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Toronto Mail (Con.): An aggressive, constructive statesman, Sir Charles has done noble work for Canada. If his life should be spared, this Grand Old Man will do in the future more for the Dominion and for the Empire—administering to the advancement of the one and to the consolidation of the other—than he has accomplished in the past.

Montreal Gazette (Con.): Government works are never carried on as cheaply as private enterprises, nor are the results attained, as a rule, so satisfactory. It will require much argument to show that it is not best in Ontario, as elsewhere, to leave the business of iron-making to iron-makers, and confine the Government to the work of governing.

St. John, N.B., Globe (Lib.): The Senate of Canada was compelled, by the resolution of the House of Commons, to take some action with regard to its own bar. Unhappily the temperance feeling in the Senate was not sufficiently strong to induce it to close out the sale of intoxicating drinks; but it was sufficiently strong to induce it to prevent, as far as a resolution can prevent, the sale of liquor to members of the House of Commons.

Toronto Globe (Lib.): There is one doubtful point concerning the sale of British Columbia gold-mining stocks that should, in the interest of eastern investors, be cleared up at once. The shares of treasury stock sold held by the hundred thousand for development purposes are sold as fully paid up and non-assessable. It is doubtful whether this assertion is justified by the condition of the law.

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Monetary Times (Ind.): Some doubt surrounds the intention of the Government on two questions of great importance, on which the debates and interrogations of the session threw no effective light. What are the intentions of the Government with regard to the Pacific cable and a swift line of Atlantic steamers? It is not unreasonable that time should be given to supply the answer. Mr. Dobell's position on the steamship question is unintelligible. If he is new to public administration, navigation is to him, in a special degree, familiar; on the public question he does not appear to entertain any persistent view, though the question of the character of the new line specially concerns his department. What shall be the future winter port of the Canadian-Atlantic line, which is to carry the mails, there is less doubt. It is settled that Portland is not to have that privilege after the end of next winter.

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