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R. S. Porter. That we can supply you with any MAGAZINE or NEWSPAPER published at the regular publisher's price. PORTER'S The Canadian Post. LINDSAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 17, 1896. THE OTTAWA CONSPIRACY AND CRISIS.

A reaction quickly set in against the conduct of the seven bolters who brought on the crisis at Ottawa by attempting to pistol the premier into resigning. They never expected, apparently, that Sir Mackenzie Bowell would take them at their word and accept their resignations instead of handing in his own, and though the conspiracy against the premier has evidently wide ramifications in the tory parliamentary party, there is a very strong and general feeling that "the old man" has been very badly used. Sir Mackenzie has made a dignified and manly statement to the senate regarding the situation, and he commands respect and sympathy. For the bolters and conspirators there is a far different feeling. They are the ones who have injured the conservative party and damaged, if not politically ruined, themselves. Their conduct in bolting at the singularly inopportune time chosen is inexplicable. It must have been done, as Mr. Foster would say, "in a moment of weakness." They must have been panic-stricken by the popular condemnation of the ministry and all its works, pronounced in Montreal, in Jacques Cartier, and in Cardwell. They knew—none knew better—the hollowness of the victory claimed in North Ontario, and the policy of "addition, division and silence" that snatched it from a surprised and misled electorate. They decided, therefore, to provide a "scapegoat," and secure for themselves and their co-conspirators the spoils of office and power. But they did not stop to consider the consequences if Sir Mackenzie declined to be made a "scapegoat"; and they overlooked the fact that the premier has more power than any of his ministers, and more even than seven in deciding the question of cabinet construction. They bolted—"into the soup"—and left Sir Mackenzie master of the situation for the time being. It is not surprising that the bolters should feel chagrined beyond measure. They have injured Sir Mackenzie, and seriously damaged, if not wrecked, the G. O. P., but they have done themselves to political death. The step they took would have been a very grave one at any time, but to resign after the speech from the throne, which they as cabinet ministers had assisted in framing, had been read by the queen's representative, and before it could be taken into consideration by parliament, was an act betraying not merely want of political courage, but exhibiting remarkable disregard of parliamentary practice and constitutional usage. It was treating the queen's representative with discourtesy and contempt. It was an affront to parliament that merits strong condemnation. It is charitable to presume that this view of the case never occurred to the bolters. They were so desperately anxious about their own fortunes and the success of their little conspiracy that they never took into consideration their treatment of parliament or the governor-general. In this they showed a lamentable want of not merely statesmanship and tact, but of ordinary common sense and fair play. They had a plain duty to the house, to the country and to the governor-general to discharge, and how did they discharge it? If it was true that they did not regard Sir Mackenzie Bowell as a suitable leader, they should have taken steps to test and settle that question before the speech from the throne was read by his excellency. If they desired merely to

