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THE FOLLY OF IT.

When a question has been dragged once or twice through what we must regretfully call the mire of Canadian politics, its friends will no longer recognize it. Reciprocity, once a mere quest on of trade, has become, by reason of the political mire upon it, a question of loyalty or disloyalty to Canada and the Empire, although, so far, no one has undertaken to explain how the fact of doing the bulk of our world trading, as we now do, with the United States, under the name of reciprocity, or over the present barriers, could possibly affect our loyalty. But we are not, in this, arguing for or against reciprocity. What we wish to point out is the utter folly of calling things by certain names after they have run the gauntlet of our present political system, and the worse than folly of continuing to bolster up our national institutions by fraud and deception.

Recently in the province of Manitoba the question of reciprocity came up clear cut and well defined in the constituency of MacDonald. One political party maintained that the province generally and this constituency particularly was making a united demand for reciprocity and a greater preference for British goods. The other party claimed that neither the province nor this constituency wanted reciprocity and the result of the bye-election would prove it. All Canada looked on with deep interest, and the two opposing parties sent their wire-pullers their machines operators, their chief grafters, their experts in political corruption to prove on the one hand that reciprocity and on the British preference were dead and, on the other, that reciprocity and the British preference were what the people demanded. In the contest which ensued, the dirtiest probably that ever disgraced Canada, one side won and its heralds proclaimed to the world that reciprocity was dead and this the last nail in its coffin. And the other side as stoutly maintains that "the machine" did it and that the real question is still unsolved. And so the matter stands. We said it was probably the dirt-

iest contest ever waged in Canada. The statement is made from memory only and without turning up any references. The facts in this case are fresh in the memory of the public generally. If there has been anything more disgraceful in Canadian politics we do not at present recall it and the statement stands open to correction. It has been shown that not only the ordinary gang of professional election crooks were mixed up in the contest but that even the provincial government officials, even the magistrates, justices of the peace and the police were in it. Decent and respectable men were arrested without the faintest shadow of reason or excuse, simply to prevent their voting or taking part in the campaign. Men arrested on criminal charges were released as soon as the object of their arrest had been accomplished, the court refusing to proceed against them. Emissaries of the provincial government were sent broadcast throughout the constituency armed with warrants signed in blank by magistrates. The warrants were filled in and arrests made on the spot as emergency might dictate. Captain William Sifton, a Liberal worker, was arrested on a warrant dated three days before the heinous offence for which it was issued was said to have been committed. When he was taken to court—after he had been prevented from attending a certain meeting—he was informed by the deputy Attorney General that there was no case against him. In the police court in Winnipeg the Police Magistrate used such legal phrases as "Dirty thief," "Low Blackguards," "thin livered beasts" and other choice epithets to Liberal lawyers who were defending a man arrested in Carman on a trumped up charge and against whom, when his turn came, the court declared there was no charge. And all this to prove to the intelligent electors of Canada that the bye-election just held was "the last nail in the coffin of reciprocity." Intelligent electors of Canada, think of it, and ask yourselves where the original question has got to.

not given us his name and that, therefore, if we ever meet in this world, neither of us will be in a position to recognize the other. Would we give the country a wrinkle on the subject? Why certainly. It is quite evident from our correspondent's remarks that the teachers in this province are becoming recklessly extravagant, and that the taxpayers and the government are foolishly encouraging both the recklessness and the extravagance. Our correspondent and others similarly suffering will be better able to appreciate the extent to which this extravagance is being carried in these degenerate days of ours when we quote a statement made by R. H. Campbell, Chief Superintendent of Education, at a recent meeting of farmers in Charlottetown. He said that a few days previously a young lady teacher called upon him for her cheque. She had taught 29 days and her cheque amounted to \$16.50. Out of this she had to pay only \$5.00 a week, or \$10.00 in all, for her board, leaving her the munificent balance of \$6.50 or \$1.62 1/2 per week for her work, and her expenses in coming to Charlottetown for her pay. Now, in all reason, what right would such a girl as that have to come to a fair and see things? After she had paid her entrance fee of 25 cents, 10 cents to see the ferocious beasts from Australia, and 50 cents to go and see the aeroplane start and finish, she would have, 77 1/2 cents left. Out of this she would have to pay 50 cents for her dinner and if she was so utterly abandoned as to want her supper, which she could get in a cheap restaurant for 25 cents, she would just have 2 1/2 cents left.

