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Topics of the Day

LITERARY societies and other debating organisations find that the regulation of immigration is to be a popular subject this winter. Shall we exclude or restrict the Oriental? Is Canada's immigration policy too broad? Resolved that this country should cease to encourage immigration. These are some of the forms which the text will take.

Canada almost wept during the eighties and early nineties because immigrants did not come this way. When the Hon. Clifford Sifton became Minister of Interior he changed all that—assisted by time, opportunity and circumstances. Now public opinion is veering around to the other side and unrestricted and assisted immigration is being questioned with a large interrogation mark.



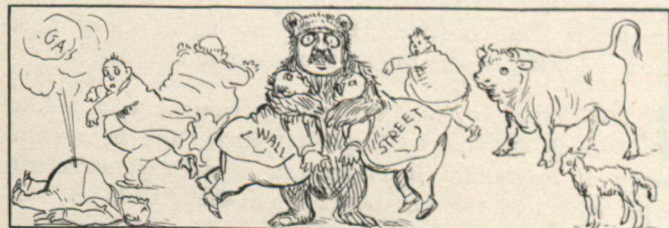
The Kipling Policy in Operation.

Mr. Henri Bourassa states that he will not return to Labelle and his sphere in the House of Commons. Though defeated in Bellechasse, he will continue to take an active part in provincial politics. His decision could scarcely be otherwise.



Final Tableau in the Bourassa-Turgeon Drama.

The stock market is beginning to recover, but the world is still short of gold and currency. When gold is scarce, prices usually fall, especially in time of panic when prices fall rapidly on account of the exceptional demand for gold. This is the situation at the moment. According to the London "Economist" prices in June were at the highest point since 1876. Since then there has been a steady decline amounting on the average to eleven per cent. There is little doubt that prices will continue to decline during the next six months.



The Teddy Bear in Wall Street.

The medical men of the west half of the city of To-

ronto have formed a union and the labour writer on the Toronto "News" wants to know whether they will send representatives to the Trades and Labour Council. The insinuation is one which will probably be tolerated with dignified reserve as becomes an important intellectual profession. Nevertheless, an association of this kind has in it much that is akin to a trades union.

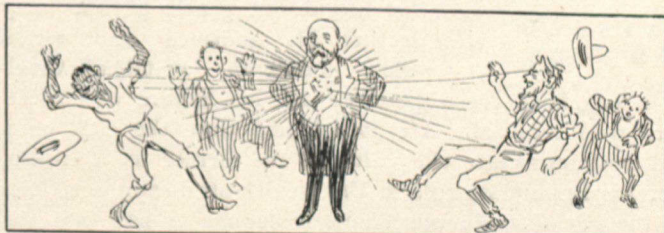


Mr. Borden is Back from the Wild West.

The Railway Commission seems to be getting into its stride. When the railway lawyers asked for delay in connection with the proposed Toronto viaduct, urging legal objections to speedy action, the Commissioners would have none of it. "Go on" they would, and did. This action indicates that they are beginning to be confident; they feel they have taken the "metier" of the corporation lawyers, and are convinced that the public is with them in their determination to "settle" things.

If the Commission is enlarged to five members, as rumour has it, the proceedings will be as important as the discussions before the Railway or Finance Committees at Ottawa. The public seems to have conceived a great liking for telling its grievances to the Commission. If the practice grows, the "Letters to the Editor" may become a lost art.

The Empire's eyes are this week on London where the Emperor and Empress of Germany are paying an important visit to the King. They arrived at Portsmouth on Monday and reached Windsor Castle in the late afternoon. These visits are indicative of a better understanding among the crowned heads and governments of Europe, which means much for the world's peace, prosperity and progress. This is especially true of Great Britain and Germany, since agreement and cordiality between these great empires almost ensures peace in the rest of Europe.



His Majesty's Birthday Diamond.

On Saturday last, on the King's Birthday, His Majesty was presented by Sir Richard Solomon, on behalf of the people of the Transvaal, with the famous Cullinan diamond. The stone weighs over 3,000 carats and came from the Premier mine which for five years has defied the gigantic De Beers corporation. It is said that the smaller institution will soon amalgamate with the larger, and when this is accomplished the diamonds of South Africa will practically be controlled by one company.