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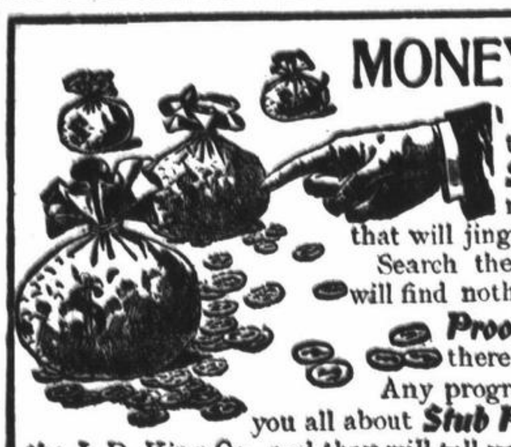

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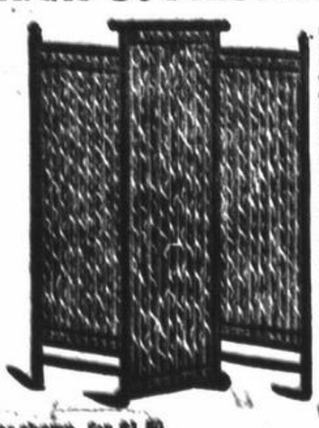

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THE WORLD'S VERY LATEST.

When the Ross government proposed to run down the wrong doers in the bye-election, the tory papers, and even Mr. Whitney, pooh-poohed the idea. It would not amount to much. The offenders would skip the country. The opposition would have to be represented by counsel, etc.

The judges proceeded, pursuant to commission, to arrange for a most effective discharge of their duty, and as the work of enquiry is about to commence the World produces what it calls a connecting link between a minister and "the machine." It is a letter, addressed by Mr. Dryden to Mr. Tooley, of Manchester, in reply to one asking for the address of Jack, a friend, during an agitation in the township of Reach for an option liquor law which meant the death of Mr. Tooley's business. Mr. Dryden, replying, intimates that Jack will not be home for a couple of weeks and that the letter will be forwarded to him. That was all.

The World sees in this letter the evidence that the Jack referred to is J. W. Thompson, who was an active worker in the bye elections. It sees, what no one else sees, that Mr. Thompson was a representative of the machine, and putting this and that together—in real old womanly fashion—it has came to the conclusion that J. W. Thompson represented the government in the distribution of boodle.

A conspicuous feature of several election petitions against the liberal members was the charge that the government had created a reptile fund, collected from lumbermen, railway capitalists and contractors, and that it was expended in bribery, treating, and corrupt practices, to secure the return of government candidates. No evidence could be offered in the courts in support of it. The charge had to be abandoned in Kingston with a well-merited rebuke from the presiding judge.

The World affects to believe that it has found a mare's nest! And perhaps it has. The judicial commission will decide the matter presently. Meanwhile the World is welcome to the comfort of its find.

A VERY PERVERSE ORGAN.

The Toronto News is very persistent in its representation of the French people as being disloyal to the empire in its present crisis. It holds that the premier, the minister of public works, and Mr. Bourassa, are against the sending of troops to South Africa. It says the French-Canadian papers are similarly minded, and it does them all an injustice.

The premier never wavered in his loyalty to the empire. He simply hesitated about taking a step, as leader of the government, which, in his opinion, should be authorized by parliament. Hon. Mr. Tarte questioned the wisdom of entering upon new relations without a perfect understanding of all they mean. He has explained, over and over again, that Canada should have a voice in the council of the nation when it is called upon to engage in the nation's wars. And there are a good many, regardless of their politics, who think the same thing. The French papers vary in tone, but neither these, nor the most important public men among the French in the do-

and strengthening the British empire. This means that they are individually, wholly, and absolutely disloyal, that not one of them is to be trusted. A slander of the most atrocious.

If the Toronto News' campaign be properly understood it is that the English speaking people must unite against the French, that these French must anew be treated as a conquered remnant, that they must be taught the supremacy of the English in everything, that their language, their aspirations, their professions must be ignored, that in order to avoid "the disintegration of the empire," and "the erection of a French state on the St. Lawrence river," they must be effectually suppressed or scattered. From hatred of the French premier, who is a patriot and a gentleman, it has, by rapid stages, advanced to the point of hating all his race, and if our contemporary had his way there would be a racial war in Canada with all its momentous consequences.

