

FEDERATION OF THE EMPIRE.

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It was remarked by Professor Seely, one of the League speakers, the Earl of Roseberry in the chair, that "another prejudice is that the Colonies are involved by their connection with the mother country in all the accidental quarrels with European States in which England may engage, and in which the colonies have no interest or concern."

"The great eighteenth-century wars of England, I assert, were mainly Colonial Imperial struggles. Apart from the Empire we have scarcely any interests. It can scarcely be said that England has any European policy in which the Colonies are not concerned."

And trade is at the bottom of the whole story! If a man's workshop, in which he makes a living, takes fire, will he not do his utmost to subdue the flames and save his property, not on account of the value of the shop itself, but on account of the value it is to himself by what he gets out of it?

It would be impossible to go over in a newspaper article the ground occupied by the many speakers on the side of Federation, and keep pace with them at every step.

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But the thread of argument before referred to is strung upon only two or three propositions, viz., Colonial defence and commerce, the former, defence, being the predominating feature and inspiring cause of the whole movement, and all the speeches so far delivered.

Let us now examine for a few moments the ipse dixit of Professor Seely, when he says that all the wars of England have grown out of Colonial interests, or the preservation of those interests, as he must mean.

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threshold—all of which led to the right of search set up by England, by which American vessels were overhauled on the high seas, and what she called her subjects abducted, without respect to the flag that covered them—so that the United States declared war against England in 1812, as England intended doing against the United States in 1862, when Mason and Slidell were taken from the English packet steamer on her way from Cuba to England, by Captain Wilkes, but were again surrendered by the American government, and thus a second war growing out of a similar cause was averted.

Then take the Chinese War of 1840 (?) when Hong Kong fell into the hands of England, and the capital of the Empire, Peking, was taken and looted. What interest had Canada in that war, brought about through the cupidity of the East India Company, which sought to force her opium upon a people who for years did their utmost to keep it out of their country, as its use was destroying the inhabitants? At length they confiscated a ship load of this villainous stuff and refused to make compensation, and so war was declared against them.

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But let it be understood by English leaguers what Canada is likely to do in the future by what she has done in the past, when no such word as "Federation" was thought of. Was not the brunt of the American War of 1812 borne by Canadians, and the tide of battle turned in several great encounters by colonial militiamen ere British reinforcements arrived; and did not New Brunswick's 104th Regiment march through mid-winter snows and distinguish itself on the battle-fields of Little York and Sackett's Harbor, in defence of Canadian soil and loyalty to their King?

Then take the difficulty of 1839 on our North Eastern boundary. The whole Province as it were flew to arms to drive back the invader. It was in winter time and six hundred men rushed from the woods and made for the disputed territory. Every part of the Province responded with alacrity and enthusiasm to the call of duty. The Legislatures of all the Provinces—then five in number—met and voted away their revenues, not less than half a million of money, for carrying on the war and in support of the national honor.

may enter into under the Federation obligation, will ever save her to the Crown. To raise the issue that the political and commercial unity of the Empire is an absolute necessity in order to prevent the disjointed parts from disintegration, or flying off from the common centre into unknown directions, is a groundless fear—in the judgment of the writer. We may talk of free trade and protection and of commercial union, or reciprocity with other countries, with as much freedom now as we did in former years; but this fact does not give color to the idea that Canada is in a transition state, or that there is any wish on the part of the people to change their allegiance.

(No. III next Saturday.)

A SALMON FISHER'S MOUSTACHE.

Florence, the Actor, Captures Salmon and a Moustache on the Miramichi—His Wager.

Florence, the actor, visits his favorite salmon streams in New Brunswick every summer. He is well known in the northern part of the province, not only as a thorough sportsman, but a genial and agreeable companion.

Florence went fishing six weeks ago on the Miramichi river for salmon. He knew it would be impossible to strike a barber anywhere within fifty miles of the fishing ground, and so he took a safety razor along with him to keep his jolly, clean-shaven round face presentable from day to day.

When he got back to town after six weeks' pastime with the rod, his face was bronzed and pretty effectually disguised with a stubby white moustache and a snowy imperial very like that of the footlight "Senator from the Cohos district."

The famous practical joker lay in bed and stared at Florence in dull amazement some time. Then he almost sprang from his sick bed in ecstasy of recognition.

"By Jove! Billy," he cried, "that will make me well." "You my soul, that's the best I ever saw." Then he added suddenly: "But you haven't got nerve enough to keep on wearing that another month."

"Why haven't I?" retorted the actor. "Fetcher basket of extra dry you don't dare do it."

