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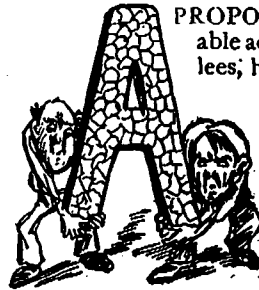


**ALL THE FAULT OF THE LOOK-OUT MAN.**—It is being set forth with apparent seriousness by some of the Government orators and organs, that the exodus of citizens from Canada (which can no longer be denied, in the face of the census returns), is caused by the "blue-ruin" speeches of Sir Richard Cartwright and other Grits, and that the sad state of things in general at Ottawa is in some way the result of the unpatriotic conduct of the Opposition party. Candor not being fashionable in high political circles, it would be unreasonable to expect the party in office to acknowledge that their policy has been a mistaken one, and that incompetency or something worse has diti-

guished the heads of several of the Departments. Something must be said on the matter, however, and this placing of the blame on the Grits is perhaps as good as anything that could be thought of on the spur of the moment. But it is very silly, as everybody can see. Even if Cartwright and his fellow-conspirators did make it their business in season and out of season to "run down the country" by uttering falsehoods, no sane man believes that they could do any permanent harm. It would be a very simple and easy thing to demolish them with the truth. But it so happens that the utter-

ances of these men are on record, and the people of Canada can judge for themselves how far the statements made were injurious slanders and how far they were well-founded predictions. Sir Richard Cartwright has the reputation of putting things pretty strongly, but in view of what is known to him and everybody else now, he may well stand astonished at his own moderation in the severest speeches he has ever made. The idea that the man on the look-out, who gives warning of rocks ahead, should be blamed for a disaster instead of the man at the helm or the responsible captain of the boat, is one which is worthy of the attention of Mr. Gilbert, for his next topsy-turvy opera.

**EXIT "HAMLET."**—If there is no palpable failure of justice, Mr. Chapeau will follow Sir Hector Langevin into the seclusion of private life. The evidence in the Printing Bureau case has made it abundantly manifest that the Secretary of State is no better in any respect than the late Minister of Public Works. He ought to go, and that without standing on the order of his going. There is no room for him in a Cabinet that proposes from this time forth to be decent and respectable.



**PROPOS** of the *Globe's* most commendable advice that the boodlers and boodlers; high and low, be forthwith sent to

the right about, it will of course become the painful duty of that consistent journal to see that Mr. John Y. Reid vacates his seat on the *Globe* Board of Management, that gentlemen, through his firm's Mr. Morgan, having been guilty of

displayed unusual financial skill, and got off with 7½ instead of 10 per cent—but that extenuation cannot be accepted as sufficient. Reid must go. Turn the rascals out!

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**THE Consumer's Gas Co.** of this city is a bloated monopoly, rejoicing in a finely equipped office and an extensive retinue of clerks. The latter presumably understand their duties, but there is apparently something loose about the business methods in vogue in the establishment. A case recently came under our notice, in which an account for a small amount was rendered to a customer for the first time, accompanied by a printed slip threatening court proceedings if same was not immediately paid. The customer, being an unusually conscientious man, settled the matter the very next day and got a receipt. About two months thereafter the same account was rendered a second time, accompanied on this occasion by a peremptory letter from the Gas Co.'s lawyers. This sort of thing might be excusable in the case of a one-horse grocery, but for such a pretentious concern as the Gas monopoly, it is queer, to say the least.

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**IN** the new State of Wyoming they have extended the electoral suffrage to women, and (probably as a consequence), a law has just been passed, imposing a tax of \$2 per year on all bachelors over thirty, as a means of compelling them to get married. This new law is being hotly denounced as unjust, because there are not enough single women in the State to provide wives for all the bachelors over thirty, even if the fellows were both willing and anxious to go before the parson. Here we seem to descry a fine business opening for some enterprising Canadian. Why not go into the exportation of maiden ladies. We have a good surplus of them in this country, and the McKinley Bill doesn't impose any tax on such "live stock."