The man that favours such a cause, that agitates for it and labours toward it, is not himself loyal to the empire. He wants to get out of himself, to rid himself of his small and narrow views, to look at the issue as does the Hon. Mr. Flynn, the conservative leader of Quebec, in whom he should have confidence. Speaking at a recent public function Mr. Flynn said:

"I cannot omit to register my solemn protest against the insinuations and imputations which have been directed against the province of Quebec in certain parts of the country. There is not a part of the Dominion of Canada where the sentiment of true loyalty exists in a higher degree, in the true sense of the word loyalty—that is, loyalty to the constitution of the country, to the established laws and to the gracious sovereign who rules over us. (Cheers.) It is enough for me to register my protest, reserving the right to return to this question at a future time.

"The attacks upon us may be the result of a misunderstanding, but they are very regrettable. Before long we are going to be obliged, without any doubt, to discuss a question serious for the future of confederation and for the province of Quebec. I have not the least doubt on the matter, for I have studied it carefully. The question I refer to is whether our present action is committing us to imperial federation.

"It is childish in my opinion to pretend that by sending a contingent to the Transvaal we are committed to something which we have not been able to discuss in parliament.

"The confederation we have in Canada is the union of all the provinces, with a legislature for each and a central parliament. Imperial federation would mark the union of the colonies with a central parliament in London and parliaments in each colony.

"No one will pretend that what has taken place has committed us to a project like that, without our being able to study it in all its phases before deciding, after thirty years of confederation, that a change is necessary.

"I shall take another occasion to place my views on this question before the public: but I intend, so far as I am concerned, to maintain the position that I do not consider that I commit myself to imperial federation by the fact of sending troops to Africa."

Mr. Flynn approaches the question in a candid and open fashion, and what he says is correct and it does not smatter of disloyalty.

The ideal nation is, of course, that in which the people have one language, one religion, one faith, one hope, one line of action. It would have been better had Canada, at the outset of its career, shaped its course so that the French would, in time, have lost their identity, so that all would have become English in name and influence. But that was not done, and after an experience of thirty years, as a federation, there is nothing to cry about, and the tears that are shed are of the crocodile kind.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

An oppressive feeling seems to have taken possession of the aldermanic candidates. They want to say they are looking for votes, and they hesitate. What are they afraid of? Opposition?

Mr. Henry, the conservative candidate in Brant, relieved himself of a remarkable idea on nomination day. "If," he said, "South Brant is not redeemed it will be your fault with me and mine with you." They will probably have ample opportunity in which to even up after the election.

The Regina Leader, which used to reflect the great thoughts of Nicholas Flood Davin, he being its editor, is appalled at the presumption of Sir Charles Tupper. The man that attempted to throw Manitoba down at every turn has not, in its opinion, a right to look for banquets, and he will not get them.

The Mail is crying out against the cinch that the Canadian copper company have in Sudbury. The Toronto Star says a conservative government gave the company its extraordinary power. This being so the Mail should turn upon its friends and rend them. They are the enemies of the country.

Roosevelt, governor of New York state, is suggested as a candidate for the vice-presidency and running mate for Mr. McKinley in a new campaign. Will that suit Teddy? Hasn't he an eye on Mr. McKinley's place? He wants to be somebody, and the vice-president cannot cut much of a swathe.

A telegram from Winnipeg announces that Mayor Andrews, a candidate for legislative honors, "came out very decisively on the plank in the conservative platform of government ownership of railways." When did the party put this plank in its platform? Nothing is known of it in Ontario outside the World office.

The London Mail has taken the measure of the Tupper-Dilly-Graham game in Canada, and declares, "It is unfortunate that any Canadian politicians should attempt to exalt their own loyalty by throwing suspicion on their opponents, and it is

countrymen." An English paper this passes for pretty sure rebuke.

The Whig knows that the News is not responsible for the opinions of its correspondents, but the Whig knows also that the News is responsible for false statements, even if made by correspondents. Too many libel suits are on record to make publishers think they have no responsibility as to correspondences.

J. W. Bell—called by a tory print, in one place, Dr. Bell—has had himself renominated for Addington as a commons representative. It's time he was retired. He is absolutely useless in the house and should be replaced by a younger man. His hold on the Addington party is held by his everlasting canvassing, in season and out of season.

Sir Edward Clarke, conservative member for Plymouth in the Imperial commons, will retire from public life at the next election, as a protest against the policy of the government. In what respect is not stated. He's acting like Mr. Bourassa, except that he has not gone off at half cock and at a time when his protest may be misunderstood.

