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much purify electoral contests. Nothing
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franchise is a duty, not a chattel.

God's in His Heaven,
Ah! right with the world.
—[BROWNING.]

London, Friday, Sept. 4.

PREVENTIBLE DISEASES.

What sanitary precautions can accom-
plish has been shown in the experience of
England. There even the dread malady of
consumption has been combated to such
an extent that in the last 30 years there
has been a diminution of more than 30 per
cent. in the death rate from the disease.
To probably as great an extent the ravages
of typhoid have been combated. Typhoid
fever is above all things a filth disease.
The worst of it is that otherwise sensible
people, for the sake of saving a few dollars in
expenditures on drains and sewers to aid in
keeping their surroundings clean, will run
the risk of endangering the lives of them-
selves and their neighbors. Then what
the neglect of the simplest sanitary
laws, they talk of it as "a dispensation of
Providence!" It is high time that this
excuse were shown up in its true light.
Providence will never do for us what we
ought to have done enough to do for our-
selves, and it is no less true that we cannot
break a law of nature without suffering
for it.

THEY DON'T WANT HIM.

The latest excuse for the dispensers of
"stern justice" at Ottawa is that they per-
mitted Sir Hector Langevin's nephew,
Tetu, to decamp to Dakota because they
did not have an opportunity to secure his
arrest. Great bodies, we have been told,
move slowly. The charges against Tetu
were made eighteen months ago, yet it was
not till Mr. McMullen brought the matter
up in the House last June that business-
like action was taken. Forgery and
embezzlement are the charges of which
Tetu has been found guilty by the
official investigators. On either one or
other of these charges Tetu could be ex-
tradited and brought to Canada for trial.
But Mr. Carling's organ tells us that he
will only be punished if he has the audacity
to return voluntarily to Canada! What a
travesty on "stern justice!"

TREATMENT OF THE MILITIA.

The Kingston News (Conservative) con-
fesses that the reason why the Canadian
volunteers are neglected by the Govern-
ment at Ottawa is to be found in the fact
that out of the \$1,225,000 annually voted
for the force, \$1,000,000 is spent on
staff and paraphernalia. To make
matters worse in this district, the
Government first bought a camping ground
near this city, and then, for confessedly
political reasons, takes the annual camp
to places where the corps are
put to greater expense and are
deprived of comforts and of special instruction
which can easily and inexpensively be
supplied at "D" Company's headquarters.

It is a disgraceful thing to turn the
annual camp into an agency to bolster up
the fortunes of a weak party candidate, as the
Toronto Empire has told us is done in the
case of the camp for this district.

INDEPENDENCE, NOT ANNEXATION, THE CURE.

The New York Sun thus discusses the re-
sults of the Dominion census:

"The Canadians are surprised, disap-
pointed and even chagrined by the results
of the census of the Dominion, which were
published last week. Between 1871 and
1881 the gain in population was over 17 per
cent. Between 1881 and 1891 it has been
11 1/2 per cent.

"The population of the older Provinces
has been almost at a standstill. Ontario
and Quebec have increased only 9.06 and
9.25 per cent. respectively. The gain in
Nova Scotia has been barely 2 per cent.
In the ten years since 1881, New Brun-
swick and Prince Edward Island have
merely held their own. The most con-
spicuous increase has been in the North-
west, but even there it has been actually
small as compared with the growth to
which we are accustomed on this side of
the border.

"The disappointment of the Canadians is
the keener because the Dominion Govern-
ment made extraordinary efforts during the
last ten years to stimulate immigration and
succeeded so far as to bring in more than
850,000 foreigners. Yet the gain in popu-
lation according to the census is only about
500,000. It is obvious that the great
majority of the newcomers passed over the
border to the United States. In the North-
west, in seeking to draw immigration
to itself the Dominion has swollen the
stream which pours into this country far
more than it has secured new settlers for
its own territory. In all its more popular
Provinces it is not holding even its
natural increase. Along with the immi-
grants brought over from Europe by many
inducements, a steadily augmenting num-
ber of the Canadians themselves emigrate
to the United States to take advantage of
the greater opportunities for employment
which our larger and more varied prosperity
offers. In other words, we gain far more
population from Canada than it gains for
itself, though it uses every effort to win
new settlers, and we make no effort to
draw the Canadians or any other foreigner
to our territory. Thus come hither of
their own motion and because it is for their
interest to come. If they leave Canada, of
course it is for the reason that they can do
better for themselves in the Republic.

