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Comments on the Cartoon.



SCRUNCHED!!—For more than a fortnight Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution—expressing the opinion that Unrestricted Reciprocity with the United States would be a good thing for Canada, and that therefore it would be worth while for our government to approach the Washington authorities on the subject—was debated with great skill in the Chamber at Ottawa. The speeches on both sides were without exception creditable to their authors, while those of the more prominent members of the House were decidedly superior to the average of parliamentary orations; and the efforts of the select few, Laurier, Chapleau, Cartwright, and Davies were as fine as anything ever heard in any of the great deliberative assemblies of the world. Aside

from oratorical embellishment, the facts of the case were simple, and easily understood. The first clause of the resolution was readily established, for it was shown that the authors of the National Policy had introduced that measure for the express purpose of bringing about a renewal of free-trade with the United States. The utility to Canada of Unrestricted Reciprocity was not, indeed, seriously questioned, but the "disloyalty" of such a proceeding was denounced with uncommon vigor. Before the debate closed the Government were obliged, in accordance with the terms of the "standing offer," in the N.P. Act, to place certain natural products on the free list, the corresponding articles having been made free by the American authorities, and this gave a twist to the logic of the super-loyalists. It was thereafter contended that disloyalty pertained only to unrestricted reciprocity in manufactured articles, and as the debate proceeded it became pretty clear that the treason denounced was not disloyalty against the Crown of Victoria, but against the Throne and Dignity of our protected manufacturers. This

childish stuff was all very laughable, and of course it convinced those who were going to vote against the resolution anyway. Sir John and Sir Charles took good care not to speak at all, but that will not help them when the matter comes before the people in the near future. The resolution was defeated by a majority of fifty-seven, which, to any one who knows the Canadian House of Commons, is sufficient evidence that Cartwright's motion was in accordance with the mind and will of the general public.

POLITENESS AND POLITICS.—Mr. Preston, the active and energetic secretary of the Reform Association of Ontario, protests that his recent letter denouncing Dr. Fulton's Anti-Rome lectures was written in his capacity as a Methodist, and that while he was writing it he was *not* squinting toward the Catholic vote. The genial Peter Ryan also claims that when he wrote to the public press a while ago to protest against the unseemly attack of Bishop Cleary upon the "screaming and screeching Protestant girls," he did so without any political motive whatever. GRIP need hardly say that he accepts the statements of both these excellent gentlemen fully, and he wants it distinctly understood that the accompanying picture is intended to illustrate the beauty of Christian liberality and *not* the deviousness of Reform Politics.

THE women of Canada were represented at the International Convention, at Washington, by a bright particular Starr, whose other names are Bessie and Keefer. This handsome and talented young lady did her country honor, though she may have made a mistake in saying that Canadian womanhood sits at the feet of Mrs. Stanton and Miss Anthony. We hope, in view of her great success otherwise, the Canadian woman will not ruffle Mrs. Keefer's bangs too much for this little error.

SENATOR GADFLY ALEXANDER should confine his venerable attention to his original fable of "The Fox and the Shark," and the burning question of the destruction by fire of the books of the old Bank of Upper Canada. He is at home on that topic, and decidedly at sea when he undertakes to talk about the morality of Toronto, and to cast aspersions on our present Mayor. From the fact that he thought well to have his speech cut out of the official report, it looks as though he was really aware that Mayor Clarke has proved, up to date, one of the squarest and ablest mayors this city has ever had. This conviction must be tremendously strong, indeed, as we didn't suppose there could be any consideration on earth that would induce Senator Alexander to consent to the excision of one of *his own* printed speeches.

PARAPHRASE of a leading article in the *World*:—"Unrestricted Reciprocity is no longer an open question. The action of Sir Richard Cartwright has placed it before the country with Liberals *for*, and Conservatives *against*. It is therefore the duty now of every Conservative, however much he may believe in Reciprocity, to vote against it. As we calculate that the Dominion as a whole is Conservative, we rejoice at the prospect of the ultimate defeat of Reciprocity and the consequent triumphs of our friends, the monopolists. All hail, Partyism, thou savor of our monopoly bacon!"

OUR esteemed and gifted friend Gillam, who does the chief cartoon for N.Y. *Judge*, was rather unfortunate in his late picture wherein he represented the Republican leadership as a gigantic suit of mediæval armor, marked "Protection," and, in view of the declension of Blaine, asked the question—"Who can wear it?" No doubt this was meant as a compliment to Blaine, but for a Protectionist organ to set forth the system of High Tarriff as a suit of antiquated armor looked refreshingly candid.