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tian Union, and con-
siders the time has come when the various
Christian denominations should come closer
together. Those bodies which are now
nearest should unite first. Under the present
system there is an unjustifiable waste of
men, means and effort. The ADVERTISER
will endeavor to promote the movement for
Christian union not alone by direct appeal
and argument, but by seeking to present
the best rather than the worst side of each
denomination."The Advertiser" advocates Obligatory
Voting as both neces-
sary and practicable. Nothing would so
much purify electoral contests. Nothing
would so much enforce the idea that the
franchise is a duty, not a chattel.God is in His heaven,
All's right with the world.

—[BROWNING.]

London, Monday, Dec. 21.

WHAT IS RIGHT?

What do the small ring of Conservative
doctors in this city, who want further legal
proceedings over the Dominion voters'
lists for London, hope to achieve?The lists have been revised by J. H.
Fraser, formerly Conservative M. P. for
the city, and he cannot be supposed to be
unfriendly to Conservative interests.Not one of the 200 odd men whose names
have no right to be on the list can honestly
come forward and say that they are en-
titled to reinstatement. They have been
struck off on evidence deemed ample in
every case by Mr. Fraser, and it is acknowl-
edged, even by prominent Conservatives,
that it would be an outrage to stuff the
lists by again placing them thereon.Even the London Free Press has in-
dorsed the unanimous decision of Chief
Justice Armour, Mr. Justice Street and
Mr. Justice Falconbridge, that the lists
should be purged of these bad names. On
the day after the decision, our city con-
temporaries confessed that the decision "is
in accordance with the equity of the
case; and in this all who are not
violent partisans will freely coincide."Our contemporary has taken a new tack.
Its party leaders have resolved to become
"violent partisans." They decline to ac-
knowledge the equity of the decision, so
freely subscribed to by the Free Press
less than three weeks ago, and they will
try in the Court of Appeal to upset the
unanimous decision of the Court of Queen's
Bench.It is a very sharp curve, but our con-
temporaries is moved, by party exigencies,
to take it.What does the appeal mean?
That the men who put up the money to
carry it on wish a fair list?By no means. For it is known and
admitted that the 200 odd names have no
right in equity to be on the lists. Their
owners have no legitimate qualification.

