

THIS is, of course, absurd. The land *ought* to belong to some private individual, who could grow rich by permitting the Dutch to live upon it. But you can't expect profound political economy from a little Sunday school boy, who is guided merely by common sense and justice.



AN Ottawa despatch begins:—

"A characteristic incident occurred in the Sedate the other day."

"Sedate" is good. We would fain believe that the "intelligent compositor" in this case really meant it. Nothing could be more fitting as a synonyme for Senate. The sessions of our Upper Chamber should hereafter be called sederunts, and no doubt the speeches will continue to be sedatives. According to the dictionary man a sedative is "a medicine which directly depresses the vital forces;—used to diminish preternaturally increased action"—in the direction of temperance and moral reform legislation, for instance. All hail the Sedate.

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GRIP thinks it a crying shame that the Government which expends so lavishly upon schools of the higher grades can give but a paltry \$1,000 to such an institution as the Mimico Industrial School, and gives that but grudgingly. We quite agree with GRIP. —*London Advertiser.*

There, Mr. Mowat, wipe your specs and read that over a few times. It is, as you will observe, from one of your biggest friends.

NOTHING short of a grim and gory war between Canada and the United States will satisfy the military soul of our esteemed police magistrate. This is a pity, because many of us regard war as a nuisance. If nothing short of a bloody battle will cool the Colonel's ardour, how would it do to let the two great powers of this continent have it out in accordance with modern representative institutions? We would be perfectly willing to abide by the result of a fight to a finish between the fiery Colonel representing Canada, and, say, Firebrand Finerty, of Chicago, representing the Republic.

"THERE," says Uncle Sam, "I have put certain natural products on the free-list; now, Miss Canada, you do the same, in accordance with your standing offer in the N.P. Act." "Not by any means," replies Miss Canada; "that clause in the Act is capable of being twisted so as to mean the opposite of what it says." "Well," shouts Peter Mitchell "this is what I call a scurvy breach of faith." And every honest man in the country says "Amen, Peter!"

IS it possible that the Government of Canada is going to be mean enough to attempt to shelter itself behind this contemptible quibble? And if so, are we to believe that there are any men on the Government side of the

House who will support this shameful and dishonorable action? Nonsense! How could a Party, led by a Christian statesman, think of doing that which would be beneath the contempt of a Turk?

WE breathe more freely now that consent of the Imperial authorities has been obtained, at the earnest prayer of our Government, to extend the term of Gen. Sir Fred. Middleton as Commander of the Canadian Forces for four years more. In the event of an invasion of our coasts by the natives of San Salvador, or the revolt of the Nova Scotia fishermen, it is of the utmost importance that we should have a first-class military man to protect us.

THE Baptist denomination has been for a long time immersed in the University Federation question. Quite a sprinkling of members were in favor of the scheme, but it was vetoed. The convention also decided upon Toronto as the seat of McMaster University, which was, of course, most sensible. Woodstock made a strong bid, but Toronto stock was at a premium. Now ring the bell, and let the boys resume their lessons.

OUR friend Crankton is working on a great scheme, which he says is the only genuine anti-poverty racket. Simply this: Each and every man, woman and child in Canada shall contribute five cents to his (Crankton's) purse. This will make him a millionaire. Then he and all the rest of the population will contribute five cents each to the purse of the next man, and so on until every individual in Canada has been made comfortably rich. He reports that the scheme is received with wild enthusiasm by all believers in the principle of Protection, and it meets with no opposition except from those who believe only in Protection for the few. Crankton has a great head.

THE worthy senior member for Hamilton, Mr. Adam Brown, is prepared at any moment to meet his political adversaries on any question involving profound research and close reasoning, but he is at a loss to refute an argument like the following, which appears in the *Montreal Herald*:—

"His hair is carefully economized and employed to its fullest capacity in covering his head, much that should be doing duty on one side being called upon for service elsewhere."

Why doesn't he retort that a man who understands hirsute economy on the outside of his head is likely to have a clear perception of political economy within?

BY Act of the Ontario Legislature the tax has been taken off live stock. Good! The light is beginning to glimmer. Perhaps before long our Governments will begin to understand that all other taxes on industry and the products of industry are mere relics of barbarism. Give labor a chance. Collect your necessary revenue by a single tax on land values, which robs nobody and is fair to all!

DR. MARY WALKER appeared at the Womans' International Convention "clad in her usual garb of man's clothing," and insisted on speaking against giving women the ballot. She no doubt attended as the delegate of those women of the male sex who take the same position on woman suffrage. For once her uniform was exceedingly appropriate.