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the state of the second forward beauty with a state asks the Star, "for Lieut. Col. Amyot and his friends to be working up a race war at the moment when all Cauadians should stand shoulder to shoulder in presenting to the world the spectacle of a united people? Will run through without change and on a While the United States president and sen ate and congress are threatening destruction to Canada would it not be better for Col. Amyot to advise Canadians to show united front? Instead of doing this the great soldier is engaged in the noble work of setting race against race, of destroying any patriotic spirit there may be amongst the people simply because he wants to revenge himself on Sir Adolphe Caron and his party, and he believes the only effective way is to revive the race cry." Coi. Amyot was schooled in political tactics by the conservatives, and is doing now what any of his distinguished opponents would do if party exigency demanded it. Patriotism and politics are not too often allied.

FARMERS EDUCATION. And so Scotland is alive to the importance of special education in agricultural subjects. A course of lectures are being given in Edinburgh university to teachers selected from twenty of the Scottish counties, and towards which the privy council has voted a sum £300. This is instruction differing very much from that received say at the Guelph agricultural farm, the course of which extends over four years, and is calculated to make the students teachers of the sciences related to agriculture. The Edinburgh plan is after the pattern of that discussed in connection with the proposed school of science and agriculture in Kingston. According to it young men can take advantage of leisure seasons to obtain a knowledge of matters closely allied to their business and yet beyoud their comprehension or mastery outside of the college and without the aid of the college professors. This is a great scheme, one meeting the exigencies and circumstances of the young farmers, and one worthy of the support of the people generally. The best minds of the day point to the occupation of the agriculturist as dignified and profitable and the hope of the country, but the idea can never become popular until the education of the farming classes is adapted to the desires as well as their wants.

THE SUN'S NONSENSE.

The reported interviews of the New York Sun's representative with the members of the government are interesting, and to some extent a reflex of the opinions of these men on the great question of the day-the adoption of a policy of non-intercourse by the United States and the effect it would have on the commerce of Canada. That the interviews are, however, coloured to suit the spirit and temper of the Sun may be sur. mised by the rot-absolute, unmitigated, ridiculous-which the edition of our contemporary of yesterday contained regarding the defences of this city. The presence of Col. Powell, the adjutant-general of militia, was inspiration enough for Blakely Hall, and he gave rein to his imagination and expatiated upon the fortifications, and the purpose to improve them, with as much exactness of detail amif all he said were true and he had been specially let into the secrets of the line of the Northern Pacific. The traffic government. It is safe to say that Col. Powell was unconscious of the excitement his arrival here was said to create, and that he was as much astonished as any one at the nature of his stated mission to Kingston. He had come here, pursuant to a long-standing arrangement, and in the discharge of duties incumbent upon him, as a visitor, officially and on behalf of the government, to the Royal military college. To-day he learns that he is associated with a huge | This is the more remarkable because many scheme concerning the fortifications of Kingston, and that "there is quite a hubbub among the citizens" about his movements. The yarn is of a piece with that put in circulation by a New York congressman who, during the debate on the fisheries treaty. said that the United States government should be warned of the danger to her lake marine, seeing that at Kingston huge dockyards were to be constructed and boats built for the destruction of American vessels should the international difficulties lead to open and violent hostilities. The American press is not in a position to accurately indicate the feelings of the Canadian people. The emergencies of political parties suggest sentiments and schemes in the development of which the Canadians are not at all interested. The Sun is helping the cause of the democracy, and so talks in a saucy strain, and would have its readers believe that between Canada and the United States the relations are strained. Before Nov. 4th it will have a great war begin-on paper.

A DODGING FIGHT. There is nothing in the contest in Montreal east complimentary to either of the great political parties. Both are dodging

the issues of the day, and both are eager to take advantage of any scheme that can be helpful to their candidates. The liberals are accused of making an appeal to race prejudices. The speech of Mr. L. C. David, M.P.P., at the nomination of Mr. Poirier, is quoted. He said : "The Eng leader of the party, and it is the least the to reciprocate by sending a staunch liberal to Ottawa. The election of a liberal in Montreal East will be to a certain extent the consecration of Mr. Laurier as the leader of the party." There was nothing very bad or wicked in this statement, and there has been nothing very vicious in any of the so-called race appeals which have been made to the electors by some other of the later speakers. Assuredly Mr. Poirier is passing as a nationalist and a Frenchman, and expects the nationalists and French to elect him. His cause, too, is helped by the indignation which Mr. Mercier pre-The second se

federal government for its veto of legisla tion affecting the Catholics and the French. That is a species of political warfare which some men do not like, but it does not lie with the conservatives to find fault thereat and dodge behind the workingmen and use them as fighters in the tore-front of the battle. They can get down to any political meanness. They are lauding Mr. Lepine and calling him their candidate because they feared to put a candidate of their own in the field. They are even content to take the abuse of the workingmen, for past neglect and disdain, rather than abandon Mr. Lepine and so contribute to the election of the much-hated Poirter. The dodging is as conspicuous on one side as the other. It does not behoove the pot to call the kettle black.