change the leader, they could have done that after the speech had been disposed of, or at least dealt with in part. If they were afraid to take a vote of the house on the question of remedial legislation, then they should have had the common honesty to admit political cowardice. They have made the most cruel reflections on the venerable premier in order to provide some excuse for their own contemptible conduct, and they have been thwarting in every possible way Sir Mackenzie's perplexed efforts at cabinet reconstruction. According to the reports they are, then, sufficiently human—are the seven bolters—to wish that the premier may fail, and to work to that end. But there are evidently wheels within wheels, and cabals within cabals, in the conspiracies racking the tory parliamentary party now gathered at Ottawa. There are cliques to snatch cabinet places out of the difficulties created by the "bolt," and there are wiser ones who are quietly getting into havens of refuge in any office that can be made or opened for them. Some of the conspirators stand by Sir Mackenzie in order to get the vacant portfolios; others have quickly "sized up" the fact that few, if any, of the "seven bolters" can go back again, and away goes a fresh series of cabals and booms. This will to some extent explain, though it will not defend, a coarse attack upon Sir Mackenzie Bowell in the columns of the Lindsay Warder, edited by Mr. Hughes, M. P. for North Victoria. The Warder closes a long article on the situation as follows: "Whether Sir Mackenzie Bowell plays the man and the patriot and sends for Sir Charles Tupper, or, to form a cabinet, or performs the part of a politician and a coward by seeking to wreck the party, is merely a question of a day or two at the farthest. The great majority of Sir Mackenzie's friends feel certain he will advise his excellency to summon the old war horse of Cumberland, and go down like a true Briton with no stain on his name and fame." We believe people and parliament will condemn the application to Sir Mackenzie Bowell of the insulting epithets "politron and coward." The premier's long services to his party and his country entitle him in the present painful situation to considerate and courteous treatment, and we believe he has in this part of the country personal friends who will take occasion to condemn the use of such language. We are surprised, however, and pained to find the Warder's views and language reprinted prominently in the Toronto World as the "deliverance of Major Sam. Hughes," "whose claims," the World adds, "to the militia portfolio are being pressed in the event of Sir Charles Tupper taking the reins." The papers of the same day mention Mr. Maclean, of the World, as a probable colleague of Sir Mackenzie Bowell in reconstruction, and if this is the case the Toronto newspaper, in publishing the Warder's attack, is as bad as Mr. Foster, and the rest of the party may well exclaim, "Where are we at?" THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE CABINET CRISIS. The parliamentary correspondent of the Mail is devoting some attention to the course of the governor-general in dealing with the cabinet crisis at Ottawa. The correspondent is perplexed because if it was "necessary to sustain the dignity of the crown by declining to accept the resignation of the premier"—the speech from the throne having been read and not dealt with—"why was not the same course adopted with regard to the ministerial resignations?" Mr. Foster and the rest of the seven may re-echo this conundrum. What a capital thing it would have been if Lord Aberdeen had pointed out to them the probable consequences of their throwing up their offices "in a moment of weakness." That is a new idea of the functions of a governor-general to restrain bolting cabinet ministers from resigning their portfolios. And they came in wholesale, too—seven resignations in one fell swoop. The governor-general must have been simply paralyzed by the remarkable spectacle. It never happened before. It is safe to predict it will never happen again. The Mail's correspondent also informs not only new duties upon the governor-

general, but new methods of discharging them. The correspondent says: "Before the present unhappy complication arose the reconstruction of the government was understood to be only a question of a very short time. No doubt the matter was discussed among the leading members of the cabinet freely and frankly, and it will not be a matter of surprise if Lord Aberdeen in an official and friendly way has been kept posted as to the direction in which events were tending." Now if reports are correct the governor-general must have had a busy time of it. Did the Caron wing prevail over the Clarke Wallace faction? Did Haggart's muscle prove too much for John Costigan in the "back-hold" wrestle in the council chamber? Fancy the various stages of young Tupper's resignation and return, and the Montague and Foster intrigues, and all the other caballings that have been going on, being enquired into and reported "in an unofficial way" to the representative of the crown. Fancy a leading paper gravely imputing to a governor-general a line of conduct that had as its main object to belittle the premier and force him to retire. It is hardly necessary to say that Lord Aberdeen is personally too high-minded to listen to the little-tattle and caballing that has been going on, and that as governor-general he has a proper sense of the duties of his high office, and that would preclude the probability of any sensible man taking the line described by the Mail correspondent. EDITORIAL NOTES. How beautiful a thing it is to see Sir Mackenzie Bowell and his brethren dwelling together in unity. Canada could better get along with a mediocre clean man than with a shrewd, conscienceless adventurer. Sir Charles Tupper did not come over the ocean for nothing; the old raven scented the carcass from afar. Yes, Sir Charles Tupper is drawing his salary as high commissioner and his expenses in London are still going on. It is proposed at Washington to prosecute, fine and imprison a New York editor for communicating with officials of a foreign government. Toronto Telegram: What Canada will not readily forgive in the seven retiring ministers is their check in expressing disapproval at the time when James L. Hughes was expressing his entire approval of Sir Mackenzie Bowell. John Wanamaker, the good Philadelphia politician and Sunday school model, has been telling a big gathering in the Quaker City how he "got religion." He gave no information, however, as to how the party settled with him for the \$10,000 corruption fund he ordered poured into a single Ohio county and subsequently had to pay himself. With him "religion is religion; politics is politics." Another seat has been captured from the conservatives. On Tuesday last Mr. M. C. Cameron, the liberal candidate in West Huron, defeated Weismiller, the conservative candidate, by over 250 majority. Mr. Barron was actively engaged in the West Huron contest and was expected home on Wednesday, but went to West Huron to take a hand in the West Wellington provincial contest before returning. "Inconsistent Britain applauds the invasion of the Transvaal, but condemns resisting Venezuela; wants the gold in both places." That is the way the New York World heads the Transvaal despatches. The despatches themselves go to show that Britain did not applaud the invasion, but moved quickly and decisively to put a stop to it. But a little contradiction like that doesn't trouble a New York newspaper. The facts seem to be very much against the protectionists' claim that the Wilson tariff, which largely reduced the protection to the tin-plate mills, has injured them. The New York Journal of Commerce says "the total of tin and taro plates made in each of the past four years in round figures was as follows: 1892, 13,000,000 pounds; 1893, 100,000,000 pounds; 1894, 140,000,000 pounds; 1895, 194,000,000 pounds. The increase of last year over the year before was 30 per cent. The amount made from dom-

