

## PUBLIC OPINION.

Hamilton Herald: It will cost this country a lot of money to find out by means of the Royal Prohibition Commission that some folks like their water plain and some like it with whiskey in it.

Manitoba Free Press: It may be desirable, in the opinion of some people, to get rid of Sir Oliver Mowat's Government, but the Chinaman's plan of burning down the house in order to roast the pig inside of it is not a safe one to introduce in the affairs of a country.

St. John Telegraph: The bill introduced into Congress by a member of the staff of the New York Sun would be insulting to the loyal people of Canada were it not for its absurd character. The people of the United States ought to understand by this time that Canada is not for sale.

London Advertiser: All the doctors, says the New York Sun, seem to agree in the opinion that the best way of protecting oneself against an attack of the grip is to keep the general health as good as possible, to be careful not to catch cold, to live temperately, to breathe pure air, to avoid bad habits and to take enough sleep.

Montreal Gazette: The latest report is that it will be April 1st before the Wilson tariff bill can go into force. United States business men have before them four months of uncertainty, during which their operations will be crippled through their not knowing what fiscal conditions they will be under after March. It is not remarkable that factories are curtailing operations and dismissing employees.

Quebec Chronicle: Sir John Thompson's speech at Pictou, Nova Scotia, must rank as one of the most important that he has made for some time. In it he defined the Government's policy in view of recently created conditions, the principal one of which is, of course, the United States tariff change. The Premier had a capital hearing, and the audience he addressed was very large and very representative in character.

Halifax Critic: The commissioners who will have to decide some of the nice questions arising from the Behring Sea Arbitration will need to be clear-headed men. The claims of our own Pacific sealers already amount to over a million dollars, and under the terms of the modus vivendi for 1892 and 1893, the Government of the United States is bound to make good all just claims. It has now to be decided whether the sealers are to be compensated for the value of the seals which they have not caught, or whether the fact that though shut out from Behring Sea they have been without inconvenience profitably engaged in the seal trade elsewhere, is to be considered.

Victoria Colonist: Much is being said in Canada relative to the effect which the proposed changes in the American tariff will have on the trade of the Dominion. Such surmises—for they are at best nothing but surmises—are, in our opinion, injudicious. The Americans are revising their tariff solely in their own interests. Any change they propose to make is wholly for their own benefit. What effect it may have on the trade of Canada or any other country is not considered by the framers of the tariff, and will not be considered by the members of Congress if their attention is not persistently and inopportunistically directed to the way in which that change will probably affect foreign and, in many respects, rival countries.

Pass on the word,—be thine the lip of cheer,—  
Clear let it ring aloft from slope to slope,  
Till all the vales and mountain-tops shall hear  
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hope!

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