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The Canadian Pacific.

Colonists, and especially British American Colonists, have acquired such a habit of regarding John Bull in the light of a slow, unenergetic, unenterprising, unprogressive sort of being that they are in some danger of overlooking the historical fact that he is the reverse.

on the continent. A united and energetic appeal made now to these authorities, pointing out in a forcible way the whole bearing of the question of a railway upon national success, as well as the necessity of it to us on the Pacific would be the means of securing an Imperial guarantee for a loan to construct the road.

The Montreal Witness, a thoroughly British paper and, moreover, enjoying the largest circulation of any newspaper in the Dominion, has recently propounded a scheme which, if it has so other merit, possesses that of novelty.

It proposes a customs union between Canada and the United States. We will allow the Witness to speak for itself. "The United States and the Dominion of Canada the latter with the consent of the British Government) agreed to abolish, immediately, all restrictions upon the intercourse between the two countries, and to establish free trade as completely between them, as if they were one country.

It cannot be denied that such a scheme offers enormous advantages to both countries; but it is equally obvious that it brings with it difficulties. Perhaps one objection in the mind of some would be that it looks very like the thin end of the Annexation wedge.

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Whatever may be said of the defects of the Colony, it is a fact worthy of note that the Institute which last year numbered 165 members, now numbers 246—an increase of 81.

The work of the Institute during the year, and suitable cases provided for their preservation. The committee recommended the erection of a structure, for the uses of the library and the revival of the Debating and Elocution Class.

The election of officers to serve one year resulted as follows:—President, Lunley Franklin; Vice-President, E. G. Aston; Treasurer, T. H. Allen; Secretaries, T. H. Long, Committee-Messrs. Fell, Gardner, Page, McLean, Griffin, Bishop, Garsoppe, Fox and Higgins.

Professors.—MORRY.—Have you been to see the great magician? "If you have not go! If you have go again! Last night the biggest house of the season, crowded, him, and to-night the house will be bigger than ever.

SEVERE ACCIDENT TO GOVERNOR MURGRAVE.—We are sorry to state that yesterday afternoon, as Governor Murgrave was in the act of mounting a fly at Government House, the animal started and threw his Excellency, whose whole weight fell upon his right leg, causing a compound fracture of that member above the ankle.

THE LOCH LOMOND TRAGEDY.—The Loch Lomond tragedy, to which we alluded a short time ago, has occupied a great deal of attention in New Brunswick, and in fact, throughout the Dominion.

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