The majority of them have moved away—

probably one-half of them to the United
States.Supposing the appeal were to succeed on
a legal technicality—and it is admitted
that on that alone it could succeed, because
no one has suffered injustice by the dropping
of the bad names—what would be
witnessed?A stuffed voters' list.
The granting to men who have no qualifi-
cation whatsoever the right to kill the
votes of the legitimate taxpayers of Lon-
don.Would that be a result that any honest
Conservative would care to stand before his
fellow-citizens and indorse as worthy of
laboring to bring about?We do not believe that the Court of Ap-
peal will so decree, but as an independ-
ent journal, anxious only to aid in
having a fair list and an honest voting
public affairs, we cannot refrain from ex-
pressing the opinion that there should have
been no occasion for resort to the Court of
Queen's Bench, and that there is really no
justification for appeal to another court,
when success would mean, if it meant any-
thing, that the voters' lists of London
should be stuffed through a legal tech-
nicity.Again we ask: Is there an honest Conserva-
tive in the city who will defend the en-
deavor to have the lists so constituted?NO BRITISH MONARCH WOULD DO
WHAT GOVERNOR ANGERS
HAS DONE.The London Times, which cannot be said
to have any prejudice against the autocrat
of Spencerwood, points out that in dismiss-
ing Premier Mercier while he has a majority
of the representatives of the people at his
back, Governor Angers has taken a course
the wisdom of which may be questioned,
even if its legality were admitted. "The
power which monarchs dare not use in
England," says this great British Conserva-
tive organ, "is unhesitatingly wielded by
the mere deputy of the deputy of a monarch
in Canada."That is the case in a nutshell. No
sovereign in Great Britain would even
think of dismissing a Ministry that had a
majority in the House of Commons, much
less one that has a majority in the two
chambers, as Mr. Mercier's has in the
Legislature and in the Legislative Council
of the Province. It is not as if the Quebec
Premier were unwilling to meet the mem-
bers and have them discuss and pronounce
upon the charges that have been made
against the Government of which he is chief.For months past Mr. Mercier has been ur-
ging Lieutenant-Governor Angers to sign the
decree calling the Legislature together, but
he has persistently refused, and when it
was no longer possible to thwart
the Premier he demanded that the
Legislature should be assembled, the
partisan Governor has taken the reins
of office from the men intrusted with them
by the people's representatives, and has
sent his constitutional advisers about their
business. Was ever there such an outrage
since the days of irresponsible Family
Compaction?It has been said that as Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor Letellier dismissed his Ministers because
they ignored him and unconstitutionally
submitted measures to Parliament before
consulting him, Lieutenant-Governor Angers
is justified in his action. The conduct of
Mr. Letellier's Ministers, as is well pointed
out by Hon. David Mills, the best authority
on constitutional law in the Dominion,
was clearly contrary to the modern prac-
tice, which is that whatever objections the
Crown may have to a certain line of public
policy should be expressed before its ad-
visers submit it to Parliament. It is before
a measure is submitted to Parliament that
the objections of the Crown are to be ex-
pressed, and not by veto after the mea-
sure has been introduced. Hon. David Mills
has further pointed out that "the Liberal
party never justified the action of Lieuten-
ant-Governor Letellier. He took his life in
his hands when he dismissed his Minis-
ters, and had his action been condemned by
the people at the polls he would have been
compelled to retire from his position. It
was after his action in dismissing his
Ministers had been sustained by the
people of Quebec that the question
came before Parliament. It was in the
estimation of many members of the Liberal
party an improper thing to attempt to con-
demn what the electors of Quebec had
demanded." Referring to the present ac-
tion of Quebec, Mr. Mills says:"Just here there has been a systematic
intrigue from the outset to upset Mr.
Mercier and his colleagues from their
office. The inquiry begun by the Senate
was a most unconstitutional proceeding.
The Ministry of Quebec is under the
guardianship of the Quebec Legislature.
If there had been any improper use of any
portion of the Quebec moneys it was not
for a committee of the Senate or for a
committee appointed by Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor Angers to investigate such
wrong-doing. It was the business
of those who granted the money,
the people's representatives for the Pro-
vince of Quebec. A commission appointed
for any such purpose is an abuse. The acts
of the different Provinces, which authorize
the Crown, upon the advice of Ministers,
to appoint commissioners to investigate
certain public matters, never contemplated
an investigation into the conduct of Minis-
ters, but into the conduct of those
who are discharging certain public duties
under responsibility to the law and to the
Ministers of the Crown. It was never in-
tended to be used for the purpose of exam-
ining into the conduct of Ministers who were
enabled to retain their places through the
confidence of the people's repre-
sentatives in the Legislature. A com-
mission appointed by the Crown is a
commission appointed upon the advice
of Ministers, and this commission to
try Mr. Mercier and his colleagues was
either appointed upon Mr. Mercier's advice
or it was appointed unconstitutionally. If
it was appointed upon Mr. Mercier's advice,
then he was creating the tribunal by whom
he was to be tried. That in fact he did not
create the tribunal is well known. It is of
the highest consequence that the affairs of
Quebec and of the other Provinces, and
of the Dominion itself, should be fairly and
honestly conducted, and it is a disgrace to
the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec that he
should, by his partisan conduct, raise con-
stitutional questions which must over-shadow the delinquencies of which Mr.
Mercier and his colleagues stand charged.
It is no doubt important that Ministers
guilty of misusing public moneys should be
punished, but it is of even more importance
that it should be done in a constitutional
way."Mr. Mercier and his colleagues have not
been fairly tried. People who have any
regard for a fair proceeding will believe
that Mr. Angers and his political sym-
pathizers have been more anxious to get rid
of the Premier than to punish any real or
imputed misconduct. I will not defend
such misconduct, if there has been any; I
only say that the charges ought to be in-
vestigated by the parties whom the law
and the constitution have intrusted with
this duty. It would be an act of folly—I
might say a crime—for any Liberal, either
from policy or cowardice, to defend any at-
tempt to take this matter out of their
hands. When the Pacific scandal was be-
fore Parliament vigorous efforts were made
to take it out of the hands of the House
and to place it in the hands of a commis-
sion appointed by the Governor-General
upon the advice of his Ministers. Both
Mr. Biske and Mr. Dorion refused to
give the slightest countenance to this
proposal, or to bring Parliament
by agreeing to serve upon any such
commission. The constitutional rule which
has been upheld, has been violated in these
proceedings against Mr. Mercier. If Gov-
ernor Angers regarded the charges to be of
such a serious nature as to call for an in-
vestigation, he should have insisted on the
Legislature being called together to give
them an opportunity of discharging their
duty, and not become the tool of one party
in order that he might betray the other."The British sovereign that would so ac-
cidentally hold his throne for any
length of time. No British ruler would so
act. Are we to have less regard for fair
play and for constitutional usages in this
new land, where responsible government
was obtained after many years of hard
struggle against the methods of such
autocrats as Mr. Abbott's Man Friday?

