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ANSWERED.

The anxious enquiry as to whether or no the British West Indian Island governments, in their trade agreements with the United States government, have bound themselves to discriminate against imports from Canada, appears to be satisfactorily answered. It is reported on good authority that the Dominion government has been assured by Imperial authorities that the Island governments in question have not bound themselves to discriminate against imports from Canada. If the assurance is well founded Canada will have nothing to fear from competition with the United States on equal terms in natural products. Also, it may be assumed from the assurance that the British government will not consent to Newfoundland's agreeing to bind itself to discrimination against Canada.

LEAKY.

Sir George Baden Powell, engaged on behalf of the British government in the attempted settlement of the Behring Sea seal question, is a man of ability and energy. His patriotism is of a very pronounced character, but, to use a common phrase, he talks too much with his mouth. He has a habit of unbosoming himself freely at unseasonable times and places, and on delicate topics, on which it becomes one in his position to speak with the greatest reserve lest offence be given where only the best of feeling should be cultivated. He is reported to have spoken incautiously on the result of the arbitration proposed in the Behring sea affair. It is to be hoped no harm has been thereby done. But leakiness is not a desirable quality in agents entrusted with delicate missions.

TOO THIN.

His Lordship, Count Mercier, has vouchsafed a sworn explanation concerning the twenty-five thousand dollars, part of the proceeds of the letters of credit given to a Quebec stationer, which were drawn out of a Montreal bank on a check bearing his signature. His story is that he knew nothing of the transaction, but that his brother, who is accustomed to act as his agent, drew said amount from the bank on a check signed by his principal, but left blank in his hands for use as might be required, and that the money was paid right over to a Montreal lawyer. The explanation seems to be denied on all sides.

FARING ILL.

Things seem going badly with Mr. Mercier these times. The new commission is uncovering a series of transactions of astounding audacity on his part. The poor Quebec treasury seems to have been bled almost to death by boodle performances. It is now boldly asserted that by one means or another almost a quarter of a million dollars were extracted from its coffers for use in the last dominion elections on the Reform side, and of this amount five thousand were sent to Halifax and five thousand to St. John for Reform use, where it would do the most good to the party. This may be an exaggeration, but unfortunately hitherto the wildest rumors of disclosures to be made respecting the Quebec boodlers have been more than verified.

Trouble of a new sort has been sprung on the count. It has been discovered that some glowing speeches delivered by him, and which elicited much admiration, were composed for him by a son-in-law of the late lamented D'Arcy McGee.

MR. LAURIER'S POSITION.

Mr. Laurier's position just now is an extremely difficult one. Mercier's influence and the money furnished by the machinery under his control secured for Mr. Laurier his political standing in Quebec. Bereft of Mercier's aid Mr. Laurier would sink like lead in the political waters. But the light being thrown on the performances of the Quebec boodlers, from which Mr. Laurier has profited so much, has brought startling things to view. In the presence of these two questions relating to Mr. Laurier have been pressed: What will Mr. Laurier do, will he condemn the Mercier regime, or defend it, or stand aloof neutral? Could all these things have happened without Mr. Laurier having the least suspicion of their occurrence? As to the first question, Mr. Laurier could not forget that Mercier did everything for him, could he be expected to do nothing for Mercier in his trouble? Well, Mr. Laurier has not done much con-

cerning Mercier, one way or another. He has not been swift to condemn nor prompt to defend. He has not been exactly neutral, nor much in any other way. He clearly has been in a quandary. He could not bring himself to believe that Mercier did the things charged against him, weighty and decisive as was the evidence supporting. But he felt able to maudlin elegantly against Gov. Angers, and in defence of the constitution said to have been outraged by him. But he did not approve of Mercier's methods and he disapproved of the credit letters system.

He is reported as advising the reorganization of the Reform party in Quebec, with the Mercier element left out. But decisive action of any sort is not looked for from him.

THE DUAL LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY.

The Manitoba people seem determined to keep clear of the expense of publishing official proceedings in two languages. As time rolls on, their decision will appear more and more justified. In a little while the proportion of the Manitoba people using the French as their mother tongue will be very small, and the proportion of people of French descent familiar with English will be very large. Meanwhile the Manitoba English should make no effort to proscribe the French language. It is a charming tongue, has a splendid literature, and its acquisition for reading purposes alone is a desirable accomplishment. But special efforts should be made to secure the teaching of English in all French schools, so that a knowledge of English by all the young people of French descent in the province may be ensured.

Political matters in Europe seem to be moving at present rather quietly.

Another Letter from "B."

In every place there are men whose bright example may well be regarded by those who are to come after them and who will in the future fill the places made honorable by their predecessors. It is not necessary that men should die in order that their names, deeds and talents may find a record. There is much practical benefit to be derived by those whose noble lives should stimulate in sketches of the living as in obituaries that are forgotten almost as soon as read. There is a vast difference between the facts when stated "he has done" and "he still does." There is a vitality in the latter that is derived from the knowledge that the benevolent mind is still active and its mission is not yet ended—that its eulogy is being daily engraved upon a myriad of hearts, instead of being sculptured upon a lifeless tombstone. When we thrill with the sacred thoughts of Charity; when we regard those who have happily been brought under its ministrations and see the changes that its harmonizing power has wrought we can realize the benefits conferred upon society and ourselves if we can point to an individual and say, there is the agent of all this good. In the great cities of the world, as well as in the towns, villages and hamlets, there are many who have given, and are giving, their means to objects that benefit and assist the needy, and amid all the cares of their life they pursue their self-imposed tasks through difficulties, depressions and sometimes partial defeat up to a commensurate degree of success. Among the names of some of those great philanthropists we find that of Guthrie, Newman, Wilberforce and Cardinal Manning, whose death to-day a nation mourns. The sincerity of such men in leaving the church of their fathers is sometimes questioned, but, in the case of Newman and Manning, their lives and their works speak volumes. Sincere—who can doubt it? Cardinal Manning was educated at Oxford. Entering the ministry of the Church of England he advanced step by step until he became, in 1840, Archbishop of Chelsea, which position he filled for eleven years. Shortly after this he renounced the Episcopal faith and became a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. On the death of Cardinal Wiseman, in 1865, he was made bishop and on the 15th March, 1875, he was raised to the dignity of cardinal.

