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AN IMPARTIAL ESTIMATE. It is not often that a citizen of the United States speaks as freely and as frankly as Mr. P. A. O'Farrell does of Victoria and British Columbia in general.

SURPRISINGLY IGNORANT. The Toronto Globe is either lamentably ignorant of the history of the school question in the Dominion or for purposes of its own it affects ignorance. In an article on the remedial bill it says: "Sir Charles Tupper says that Confederation would have been impossible without the guarantee for the rights of the minority contained in the British North America Act."

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ise. He said, if we remember right, that his government would carefully consider any business proposition that was laid before them for the construction of that road. Was there anything deceptive in that? The organ of the Opposition in condemning the Government for not accepting Mr. Bodwell's offer without trying to show that that offer was worthy of acceptance, is pursuing a course which is both unreasonable and unfair.

BRITAIN'S LIQUOR BILL. The advocates of temperance will not feel encouraged when they read Great Britain's drink bill for 1896. It is generally supposed that the cause of teetotalism has made such progress that the increase of the number of total abstainers must have by this time caused a very perceptible diminution in the nation's drink bill.

DIVORCE IN B. C. The Law Journal, published in Toronto, of March 2 contains an article on Divorce in British Columbia. After alluding to the case of Levy v. Levy, with regard to which the Chief Justice declined to act, as he doubted the jurisdiction of the court in such matters, and stating that the Law Journal goes on to say: "Under the circumstances it is but common prudence that so grave a question should be set right at once."

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in operation a separate school system and abolished it, the minority would, under the Constitution, have the right to appeal to the Government of the Dominion for the restoration of its educational privileges. The reason why the minority in New Brunswick was not successful in their appeal to the Dominion was that they could not prove that when the province entered the Dominion separate schools had been established by law.

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exercise the functions of a protector, they were regarded with jealousy and dislike by the native chiefs. The protectors, in order to maintain their position, were obliged to keep an army in and near their protectorate. And now we find the Abyssinians turning upon their protectors and giving them a sound drubbing. This is not colonizing in the British sense. It is not likely that Italy will ever be able to transform Abyssinia into a colony.

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It is utterly folly now for any European nation to try to imitate Great Britain's policy of colonization. There are now very few colonizable countries in the world that are not occupied, and the countries that are still inhabited by barbarous or semi-barbarous people are, for one reason or another, unsuited for colonization. Either the climatic conditions are unfavorable to Europeans or the inhabitants are too numerous and too full of fight to make pleasant neighbors. As likely as not the nation that undertakes to protect them will sooner or later do as the Italians have done in Abyssinia—catch a Tartar.

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