NEW FORTS FOR KINGSTON.

Signs That Canada Will Erect Defences-Mr. Kirkpatrick's Opinion.

Blakely Hall in New York Sun. KINGSTON, Ont. Sept. 19.—The Sun's interview with Sir John Macdonald, as report ed in the Canadian papers, has had the somewhat unexpected effect of deciding the policy of the Canadians respecting retaliation. It is almost impossible to find any member of the mevement speaking outside of the lines laid down by Sir John in his opinion. Three officials of more or less prominence whom I saw to-day in Kingston spoke so exactly within those lines that l decided not to send a word of their state-

I learned to-night that Adjutant-General Powell of the Canadian war office has been in Kingston on military thoughts intent. This port was once fortified against America by the British government, but the fortifi cations have become obsolete through time and advance in military science, and would be useless in modern warfare. A short time after the retaliation measure of the president there was a great deal of talk in army circles about the fortification of Kingston, and, although such matters are usually carried on with the conventional British secrecy, it was soon whispered about that radical changes were to be made. Then Adjutant General Powell appeared on the spot, and to-night the common talk of the place relates to the new military fortifications which, it is said, will be both extensive and expensive. These works will be especially devoted to protect the mouth of the Rideau canal, which the premier informed me, had been built as a military work by Great Britain to serve as an inland passage for Canadian commerce in case the St. Lawrence route was locked by the United States.

There is quite a hubbub in town among the citizens about the adjutant-general's movements. The latter has refused to make any statement, but the opinion is prevalent that Canada is about to construct a bulwark against America which will cause Gibraltar by comparison to seem like a weak and silly

The Hon. G. Kirkpatrick, member of parliament and for many years speaker of the house of commons, talked to me to-night on the retaliation message, just before he took the train for the Pacific slope. His opinion that the action of the president would hurt American interests more than Canadian was given with the utmost emphasis. Mr. Kirkpatrick's business interests in Kingston and in the United States are very large.

"I am going now," he said, "to a part of the country which will suffer to a certain extent through the president's action. refer to the great North-West of Canada. All that immense grain growing country has been for some time under the eye of the managers of the Northern Pacific railroad company. Feeders have been obtained and general arrangements made to draw the tremendous grain export down over the would be simply enormous, and likewise the profits of the American railroad, and of all its branches and connections. The president's action will completely take this business away from the Northern Pacific and place it in the hands of the Canadian Pacific. I can't say I see the good policy of this from an American standpoint.

"I have a very large business acquaintance here," continued Mr. Kirkpatrick, "and have found the merchants of Kingston almost a unit in their disapproval and even condemnation of the president's action. of them are Americans by birth. Being a border town our business relations with the other side are so intimate that anything tending to disturb them is so serious as to be nearly disastrous. I do not mean to say that Canada has been blameless in the discussion thus far, but she has had considerable provocation. The conditions have not been altogether fair to Canada. In some respects I admit that the rebate is in the broad sense contrary to the rules of fairness, but we say the necessity for building up our own interests, and we do it after the universal custom of nations.

"Let America give us free fish and we will give her free canals. The good-feeling of the two countries ought to pull us through this trouble. The rebate of eighteen cents out of twenty is an effort on our part to build up one of our own ports, and this does not seem to a Canadian as a particularly fiendish thing, as all nations help themselves in this way. I repeat, however, he concluded, "if you will give us free fish we will give you free canals."

A Very Clever Family. London Times. The Macgillivrays are coming to the front. One of the brothers is the esteemed pastor of Chalmers' church, Kingston. Another is doing good work in St. John's church, Brock ville, and the appointment of another ther to the chair of modern languages in Queen's college shows that the brains of the family is not confined to a single member.

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LORD SELBORNE'S TALK.

Review of a Colleague's Life.

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MARINE PARAGRAPHS. Items Gethered From About the Wharves

and From the Exchanges.

The steambarge Nile and consort, with cedar posts from Ottawa, passed up the river to day en route to Deseronto. The steamer H. A. Calvin started yesterday for Quebec with a raft in tow from Garden Island. This is the fifteenth raft

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