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PUBLICITY

Light is non-partisan. When publicity reveals the conduct which a public man expects to remain hidden, he makes his defence, and to some extent the manner in which that defence is received by the public depends upon the politics of the man who is on the defensive.

PROGRESS

While the aldermen and the Board of Trade are still discussing soundings, and while the dredging situation still gives some cause for uneasiness, it is apparent that the coming season will be one of marked advancement for the port of St. John.

the city's estimate of its holdings. These statements might well be supplemented by specific suggestions as to the improvements necessary to make the harbor easily entered by vessels of great draught at all times of tide.

ROSEBERY ON MODERN PROBLEMS

Lord Rosebery, who made an address the other day in opening the Edinburgh Lunatic Asylum, introduced some ideas which his audience probably did not expect on an occasion unusually provocative of platitudes merely.

EXHIBITIONS

Several newspapers have been instituting comparisons between the Dominion exhibition, recently held in Halifax, and the St. John fair. The Halifax Echo says of the matter:

BETTER TERMS

In our despatches Monday morning the pleasing and highly important announcement is made that the representatives of the several provinces have been successful in negotiating with the Dominion government for better terms.

Meers, Tweedie and Puggley and the work done by them, and accord the commendation due. Beyond question the news of this morning will add greatly to their prestige as public men.

The successful conference just closed marks the beginning of a new era in the relations between the Dominion and the several provinces. Important and troublesome questions held too long in suspense have been settled, and others are now in a fair way to be settled as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be arranged.

THE MAIL PORTS

Our good friend the Sydney Post falls into an error common among Nova Scotians who discuss the mail service. The Post, to quote the Chronicle, "strongly supports the resolution passed by the Halifax Board of Trade, which protests against a change in the existing arrangement as proposed by the Allan Line and the C. P. R. in their own interests."

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE

The Canadian Gazette (London) believes Canada, at the Colonial Conference next April, will ask for treaty-making prerogatives. Discussing an article on Anglo-Canadian relations published in the current Contemporary Review, the Gazette suggests that coming changes in our tariff may modify our relations with Great Britain and the United States.

A SHARP CAMPAIGN

President Roosevelt has been warning New York Republicans against the danger of apathy and over-confidence. What ever the chances are at present, this utterance of the president will be hailed by the Hearst people as acknowledgment from the highest Republican quarter that the battle between Hearst and Hughes is doubtful at best.

for his wealth and the fiery hue of his moustaches, has been hunting up extracts from Hearst's newspapers to prove that Hearst inspired the assassination of McKinley. This line of attack takes on added interest from the fact that the Hearst newspaper cartoons of today, described by "The Plunderband," are drawn by the same artist whose caricatures of McKinley caused no little outcry after that statesman was shot.

"He (McKinley) is an object, weak, futile, incompetent politician."—"From Hearst's New York Journal." "Did not the murder of Lincoln, uniting in sympathy the regard of all good people in the north and south, hasten the era of American good feeling and perhaps preventing the renewal of fighting between brothers?"—"From Hearst's New York Journal."

"We are in a current moving swiftly, and the suave gentlemen who ridicule the possibility of contacts ahead may soon suffer a dangerous shock."—"McKinley, bar one girly Princeton person (Cleveland) who came to be no more or less than a victim of a crime in breach, is therefore the most despised and hated creature in the hemisphere; his name is hated; his figure is hated; his position that men can give to him is hated."—"From Hearst's New York Journal, April 29, 1899."

After McKinley's death was announced Hearst's Journal went into mourning, saying: "Nowhere in the history of great men's lives or of great men's deaths can be found such resignation and deep religious faith as marked the last hour of William McKinley."

THE ONTARIO BANK

Canadian bankers deservedly enjoy a high reputation for safety and soundness, and perhaps on that account such disclosures as those attending the wrecking of the Ontario Bank attract greater attention than they otherwise would. The incident affords no little ground for the remarks of a prominent Toronto financier who favors government inspection as a safeguard against similar occurrences.

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C. P. R. TRAIN SERVICE CAUSES VIGOROUS KICK FROM WOODSTOCK. Woodstock, N. B., October 12.—(Special)—Popular anger against the proposed withdrawal of the Plaster Rock train by the C. P. R. is growing.

Fatal Accident at C. P. R. Bridge. Godefrich, Ont., Oct. 12.—A fatal accident occurred about 11 o'clock this morning at a bridge the C. P. R. are constructing across the Mattland river.