FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1907.

#### OVERHAUL THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

A few days ago the Bulletin pubthe draft was prepared by the comto concede. Offered as the basis for negotiation it is reasonable to suppose that the only concern of the party offering it was to make their interests plain, leaving it to the city authorities to look after the interests of the

important matter. franchise would be to secure a gas Canada is really a sound proposition given the privilege of laying gas self. they have gas to deliver through the Dominion.

pany finding themselves unable to de- social derelicts. liver gas. Assuming the company to our streets underlaid by mains we business itself. In either event it evitable aftermath of injury to pave. different places, from all accounts. ments and the addition of a perpetual burden of fixed charges on unnecessary mains and equipment. In gration of every kind, gives us pause the city a clause should be inserted their operations for the most part to

demand for gas. There is no time limit to the franchise proposed in the draft. It would
run forever. If at any future time
the city should find itself able to prothe unemployables. What we want, cure a gas supply on better terms the and what we need above all, is the 1906 he arraigned the Government in interests of the party are different. present franchise would stand in the man and woman who work and who the following strain: way. It would permit the company natural and likable in itself, and work to cover the city with mains and force hard because the desire to labor is the city to pay their price if a change prompted by a laudable ambition. were desired. This is hardly in accord with the experience of munici- endants of those forefathers of ours palities in relation to such corpora- who had the strength and grit to tions elsewhere, and is altogether out carve out of the forest primaeval of accord with the conditions on which homes for themselves and their loved franchises are granted to-day. To provide for the future it should be separable from the pioneer days are

made possible for the city to take over not required now in anything like the the company's equipment at a fair same degree. price at regularly recurring periods of "Let there be no mistake about say five or ten years, or as an alter-this: brain, brawn, and British de-termination have ample scope and native that the franchise be limited measureless opportunity for to a certain period, subject to re- The Overseas Empire shall never be newal.

It is by no means clear that the franchise asked for would not be exwed the state of the state o clusive. If so, then in the event of the company being either unable or country and its possibilities, impatiunwilling to supply gas, the muddle ent of the condescending airs of would be perpetual. If it were a mat-bit touchy of outside criticism, but ter of absolute certainty that the all the same a race of self-reliant, city's interests could be protected, an hardy, hard-working people, exclusive franchise would possess certain advantages to the city over a non-exclusive franchise. But this has non-exclusive franchise. But this has the days more or less distant when never yet been demonstrated to be a they shall sit down by the west winmatter of unquestionable certainty, dow of life and watch their sun set. and the only safeguard of the city is

SEMI-WEEKLY—Subscriptions per rate for the supply of gas to consum- and who has recognized that there is year \$1. Subscribers in the Un-ited States \$2. All subscriptions ers other than the city. This of course though the channel of vigorous and is omitted from the draft is probably due to the confidence of the company that the city would not overlook a detail of such a signal consequence and to ed to the cities, and from amongst of the detail will involve some nego- proportion of suitable immigrants fo tiation.

Altogether the draft would be betlished the draft of a proposed agreement between the city and the Ameri- as it will doubtless receive. The over- earnest, who desire greater elbow can Canadian Oil Co., relating to a hauling would be better done as a room for their efforts, and a surer renatural gas franchise. Very clearly preliminary to the main question of pany. It may be assumed, therefore, that it contains practically all that cleared, and the general conditions tion. on which the city would consider the on which the city would consider the looked to Canada as a haven of rest nothing that the company is prepared granting of a franchise definitely laid has long ago been recognized as a dedown.

