

acy and pruriency. which under the designation of magazines have been flooding Canada can no longer exert their pernicious influence north of the International Boundary Line, and it is not too much to hope that a similar fate will befall the daily papers, subversive of every instinct of morality in human conduct, which have already been tolerated far too long. There is another hardly less important aspect of this question, and one which probably had more weight with our own Government, than any other, the manner in which, almost without exception, the American press traduces the character, mis-reports the conduct and mis-represents the opinions of every Englishman, especially if he be a man of note. Our American friends must often have smiled at the docility with which we have submitted to this invasion; they would long ago have taken a similar course to that now adopted by the Canadian Government, if the conditions had been reversed, and there is little doubt that when they realise the true reasons for the legislation they will appreciate the spirit which prompted it, and in their heart of hearts will admire a people who are as determined as themselves to be loyal, even in their literature.

Dropping The Pilot.

The resignation of Lord Cromer from the practical protectorate of Egypt can hardly fail to recall Tenniel's historic cartoon, which depicted the "diplomatic" resignation of Prince Bismarck under the title of "Dropping the Pilot." The Imperial Government has, to say the least of it, been exceedingly unfortunate in losing the services of two such brilliant men as Lord Cromer and Lord Milner. They were our two really great Pro-consuls. The reputation of the former is based upon a long period of service, and it has become a mere truism that he has re-created the land of the Pharaohs. Lord Milner's career, though briefer is hardly less splendid. Probably no other man, except his great master and mentor, could have taken hold of South African affairs at the conclusion of the Boer War, and in so short a time have disentangled every knotty skein, produced order out of chaos, loy-

alty out of rebellion and established constitutional government among a people who had barely sheathed their swords. The recent attendance of General Botha at the Colonial Conference and the attitude he assumed towards the Imperial Government is the most conclusive comment upon the sagacity and effectiveness of Lord Milner's policy. No adequate successor follows either of these statesmen, and it will require all the genius and devotion of Sir Edward Grey to maintain the administration in the North and South of the Dark Continent upon the high place to which it had attained. Already public opinion is veering in the direction of Lord Milner's attitude on the subject which led to his resignation, the labour question. Just why Lord Cromer resigned is probably still a State secret, although there can be little doubt from evidences which have leaked out that it was in consequence of actual or impending friction with the Home Government. It is not to take a political view of the situation, to surmise that a Government which drops two such pilots is heading for the rocks.

Sour Grapes.

It is an admitted scientific fact that the presence of discordant sounds is essential to the tuneful effect of melody. An illustration is found in the case of belfry chimes which in the stillness of the night-time are slightly out of tune, lacking the vibration produced by the discordant noises of the day-time. Herein lies a profound truth, which may be applied to many of the affairs of life. It seems at the present to be especially applicable to a few persons who are voicing their dissatisfaction at the development of British Columbia and the wave of prosperity which is sweeping over the Province. Their complaint is that "the other fellow" is getting rich, is making millions out of timber lands and pulp limits, while they are eking out a miserable existence on \$25 a week. The explanation is not far to seek—the grapes are sour. It is true that the Province is advancing by leaps and bounds, that settlers are flocking in, that lands are being taken up, that capitalists are securing, and paying for, hundreds of square miles of territory; it is also true