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**OUR INTEREST IN CHINA.**

There would appear to be a struggle between Great Britain and Russia over China, meaning if the former succeeds, the opening of that vast and populous country, to the commerce of the world; if the latter triumphs the exclusion of all countries, excepting Russia, from the benefits of such a vast trade.

The winding up of China as an integral kingdom seems about assured, and now it is a struggle among the great powers as to which shall have the biggest slice. A short time ago, Punch had an excellent cartoon of the situation. It represented Turkey as a hale, vigorous man, sympathizing with China, oil, decried, and bed-ridden. Said Turkey to China "Try a dose of European concert. See what it did for me." The point is obvious. The sick man of Europe has taken a new lease of life since the war with Greece, and now, the hospital has been removed to Asia, where China lies in a moribund condition. However, the powers are taking the patient in hand, and as it was with Turkey so it may be with China. The doctors disagreed on the exact treatment required for Turkey, and Turkey, going in for a sort of faith cure system recuperated, without the assistance of the European drug shop.

Aside from the fact that what affects the centre of the empire, affects the utmost bounds, Canadians have a material interest in the future commercial policy of China. By the year book of 1895 we find that we exported to China cotton and manufactures of cotton worth \$310,122; planks and boards \$32,480; total exports \$367,853. We imported of rice, \$76,963 worth; crude opium, \$96,287, oils, \$7,915, spirits and wines, \$9,075; silk and manufactures of, \$6,820; sugar, \$122,382; tea, \$585,056; total \$942,493. And it is a growing business. By the year book of 1896 we learn that we exported almost double the amount of the previous year, viz \$659,758 worth, embracing \$549,211, in cotton, etc., and \$86,628 in lumber. In that year we imported stuff to the value of \$1,030,698.

It is apparent, then, that we have more than a sentimental reason for wishing the policy of Great Britain, rather than of Russia to prevail in China.

There is good reason to believe that the United States is also with Britain, and that between the British Empire and the United States, has been inaugurated tacit a policy of "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

**FOR ECONOMY.**

Whether or not the elections for the local legislature will be held this summer, is more or less problematical. This much, we know, that an election must occur within a couple of years. A stand should be made for strict economy in the administration of provincial affairs. Hitherto candidates for the legislature have based their support on lavish promises of expenditure. A bridge is to be built here, and an office is to be conferred there. A disgruntled elector is placate with the assurance that he will be made a justice of the peace, and join that noble band of magistrates, who in this province are as the sand of the sea in number. Such a policy is as discreditable to the candidates, as it is to the constituents.

We have a good enough opinion of the common sense and patriotism of this constituency to think that if a candidate were to come out for strict economy whether as a supporter or opponent of the administration, he would be rewarded by a sufficient vote to insure his election. If such were not the result, it would be because faith has been lost in the fulfillment of the promises made on the stump.

THE DISPATCH questions whether the better policy in local affairs, would not be a division of parties on dominion lines. It is true, this seems an anomalous proposition, but our entire constitution is founded on anomalies, and yet works well. A co-alition is only desirable on a great emergency. A co-alition for the division of spoils, is disgraceful.

Our aim should be for a legislative union of the three maritime provinces, with a house of about fifty members. To be sure, there are difficulties in the attainment of this object, but if an agitation were set on foot, we think the difficulties would be found more imaginary than real. In the meantime the electors of New Brunswick should set their house in order. It was a crying shame to increase the number of our representatives, at the very time, when by reason of our stationary population we were deprived of one member at Ottawa. Let us then take steps to cut down our very large assembly. Our population is under 250,000, about enough to make one good city. Why all the waste in administering the government of such a comparatively small population?

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Yours truly,  
MRS. J. CURRIE,  
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Toronto, Ont.

**HUGE NUGGETS OF PURE GOLD.**

Glittering Collection of Two Montana Brothers—Interesting Competition.

Collecting gold nuggets is a fad that the Klondike craze is answerable for. So many miners are now going around in the state exhibiting gold with the unconcern of those who are familiar with it as ordinary people are with common pebbles, that a new fad has developed in consequence. Each man wants to be able to show a finer collection than his neighbor. This competition has resulted in some especially fine collections of gold in the rough being gathered into the possession of single individuals, but none ever seen can surpass or equal the collection in the possession of two brothers named Conrad, who are business men in Seattle, says the Post-Intelligencer of that city.

The Conrad nuggets have been taken from various mines, and all are worth high prices. The largest nugget in the collection is valued at \$985, and no larger has ever been taken from a mine in America, according to the best records on the subject. It is said that one was taken out of Nelson Gulch once that was valued at \$2300, but if it ever existed it found its way to the melting pot so rapidly that no one today is able to swear positively that he ever saw it. Another story tells us of a \$1700 nugget, but this one is not to be found. The big nugget in the Conrad collection came from the Snowshoe diggings, having originally been bought from a miner named Price.

The nugget next in value is worth \$400, and is one of the purest specimens of gold in existence. It came from Uncle Ben's Gulch, and found its way into the Conrad brothers' collection after many years' stay in the strong box of a Montana banker. One nugget worth \$250, came from Scratch from the Nevada creek placers, a rich mining property owned by W. E. Raleigh.

One of the biggest nuggets has an interesting history. It was so big that it was overlooked altogether. The miners, not being prepared for the sight of so rich a find all at once, threw it out of the boxes with the the forkings, but it refused to be treated so ignominiously, and continued to attract attention by its gleaming light until found and joyfully added to the day's profits by the miners.

The weight of each nugget in the collection is as follows:—

One nugget, 49 ounces; 1 nugget, 47½ ounces; 1 nugget, 45 3-8 ounces; 1 nugget, 25½ ounces; 38 nuggets, 36 17-20 ounces; 1 nugget, 19½ ounces; 1 nugget 13 3-16 ounces; 1 nugget, 10 1-8 ounces; 1 nugget, 9 7-8 ounce; 1 nugget, 7 ounces; 6 ounces; 40 nuggets, 7 12-20 ounces; 1 nugget 4½ ounces; 1 nugget, 4 1-18 ounces; 1 nugget, 3½ ounces; 1 nugget, 3 5-8 ounces; 1 nugget, 3¼ ounces; 1 nugget, 2 7-8 ounces; 1 nugget, 2 5-8 ounces; 1 nugget, 2½ ounces; 113 nuggets, 2½ ounces. Total, 208 nuggets, 24 pounds, 8 ounces, 1 pennyweight, also one bottle of pure dust, 5 ounces, 15 pennyweights,

and one box of sapphires.

The nuggets, when not under inspection, are kept in the strong room of a bank, but the owners of the collection are so proud at beating the entire country in a fad that is growing and cannot be indulged in by every one for obvious reasons that they are at all times willing to produce the collection for exhibition purposes.

It has been suggested that the nuggets be sent to the Paris exposition in order to give the world an opportunity of seeing how rich America is in the precious metals. The idea is a pleasing one to the Conrad brothers, and if the Paris exposition managers show a desire to endorse it the nuggets will be sent to the exposition with other Montana products. The matter will probably be brought before the Legislature and official action taken in due time. If the decision is favorable the nuggets will form a handsome addition to the American exhibition at the exposition.

The Conrad brothers are by no means satisfied with the collection as it stands. They are on the lookout for lumps of gold at all times to add to their already remarkable collection, and if any miner in the Klondike is lucky enough to strike an unusually large nugget he can get more than its worth from the owners of the Conrad collection.

Richmond Fire Hall,  
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