"Abandoned" Men and Women. Said the Rev. J. L. Douthit, in King's Chapel, Boston, recently: God through Christ proclaimed His love for sinners as it was never before proclaimed.

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A LETTER FROM REV. MR. TROOP

Suggesting That the Bible be Printed in French in the Newspapers.

In the last number of the Evangelical Churchman, Rev. G. Osborne Troop, rector of St. Martin's church, Montreal, formerly of St. James' church in this city, quotes from the Milan correspondence of the London Times concerning the publication of the Bible in a leading daily newspaper in that city.

Commenting upon this great work, Rev. Mr. Troop writes: "We in Montreal who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity will surely cry—'God speed the work!'"

Rubber Garments.

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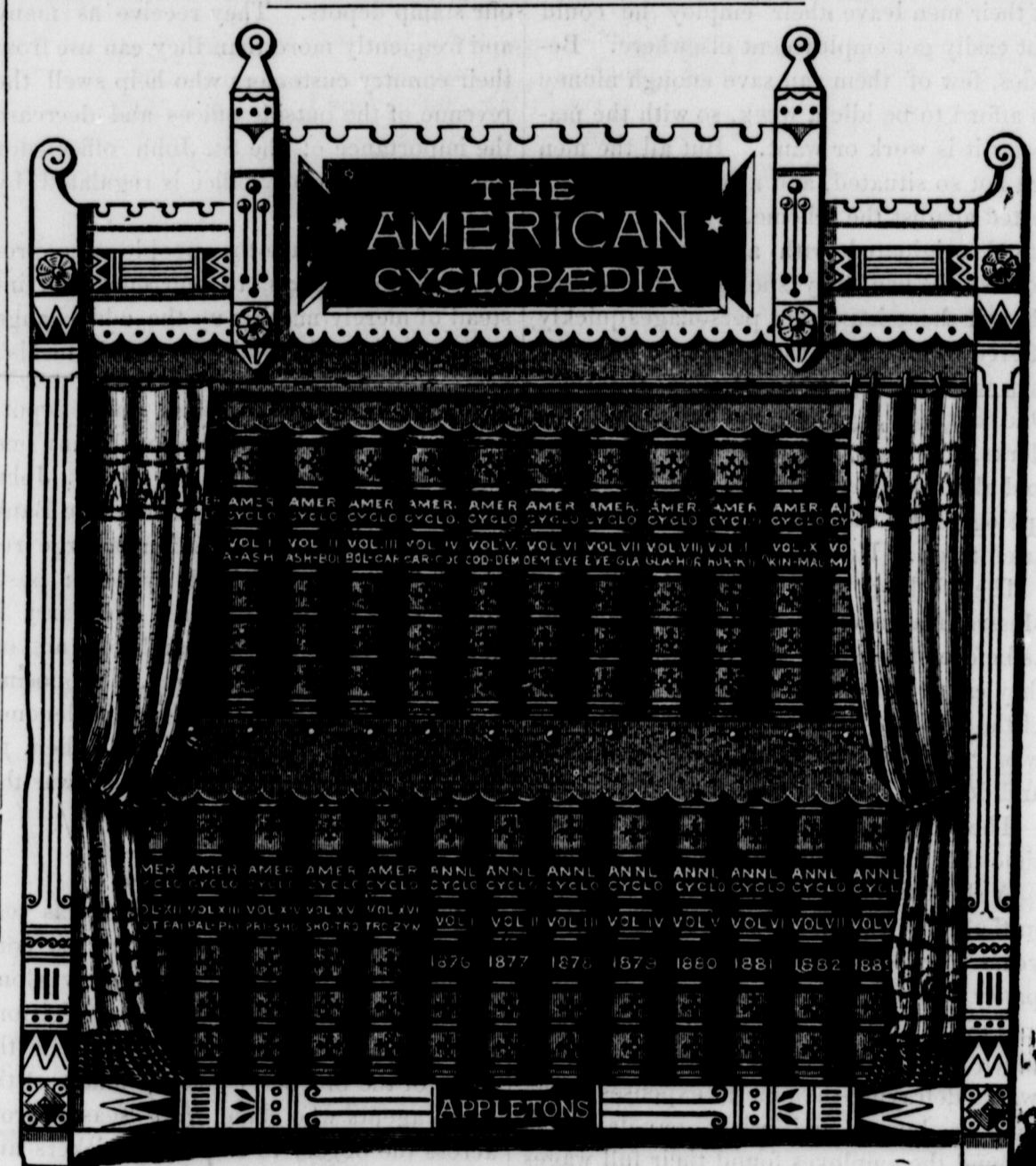
That Namesake of Ours.

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