## CANADA'S EMIGRATION

The visitors to the Canadian Emidrawn from all classes of society so city. It is up to the city solicitor, far-flung are the nets with which Mr. the commissioners and the city coun- Bruce Walker and his assistants, vericil now to see that clauses are in- table fishers of men, secure the popuserted fully defining and safeguarding lation which Canada requires for the the interests of the city, as a preliminatural resources. In fact, Mr continuous development of her vast inary to discussing the granting of Bruce Walker's visiting-list must be the franchise. Otherwise the letter of about the most inclusive document of the agreement may very well be ob- the kind in existence. First comes a scured or neglected in the considera- working-man from Northern England, tions of the general question, and asks few questions, and those straight a hard-fisted, hard-headed toiler who the letter of the agreement is an all to the point. Next comes a ne'er-do well, one of the class whom Ian Mac-Among the clauses of the draft laren's village worthy defined as there does not appear to be any undertaking on the part of the company does not waste much of his time on a to supply gas nor to prove their abil- person in whom, to quote a Sheffield ity to do so. This is surely an omis- saying, the observer discerns "more sion which should be remedied. The only purpose of the city in granting a rives, and learns to his relief that supply and an agreement conferring a and that the peasants from his diofranchise should contain a stipulation cese, who are flocing to the country that the company must prove its abil- find here a good field for the invest- those who act on the belief that asthat was once "New France." ity to supply gas before securing the ment of their power of working-Mon franchise, and must supply the gas Dieu, how they work in the French after securing it. Ability to deliver countryside!—and of the jingling con- in England. A tour through the the government now joins in conthe goods and an undertaking to do tents of their stocking-banks. Finally, the inevitable journalist enters, and is so, should be conditions precedent to received as by a worker of the craft, the awarding of the contract. The Mr. Bruce Walker having been for city should insist that any company many years a newspaper man him-To this last visitor he explains mains must produce evidence that the immigration policy of the great discovered that many assisted emimains and must undertake to deliver phor in the first instance, the mesh of influences of English charity only to that Mr. Foster like his leader and the departmental nets is to be widen-Nor does there appear to be any fall out of them into the ooze whence provision in the event of the combetour fall out of them into the ooze whence they came. Canada wants no more transporting them to a point in Canbettering their political headway.

"The swelling tide of Canadian imthese circumstances, we would surely with a flood time to Canada of nearly people. would have no gas—or an insufficient would have no gas—or an insufficient would have no gas—or an insufficient sorb in our national life, and it is arrival in the Dominion should be the other franchise must be given or that withstanding diverse interests, ideals, agencies in the mother country which the city would have to go into the and capabilities, we succeed to a assist emigration must in future proresidue of dissatisfied, unsuccessful first two or three weeks. would mean more tunnelling and and undesirable immigrants, is not and the members of unemployed

"The emigration work of charitable societies, and, indeed, assisted emiand food for concern. Charitable and the interests alike of the company and philanthropic organizations confine find themselves unable to meet the so that we may differentiate between the casually unemployed and the unwork hard, who work because it is

built up by the grouser and the growl-

"Speaking of London alone, I to make any franchise granted expli-that emigration to Canada will solve that emigration to Canada will solve London's unemployed problem. It is not one of those who favor the belief

sive. It is not enough that the draft | the country-bred man we need, and it does not stipulate an exclusive fran-chise it should be made to state Canaan and Canada—two widely chise; it should be made to state is he who succeeds best with us—the DAILY -Delivered in City, \$4 per very emphatically that no franchise man with a knowledge of farming, or at least, with agricultural instincts The draft provides no maximum who has known what it is to work is an omission to which the city will persistent application. These are the not consent for a moment. That it men that Canada needs most and those to whom our eyes are most constantly turned,

"Mr. Charles Booth has pointed ou

that men of country birth have drift their expectation that the settlement the struggling masses we get a fair our vast farm lands, but we have no use for the "ne'er-de-weel," soaker, or the trifler. We want the ward for their perseverance. We are getting every year a larger proportion whether or not a franchise will be of these hustlers. Our hopes for the The day when the trifler, time-server, and the unstable man looked to Canada as a haven of rest There is no room for those lusion. who would not do well in their native country. The chances are they will do no better vonder in Canada. portunity, and able and willing cost that it does not pay them. The increasingly rigorous selection hits them pretty hard. In order to exact to recently in this form: greater care on the part of the steamhip agents, it is interesting to know that they are required to convey re-Many people in England will cost. e surprised to learn that Canada has eported, for one cause or another, in he last three years, one in every 496 English immigrants, one in every 955 ish, and one in every 1,666 Scottish immigrants. These figures seem at first sight uncomplimentary to English immigrant: but it is only fair

to remember that neither in Scotland

or in Ireland do there exist emigration agencies of a philanthropic Mr. Bruce Walker had much more to say that was interesting. One point should be borne in mind by sisted emigration is the key to the This is a mighty army of men and helping hand, but the emigration gratifying degree, for, after all, the vide the means for tiding over the Guardians

### THE PARTY BEFORE THE COUNTRY.

Opposition journals are bitterly assailing hte Government for having enabling the city to take over the the large centres of population and rushed precipitately into the commermains within the city at a fair valua- to the very camping ground of the cial treaty with Japan, the implicamains within the city at a fair valua-tion if and when the company should with more time for york requires constant, watchful care, consideration and discussion, the Op-There is no time limit to the franch- employable, for the boundary line is treaty. It may be well to con-

"A person who was not acquainted with the history of this matter might very well have supposed from by the British government. . .

the treaty, and consequently would correct. That a grain blockade occa- ally.

