

FEDERATION OF THE EMPIRE.

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No. 2.

It was remarked by Professor Seely, one of the League speakers, the Earl of Roseberry in the chair, that "another prejudice is that the Colonies are involved by their connection with the mother country in all the accidental quarrels with European States in which England may engage, and in which the colonies have no interest or concern."

The great eighteenth-century wars of England, I assert, were mainly Colonial Imperial struggles. Apart from the Empire we have scarcely any interests. It can scarcely be said that England has any European policy in which the Colonies are not concerned.

And trade is at the bottom of the whole story! If a man's workshop, in which he makes a living, takes fire, will he not do his utmost to subdue the flames and save his property, not on account of the value of the shop itself, but on account of the value it is to himself by what he gets out of it?

It would be impossible to go over in a newspaper article the ground occupied by the many speakers on the side of Federation, and keep pace with them at every step.

But the thread of argument before referred to is strung upon only two or three propositions, viz., Colonial defence and commerce, the former, defence, being the predominating feature and inspiring cause of the whole movement, and all the speeches so far delivered.

Let us now examine for a few moments the ipse dixit of Professor Seely, when he says that all the wars of England have grown out of Colonial interests, or the preservation of those interests, as he must mean. For what follows the writer depends chiefly upon his memory of history, but considers it safe enough for the passing purpose.

threshold—all of which led to the right of search set up by England, by which American vessels were overhauled on the high seas, and what she called her subjects abducted, without respect to the flag that covered them—so that the United States declared war against England in 1812, as England intended doing against the United States in 1862, when Mason and Slidell were taken from the English packet steamer on her way from Cuba to England, by Captain Wilkes, but were again surrendered by the American government, and thus a second war growing out of a similar cause was averted.

Then take the Chinese War of 1840 (?) when Hong Kong fell into the hands of England, and the capital of the Empire, Peking, was taken and looted. What interest had Canada in that war, brought about through the cupidity of the East India Company, which sought to force her opium upon a people who for years did their utmost to keep it out of their country, as its use was destroying the inhabitants?

But, again, what cares Canada about the balance of power in Europe—whether Turkey belongs to Turkey, Austria, Russia, or even Germany. England would be no weaker, whichever way the pawns were moved upon the chess-board, or map of Europe. If the infidel Turk must go, the sooner he is cut up and divided among the European birds of prey, since peace is a balance weight of such sensitive qualities. In short, England's wars from the beginning have never been waged with an eye to Colonial interests, but strictly to English interests.

Then take the difficulty of 1839 on our North Eastern boundary. The whole Province as it were flew to arms to drive back the invader. It was in winter time and six hundred men rushed from the woods and made for the disputed territory. Every part of the Province responded with alacrity and enthusiasm to the call of duty.

may enter into under the Federation obligation, will ever save her to the Crown. To raise the issue that the political and commercial unity of the Empire is an absolute necessity in order to prevent the disjointed parts from disintegration, or flying off from the common centre into unknown directions, is a groundless fear—in the judgment of the writer. We may talk of free trade and protection and of commercial union, or reciprocity with other countries, with as much freedom now as we did in former years; but this fact does not give color to the idea that Canada is in a transition state, or that there is any wish on the part of the people to change their allegiance.

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A SALMON FISHER'S MOUSTACHE.

Florence, the Actor, Captures Salmon and a Moustache on the Miramichi—His Wager. Florence, the actor, visits his favorite salmon streams in New Brunswick every summer. He is well known in the northern part of the province, not only as a thorough sportsman, but a genial and agreeable companion.

Florence went fishing six weeks ago on the Miramichi river for salmon. He knew it would be impossible to strike a barber anywhere within fifty miles of the fishing ground, and so he took a safety razor along with him to keep his jolly, clean-shaven round face presentable from day to day.

When he got back to town after six weeks' pastime with the rod, his face was bronzed and pretty effectually disguised with a stubby white moustache and a snowy imperial very like that of the footlight "Senator" from the Cohosh district.

The famous practical joker lay in bed and stared at Florence in dull amazement some time. Then he almost sprang from his sick bed in ecstasy of recognition.

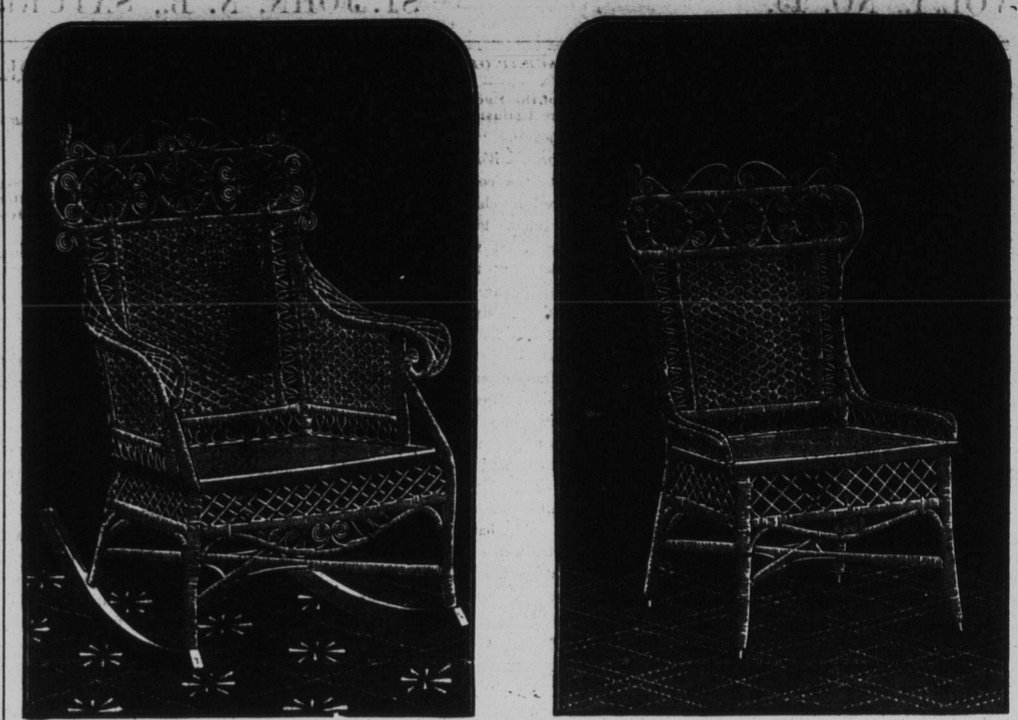
"By Jove! Billy," he cried, "that will make me well. 'Fon my soul, that's the best I ever saw.' 'But you haven't got nerve enough to keep on wearing that another month.' 'Why haven't I?' retorted the actor. 'Betcher bawket of extra dry you don't dare do it.'"

