We do not anticipate that their in- being discussed in regard to the state fluence as a class would be in favor of of affairs in the Northwest, as the reannexation, so much as a negative in- sult of the autonomy acts and the refluence so far as Great Britain is con- cent political elections. During the finally accepted by either side, although literated party majorities. Clubs have under modern conditions, the flag is cerned. The great danger would come crisis at Ottawa over the school clauses, from the class who do not actually set- Walter Scott, M. P., who is now pretle in the Dominion but who acquire interests here, and who may exert that into his then friend, Mr. J. K. MeInnis,

propose to run north and south. At present Mr. Hill is saying nothing or very the Northwest, who, as suggested by Sir Charles Tupper, was at stake it or of Great Britain to give anything in bate, as to what ought to be the politi-our future. With independence we the Montreal Heraid, prefer to duy in made all the difference in the world. return. It was what he termed a free cal destiny of Canada. We have a right should soon discover the effect of the op-Montreal Herald, which by the way is As evidence of this we quote:

views, but logically the tariff and the

fluence as such men as Hill and Carne- editor of the Regina Standard, detailgie and Whitney and many others whom ing the reasons which caused him to we could name could exert an influence support the measures in their amended with the press and public men in the di- form. It was marked "private and conrection of favoring reciprocal arrange- fidential" and should never have been ments with the United States. The disclosed, but Mr. McInpis and Mr. logical result of such relations would be Scott quarreled over political matters, to divert our trade thitherward and ul- and the letter was published. Subsetimately our political sympathies as well. quently there was a libel suif. When Independence, as we pointed out, would rogues fall out, it is said, honest menbe the first step towards the consolidation of all the interests of North American and closer political union, with Great tion of all the interests of North American and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union, with Great Britain, and backed by her, and favored and closer political union are considered as a closer political union and closer political union are considered as a closer political union are ca, and need we remark that in such question was a rogue. Far from it. In ca, and need we remark that in such a consolidation the United States would be the dominating factor. To start are both very estimable. But one gave in some dark closet out of sight?

to date. Practical Liberals packed up the family gods and stowed them away in some dark closet out of sight?

become alarmed. He realizes that he mighty factor in the world. We have with it would be a case of 100,000,000 away a letter written in confidence. people against 10,000,000.

which was not the action of a gentle on THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON.

unade a mistake when he attempted to a future of illimitable possibilities. Our freeze out Canada from allegiance to trade lines in such an aggregation must sons who politically favor the extension cal convictions and professions in order We had occasion several times during the mother country as a condition of always continue east and west as an of the Hill system of railways into Can- to retain the favor of the government the recent election campaign to refer ada to the utmost degree possible, on and to secure the premiership of Sas- to the indications pointing to a weakenthe principle that the more railways katchewan, and, therefore, cannot be we have the better. In fact, we are told said to be an honest politician. As the that under the conditions which exist in result of the quarrel we have the letter, icy which tended undoubtedly towards country from British traditions. the Great Northern should find access a rather pretty kettle of fish at Ottawa ial interests of this and the mother ent, where everybody is strongly pay to have traffic flow through our provinces formthe Great Northern should find access to that country with all haste. There are certain conditions under which the entrance of that system would be unobjectionable. If its lines of railways the profitied each of this and the mother territory and the mother territory. Independent we have no fuseritory. To our mind this is the great-country. To our mind this is the great-country. To our mind this is the great-country with all haste. There is danger that at present confronts that the state of this and the mother territory. Independent we have no fuseritory. Independent we were running east and west so as to clear that, although "the political exceedingly subtle and insidious charwould be an additional factor of devel- an appreciable degree, the government opment and general benefit, but its lines following would have remained practically intact, while the opposition would iticians which he represents, and we do changed its ownership and has now Libhave been more hopelessly split than not include all Liberals in that cateever. In other words, Mr. Scott saw gory—are and always have been in falations of Canada with the United no safe place to get off politically, had vor of Canadian independence. No Intions of Canada with the United States, but once let him establish a network of railways in the West, the earnings of which would be greatly inthe principle at stake was very impor- preference to Great Britain in the Can- magazines. Taking these facts in con- ship of state into unknown waters. out from the government of the country between the two countries and we shall tant, not important enough to fight for. see what a campaign he would put up of course, ten years before, when it so much and which gave the Canadian lationships and trade policies, it is time, in another generation from now would be bring about that end. Would he or would he not be assisted in this by the would he not be assisted in this by the large American population coming into the Northwest, who as suggested by of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and not that of the obligation of Canada to continue it.