the House drew attention to the fact turn it at an early date. By this "few which a farmer need trouble that there was still a possibility that means the supply of money can be "about-not many more than there Canada might be included within kept constantly busy in the task of "are different kinds of crops grown; Municipal nominations three weeks the provisions of that treaty. Then, moving the crop, and if so used there "and every cultivator of the soil from Monday, elections one week and then only, this government is no reason to doubt that the supply "knows the difference between wheat, later. woke up, then and then only it available is ample to meet the pur- "barley, oats, rye, peas, turnips, beets, stirred around, and after the lapse pose.

years to come " nor indeed can be fail anywhere. The months, and the opinions of Mr. Fos. not always done likewise. emigration agencies who have sent ter are liable to variation under ndesirables to Canada know to their such circumstances. His revised views he gave to the people of Toron-

"Did Great Britain shove Canada and who alone, could put Canada under that treaty? Not the policy of the British government. Nobody aroused and great international inpays for that cardinal fault of his of rushing into a thing without proper consideration."

Thus the Mr. Foster who twelve olution of the unemployed problem months ago lamented the slowness of

ed in the multitudinous life of the able to change his spots, but the ed in the multitudinous life of the lable to change his spots, but the great Canadian cities, such as Mont-views of Mr. Foster are subject to no They might become one in name, but To continue the meta-grants, escaped from the pauperising The facts of the case are of course become at any rate, for a time de their journalistic friends are veering be a questionable benefit. Whatever transporting them to a point in Canada where, thanks to the admirable Twelve months ago when Canada was of purpose and interest. Inter-civic ficers of the bank say that they are machinery of the emigration departance anxious to develop trade with Japan, rivalry is better for both than interact in the best of faith and in their own best interests, that they install mains throughout the city, and provide all the gas they can secure, the vide all the gas they can secure, the city under the draft has no recourse if this supply should not prove suffitie this supply should not prove suffitween what we get and what we need.

choosers. Every year we are making necessary sticks of furniture, etc.—
not easily obtained by people without friends to whom tween what we get and what we need.

choosers. Every year we are making necessary sticks of furniture, etc.—
not easily obtained by people without credit and without friends to whom the control of the contro prise, while sectionalism could only cient, or if it should run out. Under This year of grace, 1907, will close they might refer hesitating trades-In such cases the Canadian "rushing" into the treaty and blames be in an unfortunate position. With 300,000 immigrants from all sources. church organizations had extended a the treaty for permitting the influx of Japanese. The attitude of the government twelve months ago was presupply. This would mean that an wonderful how well we do it. Not- end of almsgiving, and the various cisely what it is to-day—that the adop- Farm Weeds, which should be of great tion of the treaty does not annul or interest and usefulness to agriculturaffect the convention by which Japan ists throughout the Dominion. The previously agreed to limit the number bulletin is a very attractive volume of emigrants coming to Canada, and of about a hundred pages. The weeds trenching on the streets with the in- more than 2 per cent., and many of boards must consider this question the Japanese government is bound to most prevalent and troublesome are this convention. If the Opposition to- and habits of each minutely describdesire to restrict the influx of Japan- it explained. ese they would join hands with the government in a unanimous demand will aid to serve is suggested by a from the Canadian people that the paragraph in the introduction from Tokio government live up to their the pen of Mr. James Fletcher, Do-

# THE BANKS AND THE CROP

MOVEMENT The placid confidence of Canadians the speech and from the remarks in the superiority of our banking systhat were made that this was a tem was rudely shocked a few days brand new treaty made with the ago by the report that the banks were young and rising Empire of Japan shutting down on the grain men and and for which the government might refusing to advance the money necesvery well take to themselves special sary to handle the western crop. This "plied to several plants; Black Muscredit. Well, when one looks into was immediately denied or qualified it, it all simmers down to this, that by the explanation that it was not the it is but the late confession of a grain-dealers but the grain-speculators blunder, it is but the tardy attempt whom the banks were refusing to asto retrieve a mistake, to say the sist, that the buyer who bought grain "has nowhere appeared as a pest." least of it, made many years ago. and shipped it was accommodated For this reason a remedy may often The fact of the matter is that in with all the financial assistance ne- be neglected simply because the name 1894 a treaty was made with Japan cessary, but that the banks were not of the plant for which it is suggested advancing money to enable specula- is not the name by which it is locally This government at that time, I sup- tors to hold grain for long periods in known in certain sections. That a pose, carefully looked into the mat- the hope of making larger profits. ter and they came to the conclusion | It is to be hoped the explanation is mies must be known by the same