"The indications of this last census are
that the Canadian emigration in our favor
was greater during the last ten years than
ever before. The returns show that the
rate of increase of the population is declin-
ing and declining greatly, and the decrease
is likely to continue. Instead of competing
with us, Canada is helping our growth.
Instead of keeping step with our progress,
it is falling behind more and more,
and is becoming more and more
insignificant as compared with us.
It is a new and undeveloped country,
with symptoms of decrepitude as marked
as those which appear in an old and a fully
developed country. It has no future of
progress and prosperity to which it can
look forward. As an independent Govern-
ment, it has no chance. Relatively to
us it becomes less and less. After all its
prodigious expenditures to attract popu-
lation and stimulate trade it has, in all its
broad domains, all told, less population
than a single State of the Union extending
from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"Canadians, in their mortification over
such a result, are questioning the wisdom
of the policy of the Government so far as
concerns its trade relations with us. 'Does
the phenomenon,' asks the Toronto Globe,
'sustain the theory that we are living under
the best of all trade policies?'

"But there is no policy which can save
Canada from retrogression so long as it con-
tinues apart from the United States. If
that separation continues, the decline in
the rate of increase of population from over
17 per cent. during the next decade is likely
to be continuous in the next century.
The future offers no hope which the
last ten years did not present, and the
Canadians are compelled to face the gloomy
prospect. They have loaded themselves
with debt to secure progress and pros-
perity, and yet, except in the Northwest,
they are standing still. Their richest
Provinces are the most stagnant.

"Of course, this state of things cannot
continue. The Canadians will not submit
to such a sacrifice to maintain a separate
colonial existence when they can gain real
independence and sovereignty and secure
material prosperity by uniting with a peo-
ple akin to themselves, and with whom
experience shows that they cannot com-
pete.

"The only policy that can save Canada
is that of annexation to the American
Union."

There is much truth in the strictures of
our contemporary, as we are all sorry to
admit. The policy of piling up debt and
taxes to make the country rich has been a
dismal failure. It has intensified the eco-
nomic of the population; it has failed
to keep the taxpayers paid to bring here;
and while it has made some rich and
others very rich, such riches have been
largely accumulated at the expense of the
great mass of the community.

Our New York contemporary looks on
the amalgamation of the Dominion with the
United States as the one remedy for our
present position—as the needed stimulus
to our national exertions. We take leave
to differ from it. There is room in North
America for two nations, and we are quite
contented that the United States shall con-
tinue one of them. But Canada is big
enough, is rich enough in resources of
men and material to be the
other. Her ideal future is national, and
there is no reason why she should not in
due course achieve her complete independ-
ence, though we are free to confess that if
such a fate is to be ours no time must be
lost to stop the huge leaks that have de-
pleted our resources and resulted in the
over-taxation of the people. With an in-
telligent trade policy Canada will have a
bright future in store for her.

ONTARIO AND THE WEST INDIA TRADE.

The correspondence in reference to trade
with the West Indies in another column
must suggest many reflections to Ontario
manufacturers and merchants. From the
pioneer in the more recent efforts to in-
crease the trade between Canada and the
West Indies and South America it is
learned that so far Ontario has gained little
advantage from the \$60,000 yearly bonus
voted to the steamship company. Con-
sidering the share of this bonus which the
taxpayers of Ontario have to pay, the con-
fessions of Mr. Murdoch are significant.

We are not much enamored of bonuses
as a means of promoting trade, believing
that the best means to increase
commerce is to let it be as untrammelled as
possible by taxation. When that is the
case a nation gets all the trade that she can
profitably undertake without coaxing. But
if these large ocean steamship subsidies are
to be continued, and to prove of no more
value to Ontario producers and consumers
than has been the West India \$60,000
bonus, the time should soon arrive when the
Parliamentary representatives from this
Province might fairly demand that if money
is to be expended to encourage Ontario
trade with the West Indies and the Southern
republics, some more decided
agreed upon and subside.

If Mr. John Law can prove that by his
scheme for shipping products between On-
tario and the West Indies by way of a lake,
land and ocean route, trade can be more
economically and expeditiously conducted
than under the present roundabout arrange-
ment, then no one could fairly deny that a
share of the subsidy should go to any com-
pany opening up the new route. The one
fact now apparent is that, so far, Ontario
has received little or no benefit from the
subsidies granted to encourage trade
with the West Indies.

THE UNITED STATES WHEAT CROP.

The current estimates of the United
States wheat crop now run from 550,000,000
bushels up to 600,000,000 and over, from
175,000,000 to 190,000,000 of this being
spring wheat and the rest the winter
variety. This is said to be by far the
largest crop they have ever grown, and the
percentage of it, unusually good in quality,
is very large. Good crops in yield, good
quality and good prices, constitute a trio
that should make American farmers smile.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

EX-MAYOR of Toronto, a Con-
servative of the Conservatives, says he is
so disheartened with the results of the
census that he is ready for annexation.
Col. Denison, get you gun!

