S TESTIMONY.

In reply to the accusation that the school question, says:

In the first place it is an absolute historical fact that the Dominion Government did, long before the issue of the orotat, dairy produce, and indeed almost der, approach the Government of the everything that a farmer has to dispose province and its legislature with an ap- of are cheap. peal that the latter should settle the munication containing this appeal was unobjectionable, and quite conciliatory. passed at Ottawa on the 26th July, 1894, which recited the memorial sent to the praying for relief.

From the concluding paragraph of that | England. ing extract:

The statements contained in this memorial are matters of the deepest concern and solicitude in the interests of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Gov. Dominion at large, and it is a matter of ernment's action in giving British Col. the utmost importance to the people of umbia representation in the Cabinet and Canada that the laws that prevail in any at the selection of Col. Prior, who in portion of the Dominion should not be the past has proved himself indefatigable in such as to occasion complaint of oppreslooking after the interests of his Province. It sion or injustice to any class or portion was always my desire that British Columbia of the people, but should be reshould be so represented, and I took the first cognized as establishing perfect freereligious belief and practice, and the and inspire the Times have been so ex- that Your Excellency may join in exthe authenticity of the telegram read Legislature of Manitoba may take into but likewise throughout Canada, and

and what was most natural. He jected to the rule of England or Ger. falsify a telegram over the signature of In this appeal the Government of the

swer was forthcoming. The formal reply was, we are told: "That the executive of the province see no reason for recon-

THE EFFECTS OF FREE TRADE.

the English farmers rich? Are they at the English farmers rich? Are they at this moment prosperous and are their latitude 48:50 N. and longitude 131:10 prospects under free trade brilliant? W. was reached, and from then a care-We will let them speak for themselves. ful and systematic search was made of an A correspondent of the Mark Lane Ex- area comprised between the meridian 48:50 N. and 50:5 N. and the meridian press, the leading agricultural paper of of 131:10 W. and 134:00 W., that is, an Great Britain, describing the condition area of about 120 miles longitude by 70 of the county of Kent, which has been miles wide, by steaming in parallel lines

clusive testimony.

Another correspondent, writing from Bedfordshire, says:

per cent. of the value of the produce must go for labor, while taxation and min. between the 17th and the 19th, rates are grinding agriculture into nothino sights being obtained on the 18th. ingness. . . Farmers are in despair. With the exception of 14 hours S.E. Dominion Government were too abrupt Rent is out of the question, as even and 9 hours S. W., the winds and dictatorial in requesting the ordinary working expenses can never be were in the N.W. quarter and the swell Government of Manitoba to redress the found during the coming year. Much of the corn of the district will not pay grievance of which the minority in the for the ploughing, sowing and seeds; province complain, Mr. James Fisher, and there is a very small proportion of M.P.P., a Manitoba Liberal, who has turnip land, most of it being strong wet so that a steamer would be visible 15 written a series of able letters on the clay. Farmers are at a loss to miles away; and at night two electric know what to grow. Beef is selling search lights were elevated 30 ft. above the very badly; at the price which stores command there is very little for the

All this under free trade as it is in being made, not only by the jingo press has the appointment of Cabinet minis- question. It is a fact also that the comcouched in terms that were altogether ing the miserable plight to which free trade as it is in England has brought the English farmer. Canadian Liberal politicians are doing what they can to Government of the Dominion on behalf persuade electors to put in power a

# TRADE REVIEWED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Bradstreet's says general trade at Montreal shows room for improvement, although the distribution of dry goods there exceeds the total of last year. At Quebec city the usual volume of trade is reported for the season and from Halifax it is telegraphed that general business is unchanged with a steady demand for hiliday goods. Jobbers at Toronto report trade fairly active, dom and equality, especially in all The total volume of bank clearings at matters relating to religion and to Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal religious belief and practice, and the committee, therefore, humbly advise week against \$24,888,000 last week, and ceedingly clever as to throw a doubt on pressing the most earnest hope that the week a year ago and with \$17,500,000 in the same week two ye rs ago. The business failures throughout the Dominion of Canada this week amounted to 42, compared with 39 last week, 24 in the same week one year ago and 35 in the like week two years ago.