"Abandoned" Men and Women. Said the Rev. J. L. Douthit, in King's Chapel, Boston, recently: God through Christ proclaimed His love for sinners as it was never before proclaimed. Through Jesus he speaks to the most abandoned wretch, and says: "I have not forgotten nor forsaken you; it is you who have forgotten and forsaken me."

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"I cannot bring you wealth," she said; "I cannot bring you fame or place among the noted of the race; But I can love you. When trials come to test you, sweet, I can be sunlight to your feet; My kiss your precious lips shall greet, Because I love you."

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A LETTER FROM REV. MR. TROOP

Suggesting That the Bible be Printed in French in the Newspapers.

In the last number of the Evangelical Churchman, Rev. G. Osborne Troop, rector of St. Martin's church, Montreal, formerly of the Milan correspondence of the London Times concerning the publication of the Bible in a leading daily newspaper in that city. The Times correspondent says: "The timeliness of this enterprise is to be noted. It comes on the back of the adoption of the new penal code by the Chamber of Deputies. Had it appeared earlier, the church could have suppressed it, or used its influence in that direction."

Commenting upon this great work, Rev. Mr. Troop writes: "We in Montreal who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity will surely cry—'God speed the work!' What a miracle it would seem if one of our leading French newspapers were to publish a French translation of the Bible (such as the above) for circulation throughout the province of Quebec; and how much greater a miracle if the French law of the province were at its back!"

Rubber Garments.

The ladies will be interested in some new rubber cloaks which Messrs. Estey, Alward & Co., are now showing. These cloaks are made by very skillful workers, and from new materials, for which the Gossamer Rubber Co. lately had patents granted. They will not rot, as they are made of Para rubber, and will not fall to pieces quickly, as the seams are all sewn, but are both handsome and durable garments.

Only an Hour Between Them.

There assembled at the residence of Mr. James Logan, Gondola Point, on Wednesday evening, with their parents, five children, the difference between the time of birth of each being but one hour. The parents and children are all healthy. Mr. Logan, the grandfather, says the air of Gondola Point is very wholesome.

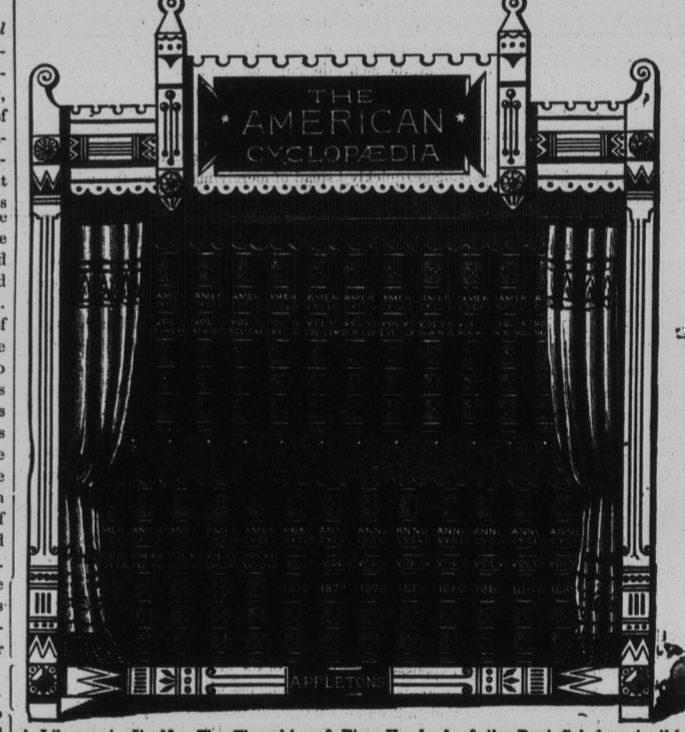
That Namesake of Ours.

The brand of Havana cigars that bears the name, "Progress," was sent out from the Bell cigar factory, this week. They are as good as the name indicates; so good that it is about an even thing for honors, as between the cigars and the title.

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The trampled spot With the blood of And the lips, that At night were still Trampled, and to Torn, and trampled Dear God, how c When we remain We stood with on We cheered as w Around us the d Around us the d And there on the Again that bill Answer! How bleeding? How can they: d We had faced the We had felt the g Faced it, and felt To face it, and fe But to stand in th And hear the un Repeated—and st We couldn't face We sang as we p We cheered as w We fired till the e And then we foug Fired, and fought Mid the thunder But the silence th That was the hell —Rev. W. A. BUMPS

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