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### THE DAILY WHIG. Opifer per Orbem Discor.

**A DOCTRINE IN QUESTION.** At the Canadian Society's dinner, in New York, Sir Frederick Borden made a hit by declaring that the Monroe doctrine was as good a thing for Canada as for the southern republics. "England," said he, "has the same amount of land on this continent now as she had when it was promulgated. Some of her best statesmen favored it then. It is a guarantee of no coercion, and of freedom and liberty. The Monroe doctrine is as much in favor of Canadian integrity as it is of the integrity of any other part of the American continent."

The sentiment may have given the distinguished men at the banquet cause for reflection. Under this doctrine the United States becomes the protector of all America. The eagle spreads its great wings across the continent and broods in peace over its interests. Perhaps that is an enlargement of the usual idea, but it is in keeping with the expansionist policy which generally prevails.

By the way, there is unlooked for trouble to the United States government in this protectorate business. Columbus—so small and insignificant in the south—is a thorn in the side of Uncle Sam. It is offered his protection—he urges it as a matter of form—and yet it denies him the rights and privileges he would exercise in the Isthmian canal. This and the accumulating tide of trouble in Venezuela is having its effect upon the Monroe doctrine. The chances are that time and experience will lead a new light to the philosophy of the late Mr. Monroe. Complications like those occurring in the south may bring about the changes all too soon.

The eventual revision of the doctrine will not be surprising. It is something, by the way, notwithstanding all the talk there has been about it, which has never had legislative confirmation. The message of the president is not to be compared with the enactment of congress.

### OVERDOING THE BUSINESS.

The Monetary Times has an article on the cement business, one which is corrective of current opinion. There were nine cement factories in operation this year and they made about a million and a half barrels of marketable goods. There are four factories in course of erection and capable of making 850,000 barrels, and three or four more industries in prospective, one in Kingston, which will add about 300,000 barrels a year. So that in 1903 there will be close upon 3,000,000 barrels of cement manufactured in Canada, to say nothing of the quantity which will be imported. The Monetary Times suggests the possibility of the business being greatly overdone. Canada, it observes, should be governed by Germany in the matter of cement production. There, during the last two or three years, so many new factories have sprung up that competition has been disastrous to the industry. In the year 1898, the leading factories were paying from 8 to 33 per cent. dividend. But by July of 1902, according to a report by the United States consul at Brunswick, "many now return nothing on the capital invested in them; others are issuing preferred stock to create new working capital, a number have stopped work, and one has gone into bankruptcy. The struggle has culminated in a conflict of extermination between the larger factories and the smaller. Prices of cement have fallen so that they are now at least twenty per cent. below the cost of production of the most capable managed works."

It will appear that to enable the Canadian cement factories to dispose of their outputs the consumption of Portland cement in Canada will have to be increased in 1903 by about 1,000,000 barrels, or an increase of 80 per cent over 1902. A thorough investigation into the conditions of the cement trade by those who contemplate erecting new factories, will, the Times remarks, prevent any disappointments and possibly disasters.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The movement of the vendors in Toronto to raise the price of milk has failed. Monopoly has not succeeded as it desired.

The Liberator abuses Mr. Ross over the referendum business, and yet expects him to do great things for the prohibitionist cause. The Liberator is bound to be irrational.

The Toronto Telegram wants North Ontario to exact a pledge from Hon. Mr. Foster, that he is through with the remedial legislation which "smash" the party in 1896. Does he agree?

Prof. Robertson, the dairy commissioner, has been making an enquiry into the question of consolidated rural schools in Ohio. The professor is putting some life into the subject. What he says is not new. It deals with the

quality of the work. What school trustees want to know is the advisability of trying the consolidation scheme in Canada.

The Grand Trunk Railway company is going to have opposition in its demand for a subsidy for its Pacific line. The west is against the proposition, and its voice will be heard in the clamours of the day.

The British government is wise in declining to restore to Mr. Kruger the privileges of citizenship in the Transvaal. There is no bail which would compensate for an indiscreet talk or conduct in which he might indulge.

The Mormon missionaries are active everywhere. There is not a church which would not exceedingly multiply if there were a house to house and most persistent canvass in its behalf. The activity of those Mormons is without a parallel.

On dit that Sir Oliver Mowat, when he leaves the lieutenant-governor's office, will rejoin the Ontario cabinet. It is absurd. Sir Oliver Mowat is not in the best of health, and in his advanced years is not at all likely to enter again upon active political life.

The waste that is cast upon the streets is something enormous. It is picked up readily and carried away, otherwise its appearance would be alarming. The thing is regarded as inevitable, but in Vienna the person who casts paper, used envelopes, or fruit peelings upon the street, would be arrested and fined. A similar course of treatment here for similar offences, would make a wonderful difference in the condition of our streets.

