Public Opinion.

Hamilton Herald: If the earth would only open and swallow Manitoba and its school question for six months, the Dominion Cabinet's sign of glad relief would startle the

Montreal Gazette: Sir Oliver Mowat is in special luck this session of the Ontario Legislature. When the Patrons are not voting with him against the Conservatives, the Conservatives are voting with him against the

Ottawa Citizen: Under the leadership of Haycock the Patrons have been made use of as tools of the Grits, but the Conservative farmers are beginning to get their eyes opened, and their is every indication that the reign of the Grit-Patron wire-puller is rapidly nearing

Hamilton Times: Have you noticed how the Monroe doctrine fire-eaters have gradually crawled back into their holes as that British man-of-war approaches Nicaragua? Even the story that two Yankee vessels had been sent to watch the British has been denied.

Montreal Star: Prof. Prince mentions Montreal Star: 1701. 1711nce mentions \$20,000,000 as the approximate value of our fisheries, but confesses that there worth cannot be told in figures. He is wisely anxious, however, that we should take better care of them. Such an invaluable possession should not be lost through mere neglect of regulations digitated by common president. tions dictated by common prudence.

Montreal Star: The British Parliament has just relieved the Australian colonies of their old burdensome disabilities in the way of tariff legislation looking to discrimination in favour of fellow Britons. This is an important step toward the desirable consummation that the British empire should be regarded within and without as one nation.

Victoria Colonist: The action of the Legislature of Manitoba will be watched with intense interest. If it decides to redress the grievance complained of there will be an end of the matter. of the matter. The question is therefore still a Manitoba one, and it will be so for some time longer. It will only be after Manitoba refuses to act that the question can be taken to the Parliament of the Dominion.

Hamilton Times: In any event Canada has no occasion to worry. Newfoundland is of more value to Britain than it is to Canada and Britain will not let go. There is no and Britain will not let go. There is no doubt about that. But the position for Canada to take in dealing with the Newfoundlanders may be summed up simply in the one sentence: If Newfoundland does not like to enter the Confederation on Canada's terms, she can continue to sit solemnly in the gulf, and good luck to her.

Mail and Empire: Through the publicity which the divergence has received Sir Charles Tupper is hearing something about himself. It appears that there were great rejoicings at Washington over the report that he was to step down and out. He had stood firmly at step down and out. He had stood firmly at Paris for the protection of Canada's interest in the seal fisheries, and Washington was glad to know that this persistent obstructionist was about to disappear. No doubt Washington would also welcome the destruction of the Government as a whole. It has far more to gain from Sir Richard than from the men who are now at the helm. who are now at the helm.

Manitoba Free Press: Wherever there is profitable trade England goes for it; she does not permit her statesmen to cabin crib and not permit her statesmen to cabin crib and confine her business in the interest of monopolies, and just as soon as Canada gets rid of the N.P. we shall be able to enter the race with the Mother Country. In the meantime the Government is asked to subsidize fast lines of steamers, oceanic cables and what not, while her rulers are bound hand and foot to those who will not permit her to trade with foreign countries to any greater extent that suits their convenience. The grip is all right; the chief cause of lament is that Canada's fingers are so enfeebled by trade restrictions that she cannot keep a grip of anything. tions that she cannot keep a grip of anything.

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