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### THE TIMES.

THERE is not much of political interest going on in Canada just now. The Letellier matter hangs fire, and we can do no more than speculate as to what and when the end will be. Some say M. Letellier will be dismissed and Sir A. T. Galt appointed to the vacated place; but by the time we have half turned that over, the announcement is made that Sir John A. Macdonald is about to start for England, and intends taking Sir A. T. Galt along with him to assist in the negotiations for—nobody can tell what. Leading Conservatives on the streets, when asked what it is all about, wink mysteriously, as if to suggest a secret expedition to the North Pole, or the conquest of the United States, or the freedom of Ottawa to Mr. Amor de Cosmos. Conservative Editors throw out tantalizing hints of stern decisions and startling developments in the near future, while the general ruck and run of politicians and newspaper writers can only sigh and say, with a modest writer in the *Star*, "Behold we know not anything." It is a trying position to be in, for I, for one, would like to speak with authority on this question, and say what all this going to England means, and what is to happen to M. Letellier. But it is of no use to argue or speculate any further. Patience is the virtue to be cultivated in these days.

THE *Gazette* has announced that M. Letellier has been notified to quit office, and M. Robitaille to assume the same; but, although the tidings are probable enough, they have not been confirmed from headquarters. That they will be confirmed I have no doubt; there is nothing else for it. M. Letellier must lose his head. But it should be borne in mind that it is purely and simply the action of the Dominion Government. The Constitution was never involved in any way by the summary dismissal of M. DeBoucherville, and the dismissal of M. Letellier from the Lieut.-Governorship of the Province is not at the instance of the Home Government, but by the Ottawa Cabinet.

It is quite within the power of M. Letellier's successor to repeat M. Letellier's blunder. He is competent to dismiss M. Joly and demand that an appeal be made to the electors. It would be about as unwise a thing as he could do, for in all probability M. Joly would come back with an increased majority, and the *Bleus* would have to eat all their fine words about the glorious Constitution, and the whole Dominion would be kept in hot water, and if there should be a change of Government at Ottawa, the Lieut.-Governor of Quebec would have to suffer the loss of his official head, and other evils would crowd along with these named; so that while the Hon. M. Robitaille will have the power to repeat his predecessor's ill-advised *coup*, he had better let M. Joly and his colleagues alone.