of two years they come to us with In this matter the banks are not al- "importance of the subject is recog- Commissioner question. The point of what is called a treaty with Japan. together free-will agents. They have "nized to learn the names, nature and the controversy appears to be whether Well, sir, if there is one reason now a duty to the public to perform, and "appearance at different stages of or not the prospective incumbents are why this treaty should be hailed and in the interests of both themselves "growth, and also the seeds of stink worth the money. acclaimed with delight and with and the public should recognize the "weed, hare's-ear mustard, false-flax, applause, as I believe it should be, duty and govern themselves accord- "Canada thistle, field sowthistle, Philadelphia Ledger: "Canada is there were ten reasons ten years ago ingly. Canadian banks are not private "sweet grass, quack, etc., than to re- "getting some population from this why it should have been adopted enterprises. They have been invested "cognize the familiar plants which "country, but it contains a sprinkling and its povisions taken advantage of with a valuable franchise; are given "have been grown for many years as "of fellows who sneaked across the by this country, simply because ten a monopoly of immense value, and "crops." years of benefit over and above what safeguarded by the laws of the land. While different methods are called Uncle Sam entertains a few Canadian this country can now obtain would For these reasons the public has a for by the habits of different weeds, travellers of the same kind. have been obtained by intercourse right to demand that the funds of the certain general principles are laid with that country at a period of banks shall be first available for the down applicable to the general crutime when probably its demand up- legitimate business needs of the counsade. on such products as Canada could try, and that the speculative ambi- 1. There is no weed known which study. For instance, the study of have afforded would have been even tions of certain individuals shall not cannot be eradicated by constant at- human nature is never more intergreater than they will be in the be permitted to deflect the funds from tention, if only the nature of its esting than when changing conditions this first and primary duty to the growth be understood. Mr. Foster twelve months ago was multitude of individuals who com- 2. Never allow weeds to ripen seed.

thus regretting that the treaty had prise the public. The contention of 3. Cultivate frequently particularly not been in operation for the past ten the bankers is that they are recogniz- early in the season, so as to destroy PROBLEMS. the man who is looking for his op- ing that Mr. Foster expresses himself from the speculator that they may be killed.

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tion in spring.

spud and the hoe.

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Another Bank Closes.

under. .

careful.

ral schools.

The Calgary Herald announces with into the Japanese treaty? No! Who. assurance that Edmonton wants to annex Strathcona. This sounds authoritative, but it is not true, and never has been approximately true. could put Canada under that treaty been citizens of both cities who fabut Canada herself. Who brought vored union for the sake of the civic 'blundering British diplomacy'? Not at all. It was Sir Wilfrid Laurier that brought Canada under that economy it might effect, and who that brought Canada under that treaty. Now, when the country is realm of dreams. It never won the terests are mixed up, Sir Wilfrid support of a majority of the citizens of either city, nor of a sufficiently large number to develop it into a practicable and tangible project, nor is it likely to do so for many, many farmer against the weeds. Copies may years at least. Both cities are quite be had free by addressing the Departsmaller Ontario towns has revealed a demning the government for "rushing separate courses, and both realize that have made in the pursuit of their somewhat serious evil which had been altogether overlooked, the evidence of its existence being naturally concealits existence being naturally conceality and the change his spots but the Nature has separated them, and they cannot for a long time at least become out such unity a nominal union would ment might easily be lost in diversity land, closed its doors today. The ofnecine feud-always provided the riv- holiday to straighten up their bus

> "FARM WEEDS" The Federal Department of Agriculture has issued a special bulletin on respect and fulfill the obligations of splendidly illustrated, the appearance day were governed by any sincere ed, and the best method of eradicating One good purpose which the book

convention obligations. That they not minion entomologist, under whose position would have killed the only do not do so, but assail the gov-direction the work was prepared. Mr. ernment when they attempt to do so, Fletcher says: "In the fight against convicts the Opposition not only of in- "noxious weeds the first thing of imsincerity but absolute disregard "portance is to know a weed when "seen and to call it by its true name, 'not necessarily its botanical name, 'but the name by which it is gen-"erally known and written about in 'agricultural publications. Local 'names unfortunately are often "wrong. There are, for instance, at "least half a dozen plants of quite "different habits, which are locally "known under the names 'Russian' "Thistle;' 'Ragwort," is a name ap-"tard' again is used for two or three "troublesome plants of the mustard "family, whereas the true black mus-"tard is seldom seen in Canada, and general effort may be made, the enethat they would not be included in correct, and that both halves of it are names throughout the country gener-

not share in its benefits. . . . sioned by a lack of funds would be It is necessary also to be able to And from 1896-7 up to the present a calamity scarcely needs to be stat- distinguish between the pests, for time Great Britain and Germany ed; and one of the best possible ways having different habits, the remedies and France and the United States of of inviting that calamity would be to most effective are not the same. On America have all had the benefit permit the money available for the this Mr. Fletcher says: "Although that flowed from the treaty or sim- grain trade to be tied up by the spe- "there are several hundreds of differilar treaties, whilst Canada has been culators. If the money at the dis- "ent kinds of plants growing wild in absolutely debarred from any of posal of the banks is limited, this is "almost every locality, and many of those benefits. Some two years ago, all the more reason why it should be "these may sometimes appear among I think it was, we on this side of advanced only to those who will re- "cultivated crops, there are only a ON THE SIDE