made all the difference in the world. As evidence of this we quote:

It was impossible to evade the issue. To the organ of Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture, opponent of preferential arrangements and an old time advocate of commercial reciprocity, admits the situation, but meets it by saying:

"We in the East, of course, naturally prefer that all of the business of the West should come to us. It would be well to reflect, however, that the tens of thousands of Americans now coming in have their ideas and habits as to such matters pretty well fixed, which means that they would naturally do a good deal of buying, other things being equal, where they have been accustomed to do it. Eastern Canadians should make up their minds that there is only one good way to overcome that tendency, and the one way is not to depend upon the tariff so much as upon their own energy in cultivating so good a market."

Hon. Israel Tarte saw the situation years ago and has recently given as one of his reasons for resigning from the Laurier government that he was opposed to Jim Hill's designs on the West of Canada. Tarte went out of the cabinet presumably on account of his tariff views, but logically the tariff and the religious ynothem as it is developing is every such as it is developing to the content of the cabinets of the cabinets of the sale of the two of the cabinets of the sale of the

railway problem as it is developing is that will make some of our "disaffected" severance of the last link which assopart of the one question of a national Liberals grind their teeth. For instance, ciated the Imperial and Canadian forces. policy, looking to keeping the traffic as the reference to the French-Canadians A. the conclusion of the Alaskan Boun well as the manufacture of our goods "swallowing" the sending of contingents dary Award, Sir Wilfrid declared for within our own country. It is and has to South Africa to assist the mother the right of Canada to make her own always been a policy of Canada for Can- country in her time of need. Why treaties, a right which enunciated the adians. In discussing this question, the should loyal Canadians regard that as principle of independence pure and simpeople are not and should not be inter-ested in how particular lines of railway deed. should French-Canadians, who the responsibility of enforcing and deare affected. Our Canadian railway have all the privileges and protection fending the tieaties we make companies have demonstrated their abil- that any people in the minority could ity to look after their own interests; wish or hope to have, desire to interfere that the recent elections in Great Bri-

still hanging in the balance, and the and free trade in others. It is so strong whole question. It is an axiom that compromise suggested had not been in certain states as almost to have ob- trade follows the flag; but, especially there were evidences of its "going." He been established, to the meetings of more apt to follow trade. We have admits that the party was not yet "out which prominent men, and especially always contended strongly that the quesof the woods," and that if the clauses prominent Canadians are invited. A tion of Imperial Federation or Imperial were not accepted he could "see nothing similar campaign is being started in unity, or the consolidation of the Bribut immersion in the political soup." Canada, and we may look for something tish Empire, or whatever else you like Now, soup is a very thin diet for the of the same kind of propaganda in Can- to call it, would be solved immediately ordinary Liberal, and the thought of it ada that we had when Erastus Wiman our commercial interests become intiturned his stomach. Hence, the clause was conducting his. At that time the mately related by means of railways, was accepted. What would Robert people of the United States were the cables, steamship lines, uniform postage, Baldwin, or William Lyon Mackenzie, unwilling parties and had to be sued. and the like. The material bond is a or George Brown, or Sir Alexander Now the Canadians, who demonstrated strong one to break, particularly if it principle we have heard so much, think their neighbors, are being softly The bond which depends upon sentiment of Mr. Scott's reasons for "lying down wooed. It is now realized by Uncle Sam alone must be a weak one, if trade lines to-date. Practical" Liberals-packed up Britain would mean the loss of all hopes in her markets, as a junior partner in

Of course, ten years before, when it so much and which gave the Canadian ances on the question of our national re- distinct and separate peoples, who country, when carefully analyzed, was we think, we should consider carefully know no sentiment. gift-a sweet-scented bouquet proffered

There are some things in the above dismissal of Lord Dundonald was the

the future development and political des- than Quebec? The Toronto News, com- tain took place no one in Canada would vital issue. We do not want to be for a moment seriously maintain that drawn into a policy stealthily, or be com-

> When Mr. Scott wrote, matters were of course, on preferences in certain lines making terms with us, and that he avenue between two continents. Every should have trusted to the results of interest of the Empire would protect closer commercial relations to bring and support us.

