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### Comments on the Cartoons.



**DANGEROUS BUSINESS.**—The late election in Chambly is the keynote to the series in Quebec, and it means that throughout that Province the Opposition party intend planting themselves squarely on the Regina scaffold. This is the structure that Mr. Blake expressly declined to mount, and it must be somewhat embarrassing for him to find his followers in Ontario and the other Provinces telegraphing their hearty congratulations to the French Liberal leader over his success in Chambly. The Regina issue may do very well in Quebec, but it will prove a dangerous experiment to try and give it a prominent place in the campaign in the English Provinces, and this is what Mr. Blake's Quebec lieutenant is apparently endeavoring to do. It is about time that the Liberal leader interfered—the animal may turn if Mercier persists.

**THE ACCIDENT IN CHAMBLY.**—Hon. Mr. Chapleau went down to Chambly full of confidence in his ability to carry that old Tory stronghold once more. He had no dread of the "Nationalist" gun,

for he didn't believe it was loaded. To prove that he was right he boldly blew down the muzzle of the weapon. It went off, and so did Chapleau. The Tories down there appear to draw a line at hanging as a Government "policy." They are convinced that Riel was put to death as a measure of practical politics, and not to satisfy justice. And there is no question that they have good grounds for so believing.

**A POLITICAL VIEW OF THE SENATE.**—As the Senate is shortly to be relegated to oblivion, we seize the opportunity of depicting the venerable body in session for the benefit of future generations of Canadians. It will be observed that our view is purely from the political standpoint. It cannot be denied that, literally, there is more facial variety in the Chamber than our picture represents, but politically there is a remarkable resemblance all round. In about the proportion shown the senators are more or less grotesque reflections of John A. and Blake, and this is why we propose to abolish them. We don't want a Senate that cannot think for itself.

**CHURCHILL'S ELEVATION.**—Mr. Goldwin Smith is still in hysterics about Gladstone, but there is a fly in the ointment of his joy at the overthrow of the Grand Old Man. Lord Randolph Churchill, who resembles Disraeli in at least one insignificant particular in being cordially hated by G. S., has been elevated to the leadership of the House of Commons, and Goldwin isn't at all pleased about it. Poor man, people will keep doing things he doesn't like! And yet, he is very unreasonable to object to Churchill's elevation. He did his very best to make that calamity possible. Moreover, why should Churchill be his *berè noir*? His talents are much better fitted to lead persons like Mr. Smith than Gladstone's. He can double and twist in his opinions quite as rapidly as the learned professor himself!



THE Fire Insurance Exchange is a DARLING project to be carried out in a HUGE (Scott) fashion, worthy of consideration, commendation, and imitation; but their prospectus omits to state where the EXCHANGE comes in. Wonder whether it is a black cat for a blue monkey?

### "A BLUNDERING BOY."

ONE of our bright contributors, Mr. Bruce W. Munro, is about to make a venture in the realm of comic literature, in the publication of a book entitled "A Blundering Boy." Mr. Munro wields a facile pen, and has a keen eye for the humorous side of life, so that his forthcoming book is likely to compare favorably with the efforts of other authors in the same line. The work is to be sold only by subscription, and already a good edition has been bespoken.

### A CHESTNUT.

MR. FRANCIS PARKMAN, who has written Canadian history so graphically, lives in Boston, on Chestnut street. Two blocks from his door are grouped several livery-stables; whence Dr. Holmes calls the street Horse-chestnut.