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Comments ON THE Cartoons.

AT AUCTION—Premier Mercier's demand for a "new deal" by which, in addition to the taking over of Quebec's debt of \$30,000,000, and the cost of the administration of justice in that Province by the Federal treas-

ury, the subsidies of all the Provinces are to be increased, is receiving a great deal of attention from the press. It is lucky that the absence of all other absorbing topics permits of this full discussion, for the proposition is an exceedingly important one. As might well be anticipated, it meets with almost universal opposition in the Ontario papers, because it simply means an addition to the burdens of this Province. The attractive sound of increased subsidy dies away, so far as Ontario is concerned, when we consider the fact that under the proposed arrangement our increased taxation would far surpass the amount coming to us by the new deal. Quebec is certainly in a bad plight, and something must be done, we suppose, to help her out, but it ought to be something which will be permanent, and which will not involve an injustice to the other Provinces. There is no

guarantee whatever that, if this demand is acceded to, it will be Quebec's "last time of asking." The present subsidy arrangement was understood to be fixed, unalterable and finally final. The fact is, the whole subsidy system wants abolishing. Each Province ought to provide for its own revenue by direct taxation, and if the miserable policy of restriction, known under the name of the N.P., were swept away, so as to give the people a chance to do business, there would be no trouble about this. But it will take time to bring about the adoption of sound trade principles, and meanwhile Quebec's case must be attended to. Notwithstanding the opposition of the press, it is practically a foregone conclusion that Mercier's proposal, or something like it, will be accepted. It must not be forgotten that in this connection there is a vote up for auction, and the party that bids most will get it.

ON GUARD.—Mr. Mowat fought a brave and successful battle in defence of our territory and timber limits, and he ought now to come to the rescue against Quebec's proposed raid on our pocket-book. In the former case, however, he was fighting his traditional enemy, the Tory party, and at present the aggressor is of his own political household—for the Hon. Oliver really believes Mr. Mercier to be a Liberal. This will, no doubt, make a difference, but it oughtn't to; and if Mr. Mowat can do anything to head off the raiders he will make himself more solid than ever with the people of Ontario.

OUR highly esteemed colored contemporary, the *New York Judge*, contains in each issue a long editorial article signed "J.A." Seeing that these articles are generally devoted to the belauding of the high tariff system, the initials are very significant. There is a certain animal proverbial for stupidity, known as the J.A., who would, if he used the pen, get off just such stuff.

THE knowing ones who, about July 1st were, with great discrimination, pointing out the Farrar articles in the *Globe*, and commenting on the striking improvement in the writing, were rather disgusted when they found out that Edward did not take up his pen in his new position at all until after the 15th of the month.

THE *Globe* publishes, under the heading of "A Murray Bay Romance":

QUEBEC, July 23rd.—Last Saturday as a young lady was going down a ladder, suspended on the side of the wharf at Murray Bay, into a boat which stood at the foot of the ladder, her feet slipped and she fell into the water. The son of Judge Bosse, who witnessed the accident, dived from the wharf after her. He swam to the surface a minute after with the young lady in his arms. Boats hastened to the rescue and both the young lady and her rescuer were brought ashore insensible.

A better heading would have been "Bosse of the Situation," or something of that kind. The romantic feature of the affair is not apparent, though perhaps the *Globe* man assumes chapter two, in which the lovely rescued and the heroic rescuer confess their mutual devotion and make a wedding of it.

GRIP'S hat is doffed to the gallant little town of West Toronto Junction, and congratulations are extended to all concerned upon the unqualified success of the Civic Holiday celebration there on the 23rd ult. A great and good humored crowd "assisted" on the occasion, and even Toronto's Carnival was outdone in the brilliancy of the goings-on. Mayor St. Leger made a speech at the Grove in which he enumerated with pride the many things which make W.T.J. a desirable place of residence. He omitted the land speculators from his list, we observe. All the Junction needs to make it a model town is the abolition of landlordism, and a new name that can be pronounced in one mouthful.