We have pointed out that Sir Wilfrid ablest of Conservative papers in Canada, self-governing col-

right to know what particular attitute the consolidation of the American peo-

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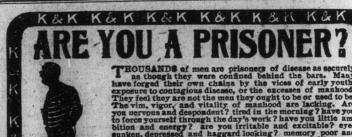
Cut adrift from the Empire, we must cease to have the subsidies which At this end of the contin- Great Britain, along with ourselves, which was one of the staunchest and ample, too, would be followed by other magnate must be served with notice of under the editorship of Mr. Scott, has departure the glory of the Empire would

Sir Frederick Borden has referred to It is, we submit, a fair question to de- the Monroe doctrine as the safeguard of to discuss any phase of the question ertions of that doctrine. Independence in upon its merits; but we have also a Canada can have no other result than the government of the country is taking ples on the North American continent, Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party or proposes to take, in regard to that which means the diversion of the lines of trade, now east and west, to those north and south, and the concentration of interests in the great centres on the other side of the line making the great cities of New York, and Chicago, still greater and the growing cities with tributary to those immediately to the south of the 49th parallel. Halifax, Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Nelson, Vancouver and Victoria would forever remain secondary in importance to their counterparts in the United States.

> Americans are investing heavily in our industries and a large number of settlers are coming from the American Northwest, and railways are piercing our boundaries wherever possible These, however, welcome in themselves, are all factors in strengthening the sentiment in favor of closer relations with the United States and assisting in weakening the ties with Great Britain. At present it is the heyday of her prosperity, at present Canada is the fashion, it is the Mecca of the great company of auventurers seeking to better their fortunes. This naturally has the effect of turning our heads in conceit of ourselves; but in taking advantage of the opportupities which are being thrust upon us, we should not lose sight of the goal to which we are trending. We cannot remain in puberty always. We must choose between being full partners in the British Empire, and becoming part. of a political entity to be known as

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TAYLOR-At Victoria, March 29, the wife of James Taylor, of a son. ESNOUF—On March 31, at 66 Rae street, Victoria, B., C., the wife of Mr. A. W. Esnouf, of a son.

OTT—At the family residence, No. 15 Kingston street, on the 29th instant, Nelson Scott, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Scott; aged 18 years and 6 months.

MOODY—On March 29, at residence, 1039 Georgia street, Howard Fraser Church Moody, beloved son of Dr. Will and Irene Hawkins Moody; age three months.

PLEACE—In this city, on the 31st Inst., Jane, widow of the late John Pleace, a native of Cumberland, England; aged 78 years and 10 months. SLEIGHTHOLME—At the family residence, No. 161 Chatham, on the 2nd instant, William Sleightholme, a native of Yorkshire, England; aged 78

years.

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Toronto, April 4.—Gordon Bellinger, 5 years old, jumped on the side step of a delivery wagon yesterday afternoon and slipped and fell, one of the wheels passing over him. He got up, walked passing over him. He got up, walked passing over him. He got up, walked passing over him.



(From Tuesday Colwood Dance -A time was spent the social dance given a large crowd being pres was in excellent condition up to the usual high s Chudley's popular orch pieces. At midnight a past was served by the cowhich dancing was indul

early hours. Customs' Returns .- T the Victoria customs month of March is as ports—dutiable, \$297,451 ports—dutiable, \$297,451 735; total, \$433,186. I \$81,172.01; others, \$52.2 224.26. Exports—Dom foreign, \$7,271; total, \$

Gardener Busy.—Head sons and three men are I days planting and setting the parliament building terday they planted a quality that they planted a quality to show signs of the parliament building terday they planted a quality to show signs of the planted a quality to show signs of the planted to show signs of the sh ginning to show signs of ecent frost affected ma es and put back the time

Patent Report.—The tract from the United Office Gazette has been Rowland Brittain, pa Vancouver: During the natents were issued to United States; Austria Belgium, 1; Canada, 5; Great Britain, 16; h'ranc 20: Italy, 1; New Zeala 1: Switzerland, 2; South

Agricultural Associati ment has vet been reach utive committee of the bia Agricultural associa management of Bowker p tion with the horse race coming fall exhibition, the pected something definite upon shortly. Committe being formed to handle be the most successful e

Celebration Feature. for the position of May
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few days longer. Noming few days longer. Noming sent to Dr. R. H. Carter sent to Dr. R. H. Carter the committee, who will pleased to give any inforn Already several young lad appreached to allow their entered, and if those was ent being canvassed allow to go before the public it out saying that the electi very interesting one. The kept open for the next f any who desire their nar tered are requested to hai fore it is too late.

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