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What Canadian Editors Think

CANADA MINDS HER OWN BUSINESS. (Manitoba Free Press.)

(Mantioba Free Fress.) CANADA, officially, is minding her own business and keeping out of British party quarrels; and it would be an excellent thing if individual Canadians would follow the example thus set. They may do more harm than good to the cause they have at heart while their well-meant efforts heart, while their well-meant efforts will develop a certain amount of irritation between the mother land and The relations between Can-Canada. ada and the Empire will not be af-fected to any appreciable extent by the outcome of the next British electhe outcome of the next British elec-tion. Should the Liberals win, Can-ada will not begin playing "her own business game" in a sense differing from the way in which she has been playing it for the last forty years. If Great Britain goes back to Protec-tion the trade between Canada and the mother land may be affected, favourably or the reverse; but this will not affect Canada's position as an integral part of the Empire. That an integral part of the Empire. That does not rest upon trade or upon commercial considerations; and he who claims that it does misunderstands or misrepresents Canadian sentiment.

> BULKHEADS NEEDED. (Ottawa Journal.)

S OMETIMES question is raised re-garding the value of what are known as the bulk-heads in the ocean-going ships. These are cross partitions supposed to divide the ship off into compartments, each one of which is water-tight as against the compartments respectively ahead and behind. No doubt bulk-heads have failed very often to be effective owing to either improper construction or to doors from one compartment to another not having been closed in time; but the reports make it clear that but for the bulk-heads in the steamship *Republic* that vessel would have gone down like a stone with all her passengers before help could have arrived, and equally clear also is it that but for the bulkhead next behind the bow of the steamship *Florida*, which ran into the Republic and afterwards rescued her passengers, the Florida also must have sunk before any help could have reached her. These two facts alone are worth all the expense which has even been put into bulk-heads in ships.

> CLAPTRAP. (Canada.)

WHEN Mr. Lemieux lowered the postage rate on periodicals from Great Britain to Canada and increased the rate on those coming from the United States, American journals which had circulated freely in Can-ada found themselves handicapped, and found themserves handcapped, and those which had hitherto enjoyed a steady sale in Canada issued Can-adian editions. Some of these Can-adian editions are remarkable producadian editions are remarkable produc-tions and it is almost an insult to Can-adian intelligence to label such typical-ly Yankee effusions "Canadian." Take, for instance, the Canadian edition of *Collier's Weekly*. The only effort to cater for Canadian readers is to be found in a page or so of leaderettes or notes, which, though dealing with Canadian affairs, certainly do not seem to us likely to please any reader who look for anything but the wouldbe smart paragraph. For instance, what is the object of saying, "It took some time to teach Governors-General that all we expected them to do for fifty thousand a year and expenses was to look pretty?" Again, speak-ing of Sir Percy Lake, *Collier's* says: "It was only after we had named him Inspector-General (sic), and stripped

him of all authority that we hit it off

him of all authority that we hit it off all right. Sir Percy Lake is the first of these Inspectors-General. The King has knighted him for saying nothing but sawing wood." Then there is another note making game of Lord Roberts, which is in such bad taste that we need not quote it. *Collier's* has evidently but a poor opinion of Canadian intelligence if it supposes that anyone is deceived by effusions of this kind. A paper that appears week by week designedly to do its best week by week designedly to do its best to sneer at everything British, and in-deed to undermine Canada's loyalty to the Empire, has no right to call it-self the national weekly—a title which, by the way, is also borne by the *Can-adian Courier*, a purely Canadian iournal journal.

JAPS A MENACE.

(Bruce Herald.)

(Bruce Herald.) The question of Japanese aggres-sion on the Pacific coast is becoming quite as acute in the United States as in Canada. With us indeed it may be said to have just commenced, but in the United States it is already working at the social foundations of the country. The Japs have been making their way through the Pub-lic Schools and are now claiming equal rights in that respect with the white citizens of the Republic. Apart equal rights in that respect with the white citizens of the Republic. Apart from what may be considered na-tional race feeling against them, it has been found in all the large towns that the problem of placing Japanese students in seats along with girls and boys of tender years in the Pub-lic Schools is working out badly. The Japanese youths are extremely immoral. American parents have immoral. American parents have become alarmed at the conditions brought to their knowledge in this respect, and are insisting on placing the Asiatics in special schools by themselves. The Japs live so cheaply that white men can't compete with them. They are sober, industrious, and frugal, but dishonest, profligate, and untruthful. They are pagans in religion, and have no conception of Christian principles. It is evident that their rapid influx on the Pacific coast will before long force the peo-ple of the Western States especially, if not the entire Republic, to deal with them on the lines of necessary self-defence. respect, and are insisting on placing self-defence.

> BACK TO SIMPLE LIFE. (Kingston Standard.)

IT is astonishing how some ordinar-ily alert intellects resist the march ily alert intellects resist the march of civilisation. There are some peo-ple to this day who will not go on a railroad train, and there are some who cling tenaciously to ordinary lamps though they could well afford to have gas or electricity. But for a really obstinate refusal to fall in line with the spirit of the age com-mend us to the London, England, judge who admits that he has never taken the trouble even to look at a telephone and that he would not know how to use one if he had to. His argument is that people managed to get years ago and that they can therefore very well get along without it now. But people managed to get on without the telegraph one hundred years ago; they managed to get on without print-ing in the olden days; they managed even to get on with tallow candles; but will it be contended that they did so well as they do in these days or were so happy or prosperous or con-tented? Probably if Judge Mills had his way he would have us go back to the telegraph one hundred years ago; his way he would have us go back to the old days when every man was his own shoe-maker, his own baker and his own tailor. Where would pro-gress be then?



