

HIS MAJESTY'S INVITATION TO CANADA.

The newspapers of Great Britain, great and small, are displaying a lively interest in the invitation which has been extended by the Canadian Parliament...

Opinion in this country has hardly wakened to the extent of the invitation to Canada. It is not too much to say, is thrilling, and conversation at Washington is alive. In the last few weeks both Houses of the Dominion have adopted an address to the throne, expressing "the desire and hope, long and fervently cherished," that His Majesty may be pleased to appear in person among his Canadian subjects...

Decision upon the request of Canada is attended with some constitutional difficulties which it will be well not to under-measure. We know not whether reasons of state may intervene to prevent the favorable response which His Majesty would otherwise desire to give, and which would be received, we are convinced, with not more enthusiasm by his subjects upon both sides of the Atlantic than by their kindred under the Stars and Stripes...

RUMOR'S MALEVOLENT PONGUE.

The tongue of rumor may wag and the minds of the people imagine a vain thing, but the publication of the alleged gossip of the street corners sure cannot affect the established political records of men who, as the Colonist says, have had intimate relations with the band of adventurers whose reputations are faintly compared with the characters of the people who have basely maligned them.

With respect to the rumors which have been so vehemently denied, if the Colonist cases to take the trouble to follow them to their source within the precincts of the saints' rest or even to the holy of holies of inner cabinet circles, the sentiments of some of the ministers and of the rank and file of the party respecting the manner in which the affairs of the Lands and Works Department have been conducted are well known to the Colonist and his friends the Chief Commissioner have been parted for the first time in the history of the government.

WHISPERS IN THE GALLERIES.

To the quorum, or "your another," argument, we believe, it has been remarked, is not conclusive. Nor can we be considered as attempting a justification of the wrongs of the past.

Only a few days ago a leading newspaper of the Dominion, claiming to be independent but invariably supporting the Conservative party, lamented the fact that Hon. Clifford Sifton had been found to be a Tory.

IN A QUANDARY.

We are told, in effect, that it is only on matters of political faith and political morals that the Colonist considers itself the inspired mouthpiece of the government. It is not the province of the newspaper to state, therefore, that the public need not look for any definite expressions of opinion from the organ upon the subjects of the policy of the government.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF OPPRESSED JEWS.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

Declines to Inform Russian Government of Views of British Regarding Massacre.

London, June 21.—Mr. Montefiore, president of the Zionist faction and Israel Zangwill, president of the Jewish territorial organization, presented a joint appeal through the newspapers this morning to the prominent Jews of Great Britain and the United States on behalf of the oppressed Russian Jews.

MEAT INSPECTION BILL.

Senator Lodge Charges Chicago Packers With Trying to Defeat Legislation.

Washington, D. C., June 20.—Senator Proctor to-day called up in the senate the agricultural appropriation bill and made the usual motion for agreement to a request for a conference.

THE SUPPLEMENTARIES.

Which Are Included in Estimates Just Submitted.

Ottawa, June 20.—The supplementary estimates for the fiscal period of nine months from July next until March 31st, 1907, were brought down to-night.

RUSSIAN MUTINEERS KILLED AN OFFICER.

St. Petersburg, June 21.—Gen. Nepluev, commander of the fortress of Sebastopol, is represented to be greatly concerned about the temper of the sailors as well as the soldiers of the fortress.

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THE SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL.

BEFORE DOMINION HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Minister of Justice Says Some Changes Will Be Made in the Measure.

Ottawa, June 20.—The Sunday Observance Bill was taken up in the House this afternoon. It was briefly explained by Hon. A. M. Aylesworth. The special committee had given the bill great consideration. Christianity was recognized as a constitutional part of the law in Canada, as it was of the British Empire.

MOBS TORTURED VICTIMS.

Children Taken From Their Mothers' Arms and Brained on Pavements.

Grodno, June 20.—Tales of atrocities at Bialystok, the scene of the recent massacre, are innumerable, and while some of them may be exaggerated, enough has been established to make almost anything credible.

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