THE Dundas cotton mills have been sold
for \$150,000. They were run profitably
under the old tariff, but were so squeezed
by the pressure of the factories con-
structed in "boom" times that their man-
agement became insolvent. The original
cost of the works was \$800,000.

HON. MR. BOWELL's physician says he
needs rest and retirement. The country
could well afford to let the entire high
tax management have both for many a
long day. They have been overworked
providing excuses for wrongdoing in their
several departments.

IT is astonishing how many free traders
there are around now. Oh, yes, they were
always for free trade.—[Windsor
Record.]

Yes, even the most ardent "protec-
tionist" is a free trader under conditions
that supply a ferry or row boat and a
dark night.

THE Ministerialist press would do well to
discontinue its efforts to explain the
census results. Its explanations merely
involve it in absurdities and contradic-
tions.—[Toronto Mail.]

Yes, it is an illustration of the tangled
web-weaving which those who labor to
deceive invariably produce, no matter
how practiced in the art they may be.

THE Buffalo Times says that "Canada's
progress is of the slow kind." It has
been slow recently, but not because of its
natural advantages. No country can
prosper if it is overtaxed and a large
portion of its taxes go to sustain cor-
rupt Ministers and their army of hangers-
on. We will have a change soon, and
then we will boom ahead.

EVEN Conservative papers are now com-
pelled to confess that much of the money
spent in recent years to promote emi-
gration to Canada has been wasted. That
goes without saying. Canada paid for
the coxing of over 800,000 persons from
Europe in the last ten years, but the
census shows that only 500,000 have been
added to our population. Where is the
natural increase and all the immigrants?
An immigrant is of no use unless he can
be induced to stay in the country.

THE Hamilton Spectator confesses that it
is highly probable "some of the Ministers
will be disqualified without the assistance
of the law courts." Of a surety. The
investigations forced upon the Parlia-
mentary majority by the Liberal leaders
are bringing forth evidence that one-half
of the Ministers are more or less dis-
qualified by incapacity or worse failings
from properly serving the country. The
best plan is to get rid of the whole lot as
speedily as possible.

NOT LONELY, BY ANY MEANS.

[Kingston Whig.]
Sir Hector Langevin retires from the
Cabinet with a fortune of \$700,000. He
won't suffer much while that lasts.

LOYALTY AS A CLOAK.

[Toronto Telegram.]
When the crime of boodling is brought
home to some distinguished Tory the party
organ holds the old flag, and partisan
choristers immediately chant "God Save
the Queen" to drown the noise of the dam-
ning disclosures.

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ENGLISHMEN AT WONDERLAND.

Marked Success Attends the St. George's
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The Thames between London and Won-
derland was a scene of life Wednesday, being
fairly dotted with small boats, while Capt.
Foster's steamers plied every hour. It was
the annual picnic of St. George's Society,
and a rare success it was. About 1,500
people spent the day, or part of it, with
the Englishmen. Of course, the ever-
welcome picnic baskets were present in
great numbers, and the contents being
spread on white cloths added to the already
pretty appearance of London's new pleasure
resort. The Seventh Band went down in
the morning, and the many selections they
rendered were much enjoyed and appre-
ciated.

The dancing hall was a scene of mirth
and merriment, many a happy young
couple taking advantage of music furnished
by Chadwick's orchestra. This was con-
tinued until late in the evening. A most
enjoyable time was spent by all who at-
tended, and the energetic committee in
charge of the affair are elated over the suc-
cess of their outing.

The usual programme of sports was
freely engaged in, and some of the events
were hotly contested, cheer after cheer ring-
ing the air at the conclusion of several of
the races. A list of the prize-winners is
appended:

Boys' race, under 12—C. Barnes 1, H.
Rose 2, F. Hill 3.

Girls' race, under 12—Maggie Evans 1,
A. Barton 2, Maud Koe 3.

Boys' race, under 8—George Robinson 1,
Eddie Lockhart 2, Frank Tambling 3.

Girls' race, under 8—Florence McPherson
1, Flora O'Brien 2, Edna Cash 3.

Married ladies' race—Mrs. Lockhart 1,
Mrs. Sanders 2, Mrs. Post 3.

Single ladies' race—Agnes Howe 1, Lucy
Gash 2, Willie Toner 3.

Fat men's race—Joe Graham 1, Robert
Gash 2, J. B. Cox 3.

Lean men's race—Dan Shea 1, Wm. Wat-
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