

THE TORONTO WORLD

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 24, 1884

Current Events and Opinions.

Bystander in the Week. Lord Dufferin changed, and as his admirers think, improved the style. He it was that first talked about vice-royalty and opened the vice-regal era. No man of sense wants Sanscoulouk nakedness. Let us have common sense and common sense you will, provided that they are symbolical and expressive of real feeling. Genuine staidness exists. Tinsel does the reverse; but there are many people to whom it is an unpeakable delight, and therefore, like high heels and tight lacing, it will defy censorious cavil. From foot and dragon guards Ottawa may advance to beaueaters, to quettas, to a gold stick.

THE FAILURE OF THE SYNDICATE.

Among the paragraphs of the speech from the throne by far the most important was that which announced the failure of the Pacific Railway company, notwithstanding the guarantee to obtain, by the sale of its stock, money for the immediate prosecution of the work. The leader of the opposition, averring from the main question, on which he must feel that his own position would be a strong one, announced at once upon the company and accuses it of having misapplied its resources to objects other than those for which it was intended. But the Pacific railway was to be a line from sea to sea, and it could not have fulfilled the purpose of its construction if one end of it had been left in the air. A connection with the Atlantic seaboard and winter ports was indispensable, and if the purchases and extensions against which Mr. Blake's censure is pointed, had been really ancillary to the main line, they cannot be condemned as a whole; nor is it likely that, having been made by men of excellent judgment in these matters, they will be found open to much exception in detail. It is on a much more vital point that public attention ought to be fixed. The enterprise, in the conception of which the company had no part, while for its execution they seem to have done all that could possibly be done, disclosed its real character, and showing, by the financial difficulties which it encounters, that it is political, not commercial. Nobody would wish the abandonment of a commercial line. With its annexation, it will have cost nearly forty millions; it barely pays its way; good authorities have pronounced that it will be worked at a loss, but when the line through Megantic is opened, as in spite of all delays it must soon be, such traffic as there is will infallibly take the shorter route. But the commercial loss is faced for the sake of a political and military advantage. Nobody expects to sell the stock of the Intercolonial, any more than we expect to sell the stock of a fortress or a park of artillery. It is the same, in a measure, with the Western continuation. The prairie section is commercial inasmuch as it traverses a very rich country; but in its direction it is political, and this is the justification for the so-called monopoly clauses, without which the company would have been in danger of being ruined by the competition of the commercial lines. It is also political in the speed with which it has been hurried westward in advance of the necessities of immigration, which it was scattered, when, economically, concentration was to be preferred. But the mountain and Lake Superior sections are wholly political and military. Once more, by the failure of the company's means, which again is the inevitable consequence of the political necessity of speed, the country is summoned, virtually, to deliberate on the question whether these arrangements should be constructed, and the political struggle against nature and dictates of commercial interest shall be dropped. If the decision is in the affirmative, the tax-payer, and especially the tax-payer of Ontario, who bears the chief burden, must be prepared to contribute again to the prosecution of the great national enterprise. It is only by taxation that money can be raised for political and military undertakings. That the decision of Parliament will be in the affirmative is pretty certain. If there are any in the House who see the interest of the people in this matter, there is no one who will venture to defend it openly on the main issue. Mr. Blake's speeches, though they are sure to be at least within the circles of the Bystander's acquaintance one well-informed and independent friend of education who does not desire to see the union dissolved and education cut off beyond the influence of the party war. Partly however it may be for the same reason the Government is evidently determined to keep the system as it is, and the government has now a sure majority of ten. Might we not have a council of public instruction with a parliamentary minister for education? In England the parliamentary minister for India has a council of Indian experts outside parliament with which he gets on very well, and which would of course retain the current administration and the control of the estimates; he would be chairman of the council; if it were deemed necessary he might have a veto; but on a legislative question of a professional kind he would be advised, and the correctness of his decision would be guaranteed by the council. On such a question as that of the text books a council is by far the best authority; indeed it is the only authority thoroughly exempt from any suspicion of influence and intrigue. It has been alleged in the course of the discussion that the council of instruction was a scene of discord and of mongering. Inquiry, it is believed, will show that it is true with reference to the conduct of one of the members only. Dr. Ryerson did his best to wreck the council, and his behavior to some of his colleagues at last was such as seldom witnessed in any assembly in which the rules of public business or of social decency are acknowledged.

THE CHINESE INCOME.

But let us sweep hypocritical aside; it is the only hostility of the Chinese now here in the United States. But the interest of the community points the way; it points to the free admission of all good workers who without state aid can find their way hither and who, when here, obey the law. There are certain branches of industry in which the Chinese excel. The question before us, however, is whether the British legislature should be induced by local legislation to close the labor market of the whole dominion against a certain kind of labor. This is practically what we are going to do, for the ports of

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