If the suit of Mr. Philip, of Brandon, goes on the Tappers will have a chance to tell all they know about the Yukon. Sir Charles charged that Mr. Pattip profited unduly by a whiskey deal which he made with the government, and he sues for slander and damages laid at $20,000. He offered to edify Sir Charles and show how wrong he was, and Sir Charles would not have it.

The date of the opening of parliament has not yet been fixed, but unless unexpected delay occurs the second Thursday in February will be close to the time chosen. The general feeling in and out of parliament is strongly in favor of meeting as early as possible in the year, both for reasons of convenience and because Ottawa is not quite regarded as a summer resort.

The centre of war interest, Estcourt, is probably called after the Right Hon. Thomas Sutton Sothern Bucknall Estcourt, who died in 1876. He entered parliament in 1829, was sworn of the privy council in 1848, and retired with his party, in 1859; belonged to a family which has been seated on the same property, on the borders of Wilts and Gloucestershire, for upwards of 500 years.

An Ottawa newspaper comments adversely on the appointment of Mr. Mann, from an English militia corps, as A.D.C. to the governor-general. Just now it is almost impossible to get an army officer, as this class is being more seriously employed in Africa and the east. Then these appointments are purely personal, and the custom very properly is to permit his excellency to freely exercise his own choice in members of his staff. But there are other appointments, not personal, which have been made painful to Canadians. Some British officers may be respected but they cannot be loved.

In the United States considerable sympathy is expended on the "Manly Boers," though not a word is heard anent the plucky Filipinos. How manly the Boers are can be judged by the treatment of train loads of women and children who left Johannesburg October 9th. They were three days en route in open coal trucks, being shunted at nearly every station for trains of soldiers. They were exposed to rain for twelve hours at a time and to the hot sun. The children cried for bread but Boer soldiers stood over them with shot guns. This is in keeping with the brutal tying of British women to ox carts, with the shooting of British officers and men and with the treacheries under the white flag.

What They Say At Home

London Saturday Review.

"An occasion unique in the world, turning point in the history of the empire." In such pregnant phrases Wilfrid Laurier, in Canada, Seddon, in Australia, have cited the cause of colonial loyalty. Canada and Australia should be to the mother country what colony of the empire, compensation for co[illegible] a sufficient answer to those who describe the co[illegible] as tyrannical and [illegible] colonies of Greece, Dutch, Spanish [illegible] yond the seas, [illegible] have done like[illegible]

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CONVERSATION.

The Granites in the Race Next Year—Wilson's Lustre Not Dimmed—Inter-Year Champions at Queen's—Rough Rider Protest.

"Wicky" Wilson has been termed by Toronto football writers as a back number, judging from his exhibition of last Saturday. Wilson, however, can by no means be said to be that. On Saturday he attempted to do far too much work and was hard pressed. A player of his high standing is always looked up to and far too much is expected of him as such. His every movement is criticised, and knowing this the strain upon him is greater than on an ordinary player. Wilson is still playing great football and his lustre is not at all dimmed.

The inter year football matches at Queen's were concluded yesterday afternoon. '01 and '02 played the last of the series, and '02 won by a score of 4 to 1. The championship belongs to '02, which team has won three games and lost none. This is the first time in several years that inter-year matches have been completed at so early a stage, and so successfully. This fall there was no trouble whatever among the various teams. The freshmen won two games and lost one.

The playing of the four Queen's men by the Granites on Saturday last has tended to make the feeling between these two teams warmer. Hitherto they were not on any too good terms, but any bad feeling has now been heated over. There is no reason why these two teams should not in the future have many practice games together.

Dr. Ross has completed twelve years of rugby football playing in Kingston. Eleven years he played with Queen's and one with Granites. Curtis' record is one less than that of Ross. And the interesting part is that they are playing better than ever before. No two footballers have lasted as well as these two ex-Queen's men.

Already the talk has commenced about the prospects for the Granites next year. The outlook is decidedly bright, and there is no reason why Granites should not be in the championship race again. It is expected that both Curtis and "Chauncey" Fi[illegible] will be with Granites next fall.

It is time that the prop[illegible] are hockey union th[illegible] the college teams [illegible] Nothing whatev[illegible] matter, and if [illegible] reached, th[illegible] of the fa[illegible]

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Dr. A. E. SALTER, one of the [illegible] Toronto, as follows: "I am glad to [illegible]

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