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THE Convention of the Boards of Trade from nearly all the cities of the United States and Canada to be held in Detroit in July next, will afford an excellent opportunity for the dissemination of correct ideas regarding the Reciprocity Treaty. The great importance of the subject to Canada, and the necessity of having the question clearly apprehended by the public mind of the United States, render it essential that this opportunity should be improved.

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PHE necessity for strict control over our public departments is manifest. The disclosures in recent of the grossest frauds committed by men placed in situations for the very purpose of preventing frauds, show how little watchfulness is exercised by the heads of departments over their subordinates. When in a small matter like the Quebec gaol, false certificates, false measurement and work done which was entirely contrary to contract, could be passed over, and never detected until a quarrel took place between the guilty parties what assurance have we that more care is taken in branches of the public service where the interests are more involved. he accounts more complicated, and the operations scattered over the whole country, and in the hands of numerous agents? Frequent complaints have been made against the Crown Lands office by those who have had to transact business there, but as most of these charges were brought by men of slender influence, they were generally allowed to drop, any of a more serious nature being usually "arranged" A charge of a grave charac-ter has, however, been now brought forward. which it will be necessary to probe to the bottom. If it has the effect of calling attention to the whole subject of the Public Lands, we may congratulate the country, much as we shall regret the blow struck at the confidence which ought to be placed in public servants.

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Lately there were advertised for sale at Sarma 30,000 acres of Oil lands, of which 15,750 acres were sold, one sixth of this for 25 cents an acre! Some have stated that this was managed through connivance with subordinates of the department. We know that the lowest priced Government Lands for ordinary purposes and of average quality, are held at not less than from fifty to sixty cents an acre, although some may occasionally be got at land sales for a less figure How is it possible, then, that, without some gross fraud, for it is folly to talk of carelessness, such sales as those made of these oil lands could have been ailowed? The highest price obtained, and that apparently in only a few cases, was seven dollars and a-halt an acre. What the selling price of these lands is in private hands, most of us know. We have our own opinions as to the policy of deriving a revenue directly from the sale of Crown Lands, but so long as they do form part of the revenue, they must be honestly dealt with for that end. It is impossible that a charge of this kind can be allowed to be passed unnoticed, or that a clerk or two holding inferior positions should be sacrificed, while the guilty parties escape. We would not for a moment charge the Hon. Mr. Campbell, head of the department, with malversation of office, or with wilful neglect. But if a man undertake a charge, he cannot throw the responsibility off his own shoulders, and merely receive the honours and emoluments of the office. This is a matter of grave import to the country. The bungling and mismanagement connected with our Public Lands have stopped the influx to this country of wealth, muscle, bone and sinew, and turned the tide to the Republic along-ide of us. Haggling about a paltry half dollar, we have neglected to see that even the half dollars were honestly gathered in, and have for years been "looking after the pence" while the pounds have been taking care of themselves elsewhere.

THE U. S. 7-30 LOAN.

THE thirdseries of this great loan is now fairly upon the market, and we believe it is being rapidly taken un

The enterprising subscription agent, Mr Jay Coke of Philadelphia, is operating in all quarters, and we observe that even Canada has not been overlooked

Mr P D. Browne, and Messrs Prentice, Most & Co . two highly respectable banking houses of this city, have been appointed agents for the loan in this Province; and although we have recently explained its nature, as some of our readers may probably be disposed to invest in it, now that the securities are for sale here, we again refer to it.

It is called the 7-30 loan because the annual interest on every \$100 is \$7.30, but, as we before observed, the government reserves the option of paying the interest in gold at the rate of six per cent. instead of 73-10 in

currency
These securities are redeemable in currency in July 1868, or convertible into the 5-20 six per cent. igold interest bearing bonds. The amount of this third series is \$230,000,000, and it is expected that the whole will be taken up in two months.