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MR. MOWAT'S LETTER.

We have devoted considerable space this week to the reproduction of a good part of the open letter written by the veteran premier of Ontario to the hon. Alex. Mackenzie on the political situation generally, and dealing especially with the question of unrestricted reciprocity and annexation.

For our own part, we would have been glad if Mr. Mowat had elaborated an idea which he has touched upon in his letter, with more fullness, and that is that the term "unrestricted reciprocity" must always be qualified in its meaning by not only the demands of national dignity and independence, but also the demands of the British connection.

THE MERCER DISMISSAL.

The dismissal of Mr. Mercer by the lieutenant-governor of Quebec took place on the 18th inst., and since then the ex-premier has caused all the correspondence between himself and the governor to be published. It appears that the commission, consisting of three judges, appointed to investigate the Baie des Chaleurs transaction, was not able to make a final report, owing to the illness of Judge Jette, the chairman of the commission.

We do not think an English colony was ever called upon to face a graver crisis than that which has been precipitated in Quebec. So grave, indeed, does it appear to us that we think the maintenance of provincial autonomy and the permanence of the federal system is involved in it.

The dissolution of the house of assembly of Quebec is, we believe, a graver affair than the dismissal of the ministry. We cannot help regarding it as a violation of the constitution. The B.N.A. act, sec. 82, makes it the duty of the lieutenant-governor to summon the legislature, and sec. 86 says:

OUT THEY GO.

Throwing Up the Sponge Instead of Standing the Test.

Kenney and Stairs the tory members for Halifax, threw up the sponge on Wednesday and thus two more seats became vacant. It is likely, however, that the trial will proceed with a view to showing up some of the wholesale and unblushing bribery that prevailed among the tories here at the last election.

It would appear from the way matters are shaping, and the numerous insults that the Americans are receiving from Chili that war is the only possible outcome. To this end preparations are being pushed at an amazing rate.

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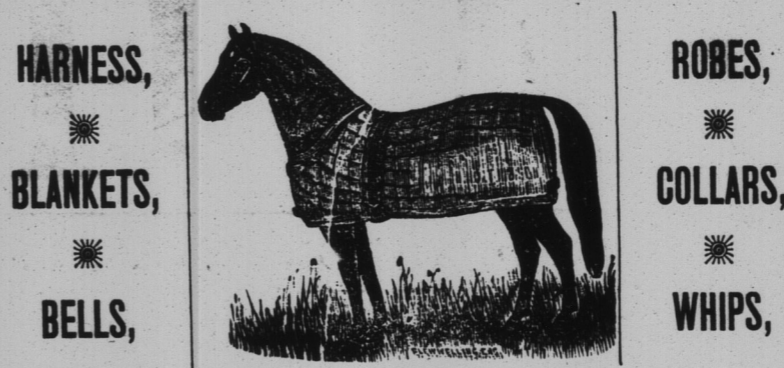
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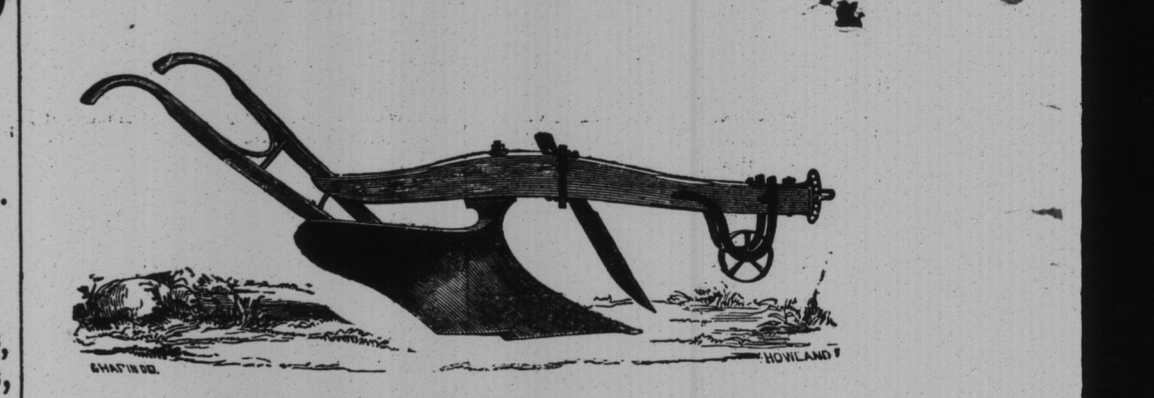
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