estic black plates has increased in two years from 43,000,000 to 16,000,000 pounds. "Gentlemen, I will stake my reputation that you won't lose a cent by this policy," said the politician to his audience; but a dear hearer on the back benches shouted: "But if we do lose a cent, we'll lose something that's worth a good deal more than what you lose if you lose your reputation." The prime minister should send for Sir William Whiteway. He could give him some points on making constitutional government contemptible. Newfoundland has shown itself unfit for and incapable of rightly appreciating the privileges and dignity of British constitutional procedure. The Tories seem to be bringing Canada down to the same level. The Mail and Empire says: "The conservatives may differ among themselves on matters of internal management; but they are as one man in their determination to save Canada from the faction to which they are historically in antagonism." That is another way of saying that the only principle on which they are agreed is hanging on to office and its emoluments. And haven't we the bolters' assurances that they have stood by Sir Mack for no other reason? The Halifax Chronicle does not think the present government deserves much credit for booming trade down that way. It says: "The service is just where it was left by Mackenzie in 1878, and so far as freight is concerned the situation is worse. In 1878 the ocean borne goods to and from Europe, via the port of Halifax, carried over the International Railway, amounted to 18,354 tons; in 1894, after sixteen years' development under tory auspices, the amount so carried was only 16,682 tons." At last we have reciprocity. The farmer is helping the government, because the government is helping the farmer.—Kingston News. . . . And the Hamilton Times hits back as follows:—True, true! The government has been "helping" to lighten the farmer's pockets and increase his salary as high commissioner and his expenses in London are still going on. It is proposed at Washington to prosecute, fine and imprison a New York editor for communicating with officials of a foreign government. Toronto Telegram: What Canada will not readily forgive in the seven retiring ministers is their check in expressing disapproval at the time when James L. Hughes was expressing his entire approval of Sir Mackenzie Bowell. John Wanamaker, the good Philadelphia politician and Sunday school model, has been telling a big gathering in the Quaker City how he "got religion." He gave no information, however, as to how the party settled with him for the \$10,000 corruption fund he ordered poured into a single Ohio county and subsequently had to pay himself. With him "religion is religion; politics is politics." Another seat has been captured from the conservatives. On Tuesday last Mr. M. C. Cameron, the liberal candidate in West Huron, defeated Weismiller, the conservative candidate, by over 250 majority. Mr. Barron was actively engaged in the West Huron contest and was expected home on Wednesday, but went to West Huron to take a hand in the West Wellington provincial contest before returning. "Inconsistent Britain applauds the invasion of the Transvaal, but condemns resisting Venezuela; wants the gold in both places." That is the way the New York World heads the Transvaal despatches. The despatches themselves go to show that Britain did not applaud the invasion, but moved quickly and decisively to put a stop to it. But a little contradiction like that doesn't trouble a New York newspaper. The facts seem to be very much against the protectionists' claim that the Wilson tariff, which largely reduced the protection to the tin-plate mills, has injured them. The New York Journal of Commerce says "the total of tin and taro plates made in each of the past four years in round figures was as follows: 1892, 13,000,000 pounds; 1893, 100,000,000 pounds; 1894, 140,000,000 pounds; 1895, 194,000,000 pounds. The increase of last year over the year before was 30 per cent. The amount made from dom-

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