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Comments

ON THE

Cartoons.

"THE LAST STAND."

—In a recent number of *Harper's Weekly* there appeared a masterly double-page drawing by Frederic Remington, who is at present with the troops in the Indian campaign. The picture bore the title, "The Last Stand," and depicted the remnant of

an American regiment in a desperate rally upon a piece of rising ground and evidently surrounded by overwhelming numbers of hostiles, to whom they were selling their lives as dearly as possible. Some idea of the composition may be obtained from our cartoon, in which we have, at a humble distance, followed the lines of the original. We thought the picture worth parodying for the parable we saw in it. The High Tariffites are now making their last stand against the forces of intelligence and liberty, but the struggle is as hopeless as that which Remington has depicted. In the United States McKinleyism has aroused a universal revolt, just because it has carried the principles of Protection a little nearer to their logical conclusion. People have all at once apprehended that the philosophy which seeks to produce general prosperity by increasing the burdens of the poorer classes is unsound. In Canada the same discovery has been made more gradually by the melting away of the beautiful pictures of tall chimneys and home markets like a series of dissolving views. The eyes of the people are now pretty generally open, and Protection, under whatever euphonious name presented, is regarded as a fraud. Probably nobody in the country is more thoroughly aware of this than the members of the Dominion Government, and

yet they are bound to fight for it till the last cartridge is gone, because they think it better politics to put their faith in the Red Parlor, than in the cause of the people.

WAITING FOR AN UPRISING OF THE PEOPLE. — This picture may be taken as a corollary to the other. When the people *do* rise, it will be like the tragedy of the nursery rhyme—"Down will come John A. pap, baby and all!"

GOLDWIN SMITH hasn't often "put" it more neatly than this: "There might be, and certainly would be, a chronic state of legislative deadlock in England were the House of Lords really a co-ordinate branch of the Legislature and not, as it is, an august nullity. There might be, and very likely would be, a chronic state of deadlock in Canada if the Canadian Senate were really a co-ordinate branch of the Legislature, and not, as it is, a nullity by no means august."

THIS is from a paper on the McKinley Bill which the Professor has contributed to the January number of *Macmillan's*. We lift our hat in acknowledgment of the following reference, in the same article: "Our comic paper at Toronto, which often speaks the truth in jest, represents a protected manufacturer as pressed to display the loyalty which he loudly professes by adopting the suggestion of *The Times*, and giving free admission to British goods. He replies that he does not understand loyalty in that way. Some day, however," comments the Professor, "he will go to England, deliver loyal orations, disparage the Yankees, denounce the Annexationists, and come back a Knight."

THE law plainly forbids the License Commissioners to consider any application that is not backed by a petition signed by a clear majority of the voters in the polling subdivision in which it is proposed to open a new grog shop. Notwithstanding which Mr. Philo Lamb has secured a license in St. John's Ward. His petition contained a sufficient number of names at first, but enough of them were subsequently withdrawn or found unproven to invalidate the document. What have the Commissioners to say in defence of their illegal action? Is it meat that Lamb should be thus favored, wether or no?

"LA PRESSE," of Quebec, intimates that the habitants of that Province fail because they do not run their households economically. This unpleasant truth has been concealed too long. It is time that plain words of warning were spoken to these high-living husbandmen. They should be impressed with the fact, that under present conditions, it is simply impossible for them to go on spending their days in playing billiards and reading novels, and their nights in giving wine suppers or attending swell balls, with their wives and daughters decked out in *décollete* dresses and diamond necklaces. It is all very pleasant to live this butterfly life, dear *habitants*, but it is the high road to ruin. Give it up at once!

OF course Mr. Blaine rises equal to the emergency. He was not at all surprised at the sudden transfer of the Behring Sea dispute from his department to the U. S. Supreme Court. "This is no *coup* on the part of the British Government in the least," he said to an interviewer; but all the same there is every reason to believe he hadn't the slightest knowledge or expectation of the move. It would be in every way more satisfactory to have this troublesome matter settled once for all by