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Winnipeg Tribune (Lib.): It has been Mr. Laurier's good fortune to combine strength of character, distinction of intelligence and rightness of matter. gence and rightness of motive, with kindness, magnanimity, largeness of mind, and a sound sense of what is practicable.

Toronto Globe (Lib.); The throwing open on the broadest possible basis of the St. Lawrence and lake systems to international trade would doubtless prove one of the strongest barriers to the disturbance of the present peaceful relations between the two nations.

Hamilton Times (Lib): It may surprise some of our Scotch Sabbatarians to learn that so important has the Sunday excursion business on the Clyde become that in Lanarkshire a company has been formed for the purpose of "meeting its demands" by purchasing or building another first-class steamer to ply between river points and the coast.

Toronto World (Con.): It seems probable that by next spring the Ontario mining boom will assume s milar proportions to those which characterize the boom in British Columbia. Ontario people should be particularly interested in the development of the gold fields of Algoma and the Rainy River district. The country is near at hand, and its development will indirectly benefit Toronto and the whole will indirectly benefit Toronto and the whole Province.

Halifax Chroniele (Lib.): It was Mr. J. Halliax Chronicle (Lib.) It was Mr. 9.
Ross Robertson, the Independent Conservative member for East Toronto, who said that the Liberal Government acted properly in declining to proceed with their promised revision of the tariff at such short notice as would have been involved in undertaking the work have been involved in undertaking the work at the session just closed, and that they would have deserved censure had they attempted anything of the kind. Mr. Robertson undoubtedly voiced the sentiment of conservative business men of the Conservative party.

Vancouver News-Advertiser (Con.): was only last year that some of the leading members in the Liberal ranks expressed their opinion very freely that the national expenditure could be reduced at least \$4,000,000. Inture could be reduced at least \$4,000,000. Instead of that or any less reduction, we find an actual addition of nearly \$3,000,000. The Liberal financiers are, therefore, out something like \$7,000,000 in the first year in which they have control of the national finances. Facts like this need no comment. They appeal directly to a most sensitive spot -the taxpayers' pockets.

Mail-Empire (Con.): At the Grand Trunk Mail-Empire (Con.): At the Grand Trunk half-yearly meeting, a shareholder who happened to refer to the contingency of war with the United States was hissed. At the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce, when one of the Canadian delegates ventured a few heated remarks on the same possibility by one of the Canadian deregates ventured a few heated remarks on the same possibility he received a similar hint to change the subject, and was called to order by the chairman. If our neighbours across the line would culti-If our neighbours across the line would cultivate a little of the same sense of propriety, and frown down unfriendly references to England, there would be small danger of war between the two countries.

Monetary Times (Ind.): Mr. Laurier has more than once, since his accession to office, declared his abhorrence of the spoils system; and once more the country looks to him to stem the tide of simulated opinion which now the stem the tide of simulated opinion which now threatens to instal it

St. John, N.B., Globe (Lib.): No one would desire to see what is called the "spoils" system introduced into Canada, but the system may very well be asked if there is question may very well be asked if there is not another danger imminent, and that is the danger of continuing the existing spoils system, a system by which the friends of the late Administration got the best offices, the late Administration got the best offices, the speediest promotion, the largest increases of salaries, while faithful men suspected of being Liberals—because their friends were Liberals salaries, while faithful men suspected of being Liberals—because their friends were Liberals—were not advanced and their pay was kept down simply as a punishment. This is the spoils system which ought to come to an end.



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