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IMPORTANT BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE wish to call the attention of certain of our readers to a matter which is becoming one of serious importance. As our remarks have to do only with those subscribers who have failed to pay for the paper according to agreement, the rest of our readers, and, happily, the great majority of them, may skip this paragraph and pass on to enjoy with a clear conscience whatever they may find in this issue to interest and amuse. But there are, we are sorry to know, far too many of those who have been receiving the paper for a length of time who have neglected or forgotten to pay the printer. To all such we wish to say that it is absolutely necessary that all accounts be promptly collected. After mature consideration, and with a desire to meet the convenience of subscribers to the utmost extent possible, we have resolved on the following course as one which must commend itself to all as not only fair but lenient: We have decided that, commencing from this date, we will remove from the subscription lists all names of subscribers who are more than fifteen months in arrears. In order to avoid the appearance of harshness, and give delinquents every chance to do right, every subscriber who is twelve months in arrears will be promptly notified. A second notice will be sent a month later to every one who has failed to attend to the first notice, and if any should be so negligent or dishonest as still to withhold payment, a third notice will be sent at the end of the fourteenth month, intimating that unless the account be settled by a specified date, it will be placed in court for collection. We hope that the cases may be rare in which even the first notice will need to be sent, after this frank statement. Look up your labels, friends, if you are at all in arrears, and secure your own self-approbation and the thanks of all concerned by doing the right thing promptly and cheerfully.

Comments on the Cartoons.



TORONTO'S GREAT SUMMER CARNIVAL.—The intervention of the Provincial general election with its blasts and counter-blasts of platform oratory, effectually prevented anything like a concentration of public attention upon the proposed Summer Carnival, and if anything short of a splendid success attends it, this will sufficiently account for the departure from Toronto accustomed record. We have no idea, however, that the Carnival is going to be even a partial failure. In the bright lexicon of the Queen City there's no such word as fail, as Lawrence Barrett Richieu once remarked. In Ald. King Dodds, as the directing spirit of the affair, we are fortunate in having a Hustler from Hustler-ville, and as the residents of Jarvis Street have begun to actively assist in the preparations, we may confidently expect the whole city to be ablaze with enthusiasm before the opening day arrives. For our own credit as well as for the pleasure and satisfaction of our thousands of visitors, we hope this will be the case. Those who come may count upon having a good time anyway, and every one of them is at liberty to buy a copy of this number of GRIP by way of a souvenir of the occasion. This privilege alone is worth the cost of the visit.

HE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM HIS SHADOW.—The Philosophic Mind has had time to brood upon the event of June 5th and its deliverance is that Mr. Meredith came to grief chiefly because of the irrepressible shadow of Ottawa which clings to him. He made a sort of half-struggle to get rid of the fatal thing after the campaign had opened, but everybody saw it was only a half-struggle, which was still further discounted by the universal lack of sympathy it met in the mass of Conservative candidates. Mr. Meredith is a gentleman Ontario would be glad to honor. Personally he is a very popular man, and there is a brilliant future before him in this Province—on one condition. He must absolutely cut himself adrift from Sir John Macdonald. He ought to be convinced by this time that Ontario is determined to have none of Sir John and his methods in the Local Government, but this does not mean that she insists upon having a Grit ministry. It only means that she will stick to the latter until some Conservative leader arises who finds it possible to keep Provincial and Dominion affairs as severely apart as Oliver Mowat keeps them. But to all appearance this "coming man" will not get here until Sir John has retired for good into "innocuous disuetude."

FROM the *Canadian Gazette*, of London, we clip the following interesting item:

Sir Charles Tupper has been deputed by the Dominion Government to represent Canada at the International Conference which meets at Brussels on July 1st to discuss the formation of an International Customs Bureau. The object is to secure the publication, in the various languages, of the Customs tariffs of the different countries concerned, and thus facilitate the interchange of trade.

That the object of this Conference is a most praiseworthy one nobody will deny, excepting, perhaps, logical Protectionists, if such beings really exist. It is to "facilitate the interchange of trade" between nations, and the easier trade is made the better it is for everybody. But mark the means to be employed to this end! Common sense would seem to suggest that the best way of facilitating trade would be to remove all artificial restrictions from its path. But nothing so common as common sense rules these high and mighty International Conferences now-a-days. The interchange of trade is to be facilitated by "securing the publication, in the various languages, of the Customs tariffs of the different countries concerned!" The reason why France doesn't trade with Canada, for instance, is not the existence in both countries of high and idiotic duties on imports, but the fact.