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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

*"I must have liberty,
Withal as large a charter as the wind—
To blow on whom I please."*

THERE are many in this community who are curious to know what is being done in connection with the post-office clerks and letter carriers whose incomes were recently so much reduced by the cutting off of the provisional allowance. Surely since his return from England the Postmaster-General ought to have found time to consider the case of these hardworked and badly-paid public servants and have remedied the grievances from which they suffer. It is not to be expected that the Government can have efficient servants while they are underpaid, or so long as they have reason to believe that they are being improperly treated and that the department is deaf to their complaints.

It is ridiculous, nay outrageous, that the settlement of this matter should have been postponed, it is a matter of departmental routine that could have been disposed of, whether or not the Minister was at the capital. In fact, it is possible that Sir Adolphe Caron knows precious little about the working of his department, a few old stagers, who ought long ago to have been laid on the shelf being entrusted with duties which other men would do far better. The British Columbia post office has now been left until the advent of winter, possibly with the expectation that at this period of the year

the men who are concerned will not throw themselves out of work at so inconvenient a season, but the pursuance of this policy shows not only the incapacity of the authorities, but the heartlessness of the men whom the country employs to direct its concerns. Now, Sir Adolphe, the people want to hear from you without any further delay.

There does not appear to be much money in the exportation of cattle to the Old Country, this year. Mr. James Eakins, of Port Hope and Montreal, who has for the last few years been the heaviest exporter of Canadian cattle to Britain, is reported to be financially embarrassed. A few years ago, Mr. Eakins was worth about half a million dollars, and even when he started to ship at the beginning of the present season his bank account was a fairly big one. During September and part of this month, the British markets have been disastrously weak, and in consequence every exporter lost heavily. In one week lately Mr. Eakins is said to have dropped over \$25,000 on his consignments. Every week's markets told the same story and Mr. Eakins was forced to drain his bank account to meet the losses on the other side. Two weeks ago he stopped shipping, and in the meantime his consignments arriving on the other side were sold on account of the local banks which had advanced money on them. Mr. Eakins has shipped over 16,000 head of cattle and over 6,000 sheep since the opening of navigation from Montreal, representing \$1,000,000. Up to September 1, Mr. Eakins made money, but the sudden drop on the other side brought about his embarrassment. His friends, however, including the banks interested, expect that Mr. Eakins will pull through all right, and by next year be as active an exporter as ever.

I regret deeply the exhibition of ill-feeling between the Canadians and Englishmen of Vancouver. "Chappie," evidently an Englishman, writes to the Vancouver *News-Advertiser*: "I think that the contention of the Lacrosse Club that they did not receive fair play at the hands of the Brockton Point Athletic Association is absurd. If the middle

and lower classes show such vitiated tastes as to patronize lacrosse games, I trust that the committee of the association will see that money so received is spent in encouraging the good old sports of England, many of which entail considerable expense on their patrons. Now, take my case, for instance. I have joined a Golf Club, and just sent home ten shillings to buy a club. I have been informed that every member of the club is expected to provide himself with a caddie. * * * I have never seen a game of lacrosse, but from what I am able to understand, it consists of a lot of people running about a field and poking each other with sticks. It is of Indian origin, and is, I suppose, played by Indians or their descendants. Such people should be taught to know their places, and I trust that you will make them understand that it is the greatest possible presumption for them to try and dictate to the present very efficient management of the Brockton Point grounds."

The above is a little hard on Canadians, and if it appeared in a Victoria paper, I would be inclined to believe that the author was the same person who, introducing one Canadian to another recently, remarked: "Major So-and-So, this is Mr. So-and-So, the only other Canadian gentleman I ever met." Of course the inference is that Canadian gentlemen are a little particular about their associates. But in connection with the trouble at Vancouver, I take the liberty of quoting from another correspondent in the *News-Advertiser*, this one signing himself "Canadian": "The local Lacrosse Club disclaim any responsibility for this, and place the whole blame on the Brockton Point Association, claiming that had the game been played under their auspices—with their knowledge of affairs—matters could have been promptly arranged to the satisfaction of all. And the Vancouver Lacrosse Club is justly indignant at the high-handed manner in which the B. P. A. took the game in hand, without consulting them, although they were notified by one of the contesting clubs, that they placed the whole matter in the hands of the Vancouver club. I am sure, Mr. Editor, I voice the sentiment of the majority of those who pay their money to see lacrosse, when I say we are becoming weary of seeing the