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BURGLARS

The Ancaster tragedy is not without its moral. A retired farmer and the treasurer of the township is aroused at the dead of midnight by the advent of burglars in his sidnight by the advent of burglars in his rural home. His first thought is to defend himself and his property regardless of consequences. He meets the thieves on the stairway leading to the upper rooms of his residence, and assails them with a heavy chair. They are prepared for such resistance, for one of the villains draws a loaded revolver and shoots the old man dead, and overawing the women of the household, complete the robbery of the premises at their leisure.

It is an old story that in a struggle with a burglar the average householder is at a serious disadvantage. It may be hard to believe or expellent the resolution, but really the structure of the structure of the structure of the structure. Note there are to the young a trade restriction that they cannot compete in commerce with the farmers of the United States on equal terms on this continent, and that therefore they should ship their produces to England. How what follows when our farmers do should ship their produces to England. Have they not to compete on equal terms what follows when our farmers do should ship their produces across the Atlantic? Have they not to compete on equal terms on this continent, and that therefore they should ship their produces across the Atlantic? Have they not to compete on equal terms on this continent, and that therefore they should ship their produce across the Atlantic? Have they not to compete on equal terms on this continent, and that therefore they should ship their produces across the Atlantic? Have they not to compete on equal terms on this continent, and that therefore they should ship their produce across the Atlantic? Have they not to compete on equal terms on this continent, and that therefore they should ship their produce across the Atlantic? Have they not to compete on equal terms on the farmers of the United States on equal terms on their formers of the United States on equal terms on the farmers of the United States on equal terms on the farmers of the United States on equal terms on their formers of t

a burglar the average householder is at a serious disadvantage. It may be hard to bring oneself to the resolution, but really the only reasonable method for dealing with a midnight intruder is to keep as few valuables in the bouse as possible, and if thieves do break through and steal observe a policy of masterly inactivity, trusting rather to close observation, with the view of subsequent identification, than to meet-

ing force with force. Thieves naturally get the idea into their heads that township treasurers and men accustomed to handle large sums of money are apt, at certain seasons, to have a sur plus in their possession. That must have been the idea of the men who murdered the Ancaster treasurer because he stood in their way. But in nine cases out of ten treasurers of municipalities get rid of their y as soon as they get it. The murplunder obtained by the thieves was hardly worth running the risk of being hanged for murder to secure. Better far, under such circumstances, for the householder to let the scoundrels have their way than to enter into an unequal combat that almost invariably results in grievous injury or death to any person suddenly placed on the

The best way to put down outrages of this sort is to deal with severity with the which the murderous thief can be combatted, and we trust that the law-makers and law-dispensers will aid in carrying it out. Any known thief who is found with a firearm or other murderous weapon in his ression should be treated as meditating reach of ability to carry out his felonious designs. He is a murderer in his heart, and should be treated as such.

TUPPER TO THE RESCUE.

The Ottawa Government again makes confession that it cannot get along without Sir Charles Tupper. After days of bickering, the Conservative leaders have been unable to reach a decision whether it is better to try to save their political necks by rushing on an election now, or to delay till the eleventh hour, and risk the exposures of another session of Parliament, the settlement of the Northwest schools question, and an exhibition of their contradictory policy regarding trade encouragement and tax re-

Tupper is therefore asked to come to the rescue. He will endeavor to reconcile the warring elements of the Cabinet, and no matter how the interests of the people are affected, it is probable that his counsel will the combines is doubly wrong. be followed. Until then, we suppose, the public will be kept in the dark as to what the Government really intends to do. The fact is, the members of the Cabinet do not know which way to turn to save themselves from the defeat which they know they justly merit. That they are solemnly pledged to delay the elections till the pledged to delay the elections till the and a third to those intending to participate voters' lists are again revised is nothing to in the Provincial Liberal Convention in

on, the Liberals would accept the issue, and prepare for the event. But the Liberal leader rightly pointed out that an election break in two at any moment. Recently re now held would be grossly unfair to turned travelers say that great crevasse thousands of young men who have qualified have been discovered in the interior which tor the franchise since 1889, when the last revision of the lists was held. It is a that many fear that the land will then sink gross misrepresentation to say that into the ocean. Most of the South Sea a desire to let these young men Islands have coral foundations. vote is an evidence of fear regarding the as Liberals would be disfranchised if an election were held on the old lists, and therefore the fair-minded electors in both parties cannot be expected to take kindly to the suggestion that the Communication of the comm result. Probably as many Conservatives as Liberals would be disfranchised if an to the suggestion that the Government should break faith with the people and go to the country on the incompleted lists. The pledge was not lightly given. When the partisan, unnecessary, from time to time like mushrooms, only to and expensive Dominion voters' lists were devised to replace the annual lists com-

ised in Jane each year. In April last, in discussing amendments to the Franchise Act, Hon. Mr. Chapleau, speaking for the Government said:

"If in July, 1891, the cepsus shows that the representation must be changed it will become necessary to have new elections shortly after the census, and those elections should take place in the beginning of 1892 by the natural death of this Parliament according to the constitution. The question which presented itself to me was this: By the experience of these tendences and the presented of the constitution. experience of the past, could a revision, beginning in June, 1891, be satisfactorily made, and would it be ready for the eventuality of elections in 1892? I have no reason to doubt it."

do well to explain. — [Northumberland Enterprise.

