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CARELESS ON DEBITIVE LEGISLATION.

It does not say much for the legislative wisdom of our country that we have allowed the Canadian Pacific railway contract to pass as it did.

The original capital stock of any railway company may be increased from time to time by any amount, but such increase must be sanctioned by a vote in person or by proxy of at least two-thirds of the shareholders.

This, we hold, is careless legislation, and shows a want of comparative reading, so to speak, on the part of the legal lights of the house.

Under the general act in plain any railway company can water its stock however much it please, and there is no check, though the consequences of such an expansion are highly detrimental to the people.

The government certainly are in a dilemma over this matter of the Pacific railway: they either knew when they inserted the clauses of limitation regarding capital and dividends that they were putting in a worthless provision, and therefore guilty of deceiving the people, or not knowing it they stood confessed of culpable ignorance of previous legislation.

The Chinese invasion. In the United States the law passed not long ago against Chinese immigration being thoroughly enforced.

We cannot think of anything coming within the sphere of dominion government action which so urgently calls for instant attention as this. The powers of both the Pacific province and of the dominion should be exerted to the utmost limit to step this tremendous evil. And, if that Canada can do to end it is insufficient, the imperial authorities should be appealed to without loss of time.

We cannot imagine that public opinion in England would tolerate this evil if once it were ventilated in the imperial house of commons, and this made known to the country.

AN INSOLVENCY LAW. The Monetary Times has been discussing the insolvency question again, taking its departure from a letter in its columns from Mr. Evans.

Under the present law, without an insolvency act, a debtor unable to pay is deprived of all his assets and can get no discharge. But without an insolvency act no reliable distribution of the estate can take place.

Over them would be two or three bankrupt judges who would see to the administration of such a simple law.

well with their own consciences in this matter. If they were to withdraw their support, the tremendous mistake of imagining that we are performing a christian duty in bringing Chinese into Canada would not long survive amongst us.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF TELEGRAPHY. The introduction of a bill in the American house of representatives, the ultimate object of which is the purchase by the government of all the telegraph property in the United States will be watched with interest by the business men in this country.

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As to his statement of the bill having been introduced in the American house of representatives, I have already shown in what manner it was confirmed in the minutes, as a "by-law for local improvements"; and on other pages it never has been introduced.

He also refers to page 18 of the auditors report for 1887 where he says, you will find the illegal debenture duty mentioned, but he forgets to say that as there reported there is nothing to show that the debenture is payable in five years, but in one year.

As to the contract affixed referred to in previous letters, I do not know that it is necessary to go further into the matter unless the major debenture.

ROMANISM IN ONTARIO. (To the Editor of The World.) Sir:—A contributor of yours "Victor," a few days ago wrote a very sensible and pertinent letter in reference to this matter.

During some years back the farmer's "hired man" has been making himself rather a bad reputation, and far too frequently he turns out a dangerous character.

The "hired girl" is not dangerous, but farmers wives worked to death because girls cannot get to stay at "service" in the country.

They hold themselves aloof from all protestant churches and benevolent movements, and are in fact "an empire of their own within the British empire."

A CANADIAN GOVERNOR GENERAL. (To the Editor of The World.) Sir:—Some weeks ago certain conservative newspapers in Ontario commenced to agitate the question of the nomination by England of some eminent Canadian to be the office of governor-general of this dominion.

A contributor to your paper suggested the name of Mr. Goldwin Smith, saying that he was a favorite with the present English premier, and speaking of his eminent qualities as a writer and author and his friendly character to all Canadian interests.

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LOWER PROVINCE BANKS. The bank of Nova Scotia, for a day or two, refused to take the notes of the Maritime banks, notwithstanding that other Canadian banks apparently were glad to get them.

THE PARADISE DEBENTURE CASE. (To the Editor of The World.) Sir:—In Major Gray's letter of the 11th instant he practically admits my charge as to the illegal debenture, but attempts to shift the responsibility by placing it on one of his friends.

The biggest surprise in store for your rheumatism is a rub with St. Jacobs Oil.

(To the Editor of The World.) Sir:—Your correspondent who advocates "purging the assembly," appears to think that all that is needed for good provincial government is to get rid of the weak members in parliament.

(To the Editor of The World.) Sir:—I am glad to see that you are effectively preserved, and the development of the country as effectively promoted.

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PLUMING. GAS FIXTURES. J. N. O'NEIL, 106 CHEVON STREET, 246.

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