> Brantford, Dec. 20 .- Rev. Mr. Alexander, one of the oldest Presbyterian ministers in Canada, is dead, aged 90.

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# PHE FLAGSHIP'S SEARCH

Scientific Calculations as to the Position of the "Strathnevis" Are Not Verified.

Waters During Both Day and Night.

H.M.S. Royal Arthur returned to Esquimalt yesterday, her search for the Government in trying to prevail on the than had been generally expected, but Manitoba executive to do something to- was-as was to have been expectedlanguage to which no one can take ex- sent the following interesting account of

communicated with by the bark John Gambles on the 19th of November ultimo, in lat. 48.40 N.; long. 145.30 W. The Admiral having decided to search Although the leading organ of the for the missing steamer, and having pro-Liberal party has been compelled to de- cured all available data and information clare that free-trade-as-it-is-in-England from the incoming steamers and sailing clare that free-trade-as-it-is-in-England vessels relative to the weather, winds is for Canada "out of the question," it and currents they had experienced, left and the minor organs continue to re- in the Royal Arthur on Sunday the 15th commend free trade to the farmers of instant, and passed Cape Flattery at 4 the Dominion as a policy peculiarly favdrifted 800 miles between the 20th orable to them. They affect to sympa- October and the 19th November—that is thise with the Canadian farmer and tell an average of 24 miles a day-it was dehim that if the Dominion tariff were cided to examine an area the limits of as it is in England—Mr. Laurier's ideal
—they would be far better off than they

between 15 and 20 miles a day to the

area comprised between the parallels of alternately east and west, 20 miles apart.

At noon on the 17th December the Yet what are the facts staring one full Royal Arthur was in latitude 49:23 N. in the face at the present moment? Let longitude 132:46, the wind still being me enumerate some of them. In the N.W. by W. with showers. At noon on first place, it is beyond all possible quest the 17th the wind backed to W. and reoccupations-not only an isolated case when the position was latitude 50:05 N. here and there, but in large numbers longitude 133:08 W. By 8 o'clock and in all parts of the country. In your p.m. on the 18th the wind was own columns you have recorded the fact S.E., blowing fresh, and the glass fallthat in the most favored part of the ing rapidly-by midnight it was blowcountry one of the principal landowners ing a gale. At 3 a.m. on the 19th, the has all his farms upon his hands—not glass having fallen eight-tenths of an because of any disagreement or a want of inch in five hours, the wind quickly unnatural and inexpedient." There The Government's rules and regulations a disposition to adjust the question of backed to E. and then N., and blew a rent to suit the times, but (to quote the whole gale from N.W., with very heavy reason given by the tenants themselves) sea and frequent rain and hail squalls, because it would be impossible to live At 10 p.m. on the 18th, being then in upon the land if they had it rent free. latitude 50:5 N., longitude 130:40 W., ton. We love to see the Union Jack fly- is to be placed on the same footing as re- I have also read in your pages that an- a south course was shaped for 90 miles, could name three other landlords who noon of the 19th was latitude 48:27 N.

cumstances considering the season, and although not successful, it gives the negative information that Strathnevis must have been set considerably out of the track she would have endeavored to maintain. All courses and directions of wind, etc., are Agricultural prospects are not very "true"; the currents experienced were cheering, for if land is farmed well 50 very slight, being N. 60 deg. W. 6 min. 'true"; the currents experienced were between the 16th and the 17th. and S. 8

was N.W. all the time. "For searching by day a crow's nest was fitted for the lookout man at the mast head at 107 feet above the water, sea, and worked at frequent intervals during the dark hours. be visible twenty or thirty miles on a cloudy night, and it was hoped would call forth a rocket or signal of some sort, from the disabled Strathnevis."

# THE SMALL DEBTS COURT.

NANAIMO, Dec. 20 .- (Special)-In the Nanaimo court to-night Judge Harrison gave judgment in the case in which writs of prohibition were argued before him, and in which the constitutionality of the Roman Catholic minority of Man-itoba complaining of the law of 1890 and that they will do all in their power to obtain for Canada free trade as it is in clared the act as intra vires of the legislature. The decision is directly contrary to that recently given by Mr. Justice

> FOREST BAY. Dec. 20.—Rev. James Whiting, paster of the Methodist church here, dropped dead yesterday in his house, aged 65.

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