Another consideration is that in the markets of the old world the produce of Canada has to meet the products of the poorly paid laborers of India, Egypt and continental Europe. Even our hens have to compete with the pauper hens of Italy and France when our eggs are sent over the Atlantic. The true policy is to have trade as unrestricted as possible, permitting the producer, in selling as well as buying, to take the mar ket that lies nearest to him-if it pays him the best. If it does not, he will trad elsewhere. All trade is dictated by selfinterest, unless arbitrarily interfered with

COTTON AND RECIPROCITY.

It was the national policy which established our cotton industry, and directly caused this demand for raw material obtained from our neighbors. The Grit Opposition would close these factories, and necessarily cut off the importation.—[Toronto Empire.

by Government exactions and combine

influences established through Government

Nonsense. The cotton industry was firmly established and doing well long before the "N. P." was heard of. burglar fraternity. No mercy should be The Dundas mills, for example, shown to the Ancaster thieves, if they are were giving steady employment to were giving steady employment to captured. But there is another way in a full complement of workpeople and earning fair dividends when the policy of high taxation was invented. This winter, those employes have been walking the streets and have reluctantly been forced to accept food and clothing from the townspossession should be treated as meditating people to save themselves from starvation, while the shareholders have been comnelled to whistle for their dividends, and the market value of their stock has gone down far below par. On the other hand, the Moncton, N. B., cotton factory, started on the strength of the ill-advised speculative boom, has collapsed, and the shareholders are being paid the munificent dividend of 4 cents on the dollar !

What an impotent aid high taxation has

As to the condition of the industry under reciprocity, Senator McInnes, who has large interests in cotton factories, affirmed during the first "N.P." campaign that reciprocity would be welcomed by the cotton manufacturers. They could, he said, hold their own if they had entry into the markets of the States. And why should they not? They have surely as much brains as their New England rivals. They have cheaper labor than their States competitors, and they would be as near the great markets of the continent. Senator

PERSONAL AND GENERLA. -There are 3,021 lawyers in Canada and nearly one-half of them find a living in this Province.

-The railways will sell tickets at a fare Toronto next month. A large and repre-Hon. Mr. Laurier, in his speech at the sentative gathering is already assured, and Club National banquet last night, said that if an immediate election were determined and electing delegates. and electing delegates.

-It is said that the island of Cuba may

111 -A remarkable article by Professor sumption of the lungs and the alleged discovery of Professor Koch. Dr. Buchanan regards the lymph syase as another of the numerous medical fads which spring up from time to time like mushrooms, only to

piled by non-partisan municipal officials, tific hypothesis. He praises, however, the by Professor Koch.

> OTHER NEWSPAPERS, A TICKET FOR SOUP!

From Christian-at-Work, New York.

St. John, N. B., Telegraph.

The Ottawa National Policy soup kitchen appears to be doing a large business. It may not be long before thirteen Cabinet Ministers are themselves in the tureen! AS TO CHURCH UNITY.

It was a good thing for the Presbyterian to discuss "Church Unity" at their meet in the proposition of the conduct of the Ministry. That it is meditated, the delay in calling Parliament together, the summoning of Tupper, the quasi-defense by the organs of the breach of the guarantee given by the Ministers, all portend.

If postponement of dissolution is finally agreed to, it will not be from desire to act constitutionally and according to the solemn pledge of the Secretary of State, but because the political gamesters are not prepared to stake their all at the present time, dark and ominous though their future outlook may be.

It was a good thing for the Presbyterians to discuss "Church Unity" at their meeting last week; and it was a wise thing and fortunate that Bishop F. D. Huntington was present to take a leading part in the discussion of the same sheen it here is the shop has been largely instrumental in preparing the famous four articles of agreement put forth by the House of Bishop as a basis for eternal union. The discussion may not eternal union. The discussion on the famous four articles of agreement put forth by the House of Bishop as a basis for eternal union. The discussion on the famous four articles of agreement put forth by the House of Bishop as a basis for eternal union. The discussion on the famous four articles of agreement put forth by the House of Bishop sas a basis for eternal union. The discussion one of eternal union. The discussion one of eternal union. The discussion on the subjective Church Unity, but beyond any doubt it will promote Christian Unity, and that must be perfected before were not cold—and perhaps wisely so—just what Historic Episcopate; but we were not told—and perhaps wisely so—just what Historic Episcopate was meant. There is a till the open question as to who was the creator of the Episcopet—Christ and the Apostles, or later church usage. Probably, though, the same difference of opinion would be allowed on this subject the Historic Episcopate which has its base in history; but there is still the open question as to who was the creator of the Episco

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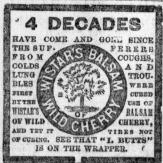
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