### PRESS REMARKS.

#### Time For Business.

Toronto News. If they're really going to have anti-treating societies, this is the time of year they're needed.

#### A Tip In Season.

Toronto Star. Those who are financially able to follow the fashions are advised that owing to high prices purses-strings should be worn loose this winter.

#### Getting Quite Friendly.

London Advertiser. The Detroit Free Press describes Canada as Uncle Sam's long-lost brother. Did you ever notice that when a man becomes prosperous his relatives begin to look him up?

#### A Necessary Change.

Toronto Mail. Many a man who intended to give his wife a diamond tiara for Christmas will decide to make her happy by presenting the household with a ton of coal instead.

#### Joys Of Expectation.

Ottawa Journal. The provincial premiers see a good fat turkey ambling among them in the shape of Dominion revenue, and we guess they are sharpening their snickerbones for good fat slices.

### THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

#### And The State Of The Parties In Ontario.

The bye-elections to fill the seats vacated by the courts for North Perth, North Norfolk and North Grey will be held on Wednesday, January 7th. North Perth and North Norfolk were carried in the general election on May 29th, by the conservative candidates, J. C. Monteith having a majority of two, and Dr. E. P. Snider a majority of twenty-three. In the previous legislature these seats were held by supporters of the government. In North Grey held by a conservative in the last legislature, a Liberal was returned in May, by a majority of five. Here is the situation:

Liberals ..... 48  
Conservatives ..... 16  
North Renfrew (vacant by 1 death) ..... 1  
Bye-elections set ..... 3  
Mr. Ross has decided to take chances on an immediate appeal in the three seats. If he wins the three he will have a majority of five. If he loses the three he will be one behind. If he loses one and wins two, he will be three ahead.

Then there is East Middlesex, which returned a Liberal. The petition has been tried, and on Saturday Chief Justice Meredith and Justice MacMahon decided that an appeal would be heard at London on January 7th. The date had previously been set for December 22nd.

North York (L.) and the Soo (C.) are to be tried in January. The candidates in North Perth are: J. C. Monteith, conservative; and John Brown, Liberal. In North Grey, G. M. Boyd, conservative, and A. G. McKay, Liberal. In North Norfolk, Dr. Snider will again be nominated. The Liberal candidate, already in the field, is A. M. Little of Waterford.

North Renfrew, vacated by the death of Mr. Munroe, is not legally vacant yet; the government is adhering to legal practice. It is necessary, before a seat is declared vacant, for two members of the legislature to notify the Clerk of the house. This has not been done, because the government takes the ground that there are no members of the legislature, because they have not been sworn in yet.

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#### When In Doubt

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### NEWS OF WORLD

#### TELEGRAMS FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF EARTH.

**Matters That Interest Everybody**—Notes From all Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered by the Dear Public.

Costa Rica still suffers from earthquakes. Lord Minto and family may spend part of the winter in Toronto.

Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., was operated on for appendicitis at Durham.

It is said a new conservative paper will be shortly established in Halifax, N.B.

The notorious Parisian swindlers, the Humberts, were arrested at Madrid.

A royal commission may enquire into charges made against the Montreal police force.

Friday's blizzard was the worst ever known at Laramie, Wyoming. It is believed that considerable loss of life will result.

Henry Baker, a farmer, east of Oakville, lost his life on Saturday, his charred remains being found in the ruins of his burned barn.

W. H. Gentles, grocer, Halifax, is wanted on a charge of forging \$5,000 in notes on the Union bank, Halifax. The name forged was Bauld Bros.

Michael Horke, St. Thomas, was found dead at the foot of the cellar steps of his boarding house. It is supposed he was killed by a fall.

An explosion of benzine took place in the Canadian Oil refinery works at Petrolia, burning four men, who were fighting a fire at the top of the building.

Salomon Osmeansky, Montreal, fined \$500 at Utica, N.Y., for taking into the United States a Russian Jew immigrant affected with an infectious eye disease.

The Western Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association, at its annual meeting in London, decided to abolish accident bonuses and to increase mortuary benefits.

The trustees of the National Sanitarium, at their annual meeting, in Toronto, announced that they contemplated erecting a fourth sanitarium at the Pacific coast.

The blizzard raging in Wyoming for twenty-four hours has reached Northern and Eastern Colorado, and all railways running into Denver are either blocked or badly delayed.

The Mercantile Agency reports the total number of failures in the Dominion the past week as sixteen, against twenty-seven in the previous week, and twenty-six in the corresponding week of last year.