WRINKLES.

A correspondent signing himself "Country Subscriber" asks if we would be "so kind as to explain to the taxpayers of the rural districts of this country why the teachers here get four days off to attend a convention held in Charlottetown every year at a less of thousands of dollars to the country and government. Now, honestly, have the schools in the country been benefited one item (iota)? Please give the country a wrinkle on this subject." We are pleased to announce, at the outset that our correspondent has

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of her week's salary. And this only covers part of a day at the fair. But she must forsooth, go to a teachers' convention! Just think of that! Now, it is quite evident that teachers' conventions, as at present conducted are not the place for the young lady to go to. At these conventions they specialize on methods for teaching and training the young. This, our old friend, will see at a glance, is not what she needs. She must take her lessons from an older school if her manner of life is going to be in keeping with her salary and her surroundings. She must learn to walk chin-up and eyes front to school—teach there through the hours and return home, still chin-up and eyes front. What has she to do with fairs and conventions and world amusements? Her duty is to work and draw her salary and pay her board. True, she may weary of it and go west, as many men and women have done who did nothing but work and draw their pay—when they could get it, but what of that? Can the gentleman find the wrinkle he is looking for in these hasty remarks? There is just one other wrinkle we would like to give. It is this: If the majority of rate-payers in the district are too mean to allow their teacher three days (it is three, not four) to attend a convention once a year to study the best methods of teaching and exchange ideas with other teachers and educationalists, we would advise closing the school and calling in missionaries.

ZODIACAL LIGHT.

There is a strange light in the heavens appearing after sunset in the late winter and in spring and before sunrise in the autumn, but few persons in northern latitudes have ever seen it. In the equatorial regions, however, and in certain parts of the tropics the zodiacal light appears with great splendor, and some remarkable views of it were obtained by a French expedition to the interior of the Sahara, undertaken for the purpose of studying the effects of the unclouded sun on the dry air of the desert. The mysterious light, in the form of a vast triangle, rising high in the heavens, appeared nearly three times as bright as the Milky Way.—Harper's Weekly.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The infatuation of fifteen-year-old Toby Tyson for Alva Ross, a flaxen-haired lass of thirteen, led to a tragedy to-day. The Tyson boy, a romantic-minded lad, precocious in his studies and a promising art student, had been warned by his mother of his diminutive sweetheart, to "quit pestering her." Young Tyson to-day procured a revolver, wrote a note that his "dying wish" was "to conquer the world" and get "his Alva" and went to the home of the Ross'. He was denied admittance to the flat, while Alva, who seemed to fear the boy, went flying upstairs by way of the fire escape. Getting in at last and failing to find her, Toby crying that life was not worth living without her, shot himself in the head. He died three hours later in a hospital.

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A man of color in the south was asked if he knew the meaning of the word procrastination of which "his daily conduct was an illustration. He answered: I dunno boss, but it's something that the Presbyterians believe in.

What were you and Mr. Smith talking about?" asked her mother. Oh, we were discussing our kith and kin, replied the young lady. The mother looked dubiously at her daughter, whereupon her little brother, wishing to help his sister, said, Yeth, they wath, mother. I heard 'em. Mr. Thmith asked her for a kith, and she thaid, You kin.

A negro woman in Saannah was preparing to get married. For four weeks before the ceremony she saved up her wages; and immediately after the wedding she hunted up her mistress and asked her to take charge of the fund. I'll take it of course said the puzzled lady; but Mandy, won't you be needing your money to spend on your honeymoon. Miss May, said the bride, does you think Ise goin' to trust myself wid a strange nigger and all dat money on me.

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