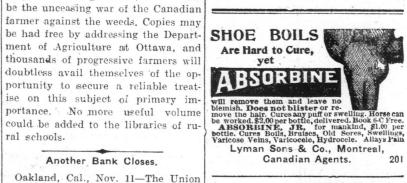
fetc. It is no more difficult if the Calgary is again discussing the

"line and dare not come back." Well,

tions add to the interest of nature of climate demand a personal encounter with the furnace.

years. This of course is far from say- ing this duty in preserving the funds seedlings while small and easily ers have been engaged to carry coal to in a similar view to-day. The anti- the more readily available to the 4. Many weed seeds can be induced its cruise to the Pacific. It is well for gration offices at Charing Cross are grasp it firmly when it comes, and to Japanese agitation in British Colum- trader. In this they are to be com- to germinate in autumn by cultivat- the dignity of Uncle Sam that the pay the price in the shape of constant bia has developed in the intervening mended; the regret is that they have ling stubbles immediately after har. Japs have no sense of humor. A fleet vest. Many of the seedlings would without colliers is not very likely to be killed in winter or could be easily go to war, nor to make a signal sucdisposed of by ploughing or cultiva- cess if it should do so.

5. All weeds bearing mature seeds "pected that Thompson Seton, the should be burnt, and under no cir-'writer of animal stories would recumstances should they be ploughed 'turn by way of Calgary, but after spending the day in Edmonton he 6. All weeds can be destroyed by the use of the ordinary implements of the farm, the plough, the cultivator, the "about them." For once we how to 7. Be constantly on the alert to pre vent new weeds becoming established the superiority of Calgary, and admit that Mr. Seton missed his chance The mild and gentle creatures he encountered here cannot be classed with the tainly be introduced from time to time even on the farms of the most snorting journalists and bellowing boomsters of our southern contempor ary. Then there is the Herald-but Mr. Seton is not an antiquarian. stimulus and a guide in what should





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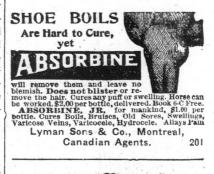
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# Grain Ma

perienced today market for which t counting. otherwise condition Trading was active ported no improv cial situation. for cash wheat, but er grades. Feed were not in demand November was up 3 May -23/4. The was in December. market, conditions that holders of long there is a loss, and starts they bid the will not sell. Smal grading and streng narkets was no dou the advance. Coarse quite a run at the cle in prices were only ceipts of wheat were were of contract s options, wheat, \$1.01%, closed \$1.05 \$1.01½, \$1.04; May Oats—November 57, 5 571/2; May 58, 5834. prices, No. 1 Northern Northern, 99; No. 3 M 72: No. 6 Northern, 69 57½; flax, \$1.22. Ame May \$1.021, \$1.04; Ju \$1.041/4; May \$1.081/2, \$

YESTERDAY'S GRAIN

Winnipeg, Nov. 14

cables were % to 1% but the close was uncl % higher. The Ame opened about yesterday and a dull steady ma with very little fluctuat the close being 1/2 cent cent higher than yest Winnipeg market follow States markets pretty and not of a good o closing prices are: 1.05%; No. 2 Norhern 5 wheat, 751/2; No. 6 w wheat, 59; No. 2 feed, en route or November tures: November 1.05 1.04%, May 1,12½. Oats 58 cents; No. 3 white, 4 ed. 46. Flax-No. 1

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GRAIN INSPECTION

St. Paul, Nov. 13.-Min inspection is all right and as it is. This was the rived at after a conferen by Governor Johnson, m Railroad and Warehouse Grain Inspection Board Inspection Board of AI meeting was held for th hearing the objection of polis and other millers to the present inspection objection of the millers inspection was not rigid that some frosted whea ed in that passed as Grain Board of Appea that there has been no rules of the board and spection is as thorough. They said that no whe nigher grades, conta wheat to any extent. The

TEST CATTLE H Ottawa, Nov. 13.-Th government is paying tion to tuberculosis tes

for objection.