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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

AN error in the numbering of GRIP occurred toward the end of Vol. XXIX, and continued up to the issue for Feb. 18th. We have prepared a printed slip of corrections which we will be pleased to furnish on application to all subscribers who bind their numbers.

Comments on the Capture.



"BAIT" AS USUAL. It is now known that the new Washington Treaty is a Canadian surrender, a little worse than anything we have yet been asked to submit to in our unfortunate diplomatic career. The Americans get everything they have been contending for in the dispute over the 1818 Treaty, and we give up everything we have hitherto claimed in accordance with the plain terms of that document. In contemplation of the preposterous demands that Uncle Sam was making in 1887, our Minister of Justice wrote, in a Privy Council Report:—"Such a surrender on the part of Canada would involve the abandonment of a valuable portion of the national inheritance of the Canadian people, who would certainly visit with

just reprobation those who were guilty of so serious a neglect of the trust committed to their charge." Well, the surrender has been made, sure enough, and now we await the reprobation which Mr. Thompson considered so certain to follow it. Parliament is in session, and "those who were guilty of so serious a neglect of the trust committed to their charge" are sitting on Mr. Speaker's right, awaiting the punishment they deserve. Will Parliament prove equal to the occasion? "Reprobation" of the present Government, however richly merited, has never been the forte of the majority at Ottawa, and it is not likely that the Ministers are trembling very much. As soon as Sir John gets up and repeats his already

expressed opinion that "it is all right," the valiant guardians of Canadian rights who follow his banner will swallow the treaty holus-bolus, and in the next campaign we will hear it extolled as another evidence of the marvellous statesmanship of Canada's great Premier.

THE REFORM HORSE FRIGHTENED.—The *Globe's* outright talk in favor of Free Trade and Direct Taxation has frightened the Reform Party (as represented in the provincial papers) into fits. The result is a pretty family row, which does not tend to make Mr. Laurier's position any pleasanter than it was before. The clinging affection for a revenue tariff with incidental protection, on the part of the straight party papers, does not seem to arise from careful thought on the economic problem so much as from considerations of policy. "The people," they appear to reason, "are under the delusion that taxation makes wealth; now, it won't do to upset this absurd fallacy suddenly, as that would arouse their wrath and keep us out of office indefinitely. What the Reform party exists for is not to find out and proclaim the truth—that is for GRIP and a few other disinterested cranks to do—it's great mission is to get into power so that it may be in a position to save the country from —," etc., etc. This may be good politics, but it cannot be mistaken for honesty.

OUR Representative on the Washington Fishery Commission made just one mistake. He didn't give away everything. He retained just enough to form the basis of further trouble, which is certain to come. By letting slide the miserable little "bait" point, he could have added nothing to our humiliation, while the whole question might have been regarded as settled, and the prospect of the early establishment of free trade relations with the Republic would have been greatly improved.

THE Canadian Club Banquet to the British Fisheries Commissioners took place on Friday, March 2nd. It was a very swell affair at the Hotel Brunswick. We believe the British commissioners on this occasion proved entirely competent for their duties, for a change. The Bill of Fare, we understand, was as follows:—*Soup*, Concession *a la* Ashburton; *Fish*, Flounder; *Cod*, with Bayard Sauce; *Octopus*, *a la* Uncle Sam; *Abandoned* Cl(i)ms; *Roast*—Canada Veal; *Entrees*—Fricassee of Give-away; *Washington* Mush; *Vegetables*—Badly Beet; *Canadian* Greens; *Pastry*—Diplomatic Pi; *Surrender* Pudding with Humiliation Sauce. *Dessert*—Fruits of Stupidity.

PARLIAMENT is once more in session at Ottawa. It is anticipated that the Fishery "treaty" will give rise to a long and important *de-bait*.

IN glancing over the Speech from the Throne we observe that there is nothing for Parliament to do this session beyond ratifying (or, if it has sense enough, rejecting) the Fishery Treaty. The other matters alluded to are such as a third-rate lawyer could finish out of hand in half a day. The probability is, therefore, that the House will be able to conclude its "labors" and adjourn by the first of July.

WE find the following despatch in the London *Free Press*:

"OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—The talk of the city to-night has been the conversion of Sir John A. Macdonald under the ministrations of the evangelists Crossley and Hunter. Sir John has been a very frequent attendant at the meetings, at which he had displayed the deepest possible interest, and to-night he, with Lady Macdonald, first stood up among those who asked for the prayers of the congregation, and later on, when an invitation was given to those who loved the Saviour and had given their hearts to Him, and were starting on a new life, they both promptly arose."

This will carry consternation into the ranks of the political scallawags. John A. will not hereafter be half