The election of mayor and aldermen for the town of Truro takes place on the 2nd of February. It is likely the present mayor, who has filled the position for some time very acceptably, will be re-elected by acclamation.

Richmond has spoken with no uncertain sound. The present indications are that the government will gain in Ontario and the shreds and patches, so that when the house meets the government will be stronger than ever.

The late Duke of Clarence and Avondale was the W. M. of Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, at the time of his death, having been initiated in the year 1855, the Prince of Wales then being the W. M. This lodge dates back to 1722. H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex was W. M. of this lodge from 1843 to 1871. From 1871 to 1879 and from 1882 to 1889 H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was the W. M., and in 1888 was succeeded by his eldest son.

While in Windsor your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Anslow, the genial editor of the Hants Journal, formerly of the Union Advocate. The Hants Journal has appeared in a new dress which reflects much credit on the

management and is conclusive evidence that the good people of Windsor appreciate a good newspaper. The Journal is independent in politics, dealing fearlessly with the questions of the hour from an independent standpoint free from party bias.

The bye elections are the chief topic of conversation in the restaurants, hotels and along the line of railway. There is a great difference of opinion on some of the grave questions now agitating the public mind. The contest in Richelieu raised the hopes of the Liberals for a time, but the disastrous defeat of their standard bearer in Glengarry dashed them to the ground again. Uncle Thomas is still an important man in Dominion politics, as it is generally believed that the influence of the Richelieu Navigation Co. lost the seat to the government.

Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee, chaplain to the forces, held a solemn memorial service on Wednesday, the day of the funeral of H. R. H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The address was delivered by Rev. E. H. Bullock, D. C. L., honorary chaplain to the Queen. A funeral salute of 60 minute guns were fired from the citadel. The band of the Leicestershire regiment played the Dead March in Saul. The music was thrilling. The wild, pulsing notes of woe which seemed unconsolable, the deep drum was like a great heart's throbbing of sorrow, and yet mingled with it are the tones of a hope at a reunion yet to come. During the soft passages in the march one could have heard a pin drop, every ear being strained to catch each beautiful strain and effect. B. Halifax, Jan. 21.

THE WORLD OVER.

Wm. Murry, a merchant of Chatham, has assigned. The assets and liabilities are both estimated to be in the vicinity of from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

Willie Stuart, aged 14, son of Robert Stuart of Machiasport, Me., became angry with another member of the family, secured a pistol and shot himself dead.

A despatch from Nottingham, Eng., says a widow named Castings murdered her two children and then committed suicide.

News reached Montreal on Friday that three men had been seriously injured by the explosion of gunpowder at Cote St. Antoine, a suburb of that city.

The powder mill at Central City, Ky., exploded last week with terrific force. The noise of the explosion was heard 25 miles distant. Seven men were killed and six injured.

Dr. Bredermann, director of the chemical laboratory in the University of Berlin, killed his betrothed, Margaret Emer, and then committed suicide. Dr. Bredermann was 42 years old, while the girl was 17. The affair is enshrouded in mystery.

In Cleveland 1,600 families are receiving outdoor relief and the papers of that city say that as many more are being sustained by private charity. Has anything gone wrong with the sixty million market, or are these people who have divorced themselves from their native continent?

James Cassidy and John Herman, each 35, were suffocated in Jacob Connor's hotel, Grand street, Brooklyn, N. Y., last Thursday night. They occupied a room together in the hotel. They got drunk and kicked down a pipe attached to the stove. They were found dead in bed this morning from escaping gas.

At the Centennial exhibition Canada occupied a space of 50,000 feet, while at the Colonial exhibition in 1886 the amount was 60,000 feet. It is expected that the Dominion will require 100,000 feet at Chicago, as it is estimated that our agricultural exhibit will occupy 20,000 feet and the fruit display 10,000 feet.

A duel took place by moonlight at City of Mexico the other day between Carlos Esperza, a discharged prison official, and Innocenzo Arripla, of the editorial staff of a newspaper. The newspaper had published an article which led to Esperza's dismissal. Both were wounded at the second fire.

A London despatch says: Steamer Egyptian Monarch, from New York, reports that at 1 a. m. on Jan. 16, in lat. 48, lon. 19, she sighted a vessel apparently of American build on fire and burning fiercely. Two men were seen to fall from the bowsprit of the vessel into the water. The life-boat was manned, but no trace of the men or any of the crew was found. A tremendous sea was running and if the crew managed to escape it is more than likely they were drowned by the capsizing of the boats. The captain of the Egyptian Monarch thinks the vessel was laden with oil.

Deputy United States Marshal Liggett, of Port Smith, Ark., who has just come from the northern part of the state, reports a double lynching that occurred recently in the mountains. Peter Bakes, a farmer, was found murdered in his house. His wife and a man named Johnson left the country, but both returned a few days ago. The neighbors suspected them of putting Baker out of the way, and an assault was at once made on the house and the couple captured. They were lashed together back to back and then hanged on the same limb with the same rope.

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