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SENATE VS. COMMONS.
 Senator Pope, one of the new members, has suggested that the senate, by some arrangement, share with the commons the responsibility of initiating legislation as well as revising it. It is not a new question. It has been up before, and a similar argument has been advanced in its behalf, namely, that under present conditions some bills have been "railroaded" through the house. The senate has not time to properly consider them.
 The commons is not likely to consent to any surrender of the duties that pertain to it in order that the senate may have more to do. The lower house is jealous of its rights. The senate now has a monopoly of the divorce business, and it angrily resents the proposition that a Divorce Court be established and that the evidence in divorce cases be taken and analyzed by an expert in the service. In England, where the people in mat-

MUNICIPAL UNREST.
 The Ottawa council has had two propositions before it. One was that steps should be taken to eliminate the aldermen, who appear to have survived their usefulness, and to commit civic government to the controllers, or commissioners, five in number. A counter-movement is that originating with the board of trade and having for its object the government of the city by a national commission after the manner of the commission which guides and directs and controls the city of Washington.
 As the Journal has pointed out, the second proposition, upon which the people will vote in January, is bound to incur delay and may never materialize. So many things are contingent upon the consent of the ratepayers, the consent of the national government, the consent of the Ontario legislature, and the Quebec legislature, in so far as the surrounding

RESPONSIBILITY REMAINS.
 During the reciprocity discussion, and the election, which was decided by other issues, principally religious and racial, it was contended that the Canadian people were not as well served as they should be, because they did not have a permanent tariff board. The Americans had such a board, composed of experts, and the government was in a position to present an elaborate case at any time without much preparation.
 Now it seems that this American board is not so ideal and not so effective as it was reported to be. There has been a three to two division of the tariff board over the wool duties. "How can there be any division?" jokes the New York World. "The tariff, after it leaves congress, and is handed over to a commission under the terms of the last republican platform, ceases to be a football of politics, and becomes a purely 'scientific' matter. It is to be a question not of opinion but of mathematics. But a division of opinion over a pure-

EDITORIAL NOTES.
 The same thing was said about Mr. Whitney and Mr. Borden when they were in opposition. Two years ago there was a movement to displace Mr. Borden. All things come to the man who waits.
 Mr. Borden admits that he has changed his mind about the civil service since 1896 when he disclaimed, in riotous fashion, against the dismissal of public servants on political account. Surrendered to the spoils system, eh? Couldn't stand the pressure?
 There was a merry war at the last conservative rally. Recent appointments made a stir. "The wires were kept hot," said a conservative today, "between Mr. Nickle and the executive, and the end is not yet." Who is going to rule, the minister of justice or the executive?

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BI-LINGUAL SCHOOLS
 A TEACHER TELLS SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.
 English the Language of the People—Can Get Along Without the French—Some Points of Real Interest.

Teacher in Ottawa Journal.
 In your issue of November 21st, you publish a report of a speech delivered at Fergus, Ont., by Premier Whitney in which the honorable gentleman makes reference to "bi-lingual schools." To quote from this address he makes bold to say that "north of Sudbury and in many places you will find schools where not one of the pupils can speak English." And he continues, "What are you going to do in a case like that? Why you are going to do the common sense thing. The teacher must be able to speak both French and English. Then he will be able to teach the subjects of the public school education by means of French and English." To say that a teacher must be able to speak both languages, is one of most absurd utterances that has ever issued from the mouth of any statesman.
 What would Premier Whitney advise if he could understand the schools of Saskatchewan? In many of these there are from eight to ten different nationalities represented in one single little country school. Would he have the poor, over-worked teacher understand these eight or ten languages. The poor pupils would be grown to manhood before a "qualified" teacher could be obtained to minister to their wants. The writer may here remark that he has had considerable experience in the teaching of foreigners. In one school, the location of which Premier Whitney may ascertain without much exertion, the writer had charge of over fifty foreign children. These represented six different nationalities, to wit: German, Swedish, Polish, Hungarian, Slavish, Galician. At the end of one year, these children, none of whom had ever been at school before, and not one of whom understood a word of English before commencing school, they could speak fluent English. Further, one of these pupils, a Polish boy of fifteen, made such remarkable progress, that to-day he is teaching school at a salary of \$720 a year, and speaks better English than many Canadian teachers.
 It may be further stated that the writer has spent some years among the Icelanders. Where English teachers have been employed the children have made much more rapid progress than where a native teacher has been employed. Again, let Premier Whitney visit some of the former districts of Saskatchewan and he will find that the foreigners themselves, are most anxious to have English teachers. What applies to these schools applies to those referred to by the honorable speaker.
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 Actual dishonesty is not charged, but millions of francs, the report says, are annually spent without any authority, and in direct violation of precise stipulations to the country. Almost every department is hit, the embassies at London and Berlin, the foreign office, the department of agriculture, departmental councils, and others, being included.
 Corporations where there are labor or socialist majorities are guilty along with the rest, and the trouble is so general that it is believed all will escape with a raking over the coals and a warning.
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