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A SLANDER.

Most intense indignation has been caused in Woodville through the appearance of a letter to the New York "World" and which was reproduced by the Toronto "Globe" and "Mail" of the 1 th inst., from Mr. H. Labouchere, the famous editor of "Truth." London, Eng. Writing to the "World" in reference to the bringing to this country of children for adoption he says :-

"The following communication is from a lady who has had ample opportunity of seeing how the children who are sent to Canada are treated. I confess that I never had very great confidence in the advantages of the Canadian adoption s stem. Some of the children may be well treated, but I suspect that the lot of the greater number is that pourtrayed by my correspondent: "I regret to learn that another batch of little waifs collected from our big cities is about to be sent to Canada. These poor little folks whose lot here is, indeed, hard enough, have at least in the land of their birth the sympathy and companionship of their kind. Transported to the backwoods of Canada amid dreary and strange surroundings, they are there doomed to pass their unhappy childhood and youth chopping wood-in fact doing the meanest work, clad in the coarsest raiment and subsisting on the roughest fare, which is not always plentiful. The averare Canadian rivals the Yaukee in his eagerness for the dollar, and he spares neither himself nor others' painstaking, scraping, nor protracted toil. Let me briefly describe a scene of which I was an eye-witness, and which occurred a few years ago. A lady arrived in Woodville. North Ontario, with a number of little English children for adoption. On the same day she gave a very touching and eloquent description of the way the children had been collected and shipped to Canada. The following morning the little boys and girls were placed on view in the village school-room range l in a row re slaves used to be down South for inspection. The news had been passed about, and the farmers and tradespeople had gathered to make their choice. Among the group of little ones were two little twin brothers, who did not seem to realize what was taking place. A farmer adopted one of them and another farmer took the second, the homesteads of the two men being nearly a hundred miles apart. The hour had now come for them to be parted, perhaps for ever, and at any rate their very names to be changed and their identity lost. No one save an eve witness can imagine the look of sorrowful amazement depicted on the little fellows' faces when they realized in their babyish fashion what it all meant. A mother, I think, would rather see her children taking the chances of the London streets than doomed to the

The above very graphic and touching picture is certainly not edifying, particularly to the people of the village in which it is said to have taken place and when it is known to be absolutely untrue, the indignation it has aroused can be understood. Never in the history of this place has children been brought here for distribution, nor is the story true in any particular. It is not likely the matter would have received any attention at our hands save for the fact that already several letters. have been received from different parts of Ontario by the Reeve asking for particulars of the case, and its denial if untrue. The latter we emphatically do. In reference to Mr. Labouchere's remarks which preface the quotation above we would say with him "we have never had any confidence in the advantages of the Canadian adoption system." Canada has enough waifs of her own to provide for, and the bringing of chidren of the London streets, is, in too many cases only increasing our criminal population, and very doubtful charity after all. We do not want them, and the philanthrophists who are seenergetically endeavoring to raise them from the gutters, are certainly to blame if after brought here they are allowed to be ill treated. Be that as it may, however, the children placed here in the great majority of cases have fallen into homes of comfort which they could never know in England and if an occasional case of hardship occurs and which possibly does, there are hundreds of the same waifs who may bless the day they saw the

shores of Canada and were received

soul-starving existence of a Canadian

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into the bosoms of Canadian families. By all means keep them in England and provide for them, it is something fitting and proper for English society to de, for to its peculiar condition these unfortunates may in a large measure attri mte their degraded and impoverished state. We hope our city cotems will repudiate emphatically the above libel on the people of this place and also on the people of Canada.

Editorial Dotes.

[By the Editor or gathered from Exchanges.]

A lively interest is again springing up iu the spread of the Cholera, more especially in New York. Since last summer, when it was imported, this dread disease has raged throughout the Argentine. Republic which is in close commercial relations with the United States. It is stated that so intense has become the dreadof contagion that those employed to hand'e the goods imported, refuse to do so without their disinfection.

THE Deputation appointed by the County Council of Victoria to interview the Provincial Government in the matter of separating Muskoka from Victoria did not receive much satisfaction from its visit to Toronto. All that was learned was that until Muskoka asked for the separation, which by the way will probably he a long time hence, the injustice to this County will remain unheeded. The Attorney-General says there is no precedent for separation in such a manner. Well, that is no reason why one should not be established right here. The best of reasons are present in this case and justice only would be extended to a suffering community.

THE Local Legislature was interested last Wednesday over the appointment of more magistrates which was urged by Mr. Clarke of Wellington who desires to have all Deputy-Reeves as well as Reeves mude ex-officio magistrates. Mr. Mowat during the conversation remarked he had never in a single instance refused to appoint where magistrates were required. We hope the member for North Ontario pointed out the case of Beaverton for his consideration. We do not know that Mr. Mowat has ever been askel to appoint another magistrate for this place, but this we do know that Mr. Gould, M. P. P., has several times been requested to call the attention of the Government to the necessity for another or even two more J. P's in Beaverton. We hope this reference to the matter by Mr. Clarke, may prove a reminder to Mr Gould.

Without Mr. Mowat's shuffle of the constituencies in Ontario the little Premier's majority in the present House, instead of being overwhelming, would be exceedingly slender, if not entirely wanting. Candor compels the admission that a like advantage has been gained by the Conservatives in the Dominion elections. The "Mail" the "Hamilton Spectator" and the "Owen Sound Times," with other independent and Conservative papers are insisting that an end be put to such outrages as have lately been perpetrated in the interests of faction, and a really equitable organization of constituencies obtained as speedily as possible. This can be done only by taking the power of readjustment out of the hands of the Government of the day, where it virtually rests at present, and vesting it in an impartial tribunal constituted for the purpose .-Orillia Packet.

Our cotem the "Pickering News" is authority for the statement that Mr. A. P. Cockburn, is to protest the late election in North Ontario. We do not know the source of our cotem's authority, but are requested to state that Mr. Cockburn personally has neither the time nor inclination for such a purpose and that the use of his name in this connection is quite unwarranted and without authority. We observe other journals have copied the above mentioned statement and would call their attention to this denial.

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