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

CANADIAN admirers of the British Grand
Old Man will be glad to learn that the
portrait of him recently painted by Mr.
Forbes will be issued in the highest form
of photograph. There will be a great
demand for it on this side of the At-
lantic.WHILE many persons are lamenting the
increasing number of spinsters to be
found in the older Provinces and States
of this continent, a correspondent in
Mashonaland, South Africa, says that
the young men of the colony are languish-
ing for the arrival of some marriageable
fair ones. The population is not so well
assorted as it might be.It is asserted by a number of the leading
papers in Quebec that Judge Jette, chair-
man of the Baie des Chaleurs Commis-
sion, has written a letter declining to
concur in the findings of Judge Baby
and Davidson upon which Governor
Angers says he now acts. Angers was so
anxious to serve his Ottawa masters that
he stretched his prerogative to dismiss
his Ministers while Judge Jette lies ill.THE United States Navy Department has
already purchased from this country
4,536 tons of nickel matte, containing
about one-fifth that amount of nickel.With nickel-steel armor definitely re-
solved upon for ship armor in the States,
and the nickel alloy likely to enter into
other manufactures of steel for Govern-
ment purposes, a continuous increase in
the demand for the metal may be ex-
pected. Gun shields and the guns them-
selves, projectiles, engines, the hulls of
vessels, and, in fact, almost all the steel
used, may possibly hereafter receive a
percentage of this metal. In the mer-
chant marine and the various applica-
tions of steel in the mechanic arts the
same introduction of this alloy may go
on, especially should the supply prove
practically inexhaustible, thus bringing
down the price, and should the processes
of treating the ore also be cheapened.
As the New York Times points out,
Canada has already eclipsed New Cale-
donia in the production of nickel, and
the reports of its discovery here and
there in Provinces as widely separated as
Nova Scotia and Ontario indicate what
may be expected.

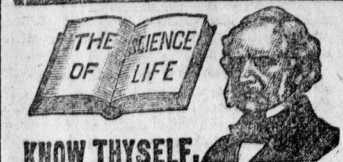
Earthquake in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—A very per-
ceptible earthquake shock was felt in this
city and surrounding towns at 8 o'clock
yesterday morning. No damage was done,
but houses were shaken.

The Bering Sea Dispute.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Sir George Baden-
Powell will start for Washington early to-
morrow to assist in preparing the report of
the joint commission on the Bering Sea fisheries
for the Court of Arbitration."German
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For Coughs & Colds.

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past six years, for Sore Throat,
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one wanting such a medicine—
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writes: I have used your German
Syrup in my family, and find it the
best medicine I ever tried for coughs
and colds. I recommend it to every-
one for these troubles.R. Schmalhausen, Druggist, of
Charleston, Ill., writes: After trying
scores of prescriptions and prepara-
tions I had on my files and shelves,
without relief for a very severe cold,
which had settled on my lungs, I
tried your German Syrup. It gave
me immediate relief and a perma-
nent cure.G. G. GREEN, Sole Manufacturer,
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