Corporal Minchin, a Hart's River hero, will enter the Galt hospital for treatment. He was wounded in six places, and his leg and lung are giving him a good deal of trouble.

Rev. George Burns, a pioneer Baptist minister, is dead at Woodstock, Ont., aged eighty-six. His first charge was in New Brunswick, forty-seven years ago, and since then he had held various charges in Ontario.

The largest battleship in the German navy was launched at Kiel on December 21st. She was christened *Deutschland*.

Prince Henry of Prussia, Brunswick, Prince Henry of Prussia, and his wife witnessed the launching of the battleship.

The pope has signed the appointments of Bishop James E. Quigley, Buffalo, N.Y., as Archbishop of Chicago, and Rev. J. W. Regis Canevin, rector of St. Paul's cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pa., as Co-adjutor Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Solomon Barnash, a forger, sentenced in London, England, to fifteen years in prison, shot and killed himself in his cell. It is thought friends who visited him in the infirmary some days ago gave him the revolver with which he killed himself.

The state of New York has a strength of 14,168 in its National Guard, the force corresponding to our volunteers. The population is 7,268,000, nearly two millions more than the Dominion had. Canada has over 25,000 men in volunteer force.

A charter has been granted by the government authorizing the Fort Erie Jockey Club, limited, to encourage the breeding of thoroughbred horses and to hold race meetings and other lawful sports, the head office being at Fort Erie and capital \$50,000.

Daniel B. L. Callaghan, a lawyer, who refuses to give the names of his clients has instituted proceedings against the General Electric company and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

#### Nearly Lost His Life.

Ernesttown, Station, Dec. 19.—A young son of section foreman Blaney, fell through the ice on Mill Pond, while skating a few days ago. Had not timely assistance arrived the lad would have been drowned. Joseph Milligan talks of giving up blacksmithing, and going farming. Mrs. M. Hogle is recovering from her recent illness. W. Armstrong, in the employment of F. Avey, had the misfortune to break a bone in his arm, while cutting wood. Mrs. Hartman is confined to her room, owing to her advanced age; her recovery is doubtful. Charles Kilgannon had his foot injured while pressing hay; he will be laid up some time. Mrs. Hester Forward, Millhaven, spent the past two weeks at her son's, George Forward's, Mr. and Mrs. Laidley have returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Toronto. Miss Hall and Miss Fairfield, Millhaven, were guests of Miss Blanche Fraser, Saturday and Sunday last. Mr. and Mrs. E. Thom spent a week at Carthage, N.Y., with Mr. Thom's sister.

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Dundonald suits, at Oak Hall—Jenkins the store for men's presents.  
Turkeys, geese, chickens, Crawford's.  
Xmas chocolates at Taylor's, 35c. per lb.  
Special \$1 umbrella with cover at Oak Hall.  
Rowntree's lime juice creams, at Redden's.  
Patronize McLeod's drug store for flavoring extracts.  
Electrically lighted clocks, for night use, at Breck & Halliday's.  
All our ladies' secretaries in oak and mahogany, \$5, \$6.50, at Robt. J. Redden's.  
Special brewings of XXX ale, porter and lager for the holiday trade. The old reliable Bajus' brewery, Kingston. In bottles or kegs.  
Perfumes made by Pinaud, Roger & Gallet, Stearns, Colgate, Lubin, Atkinson, Taylor, Piver, etc., either in bottles or by the ounce at Wade's.  
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Plain cream chocolates, 15c.  
Plain chocolate, 15c.  
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#### A Word About Tea.

During the holiday season, we are looking for something different than usual. Something special. But as a matter of fact, we cannot get along without our tea. Have you tried our special blend? It is the most popular tea in the city to-day. Put up in pound packages by ourselves at thirty-five cents the pound, we claim it equal to ordinary fifty cent teas. Try it. James Redden & Co.

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Fairyland Telegraph Co. Utopia, Dreamland. Dec. 19th, 1902.

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A year has nearly passed since I was at your beautiful store last Christmas. I had a grand time with the children and never met a prettier, healthier, happier lot. The good warm underclothing, Pants, Fur Collars, Fur Caps, Mitts, Stockings, Toques, Sashes, Clouds, Fur Boas, and Over Stockings have a great deal to do with keeping them thus healthy and happy. I carefully examined your children's wearing apparel, both on and off, and I was delighted with them. They are by far the best I have seen in any part of the world. No parent should think of buying any others for their children but yours.  
I will start immediately, as my load is indeed heavy and weighs so much that my reindeers cannot travel very fast, and they will have to rest now and then on the way. I will be at your store on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24th, at 10 o'clock, and will remain until Christmas Eve.  
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