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### CONCERNED FOR THE EMPIRE.

The New York Mail rises to re-remark of the British world as follows: "An Empire whose self-governing constituents tax its commerce, exclude the majority of its subjects, riot against its allies, elude its treaties, and turn over its local affairs to its armed foes of yesterday is something new under the sun." The references are apparently to the British colonies which make tariffs against the Mother Country that object to Hindoo immigration; to the cases of Newfoundland and the Transvaal.

It may seem strange from the republican point of view that an Empire should be so constituted just as it seems strange from the imperial view point that a great and enlightened Republic should have done and still do some of the same and other stranger things. We have in mind such a Republic based on the declaration that "all men are born free and equal" and yet holding millions of its citizens in slavery for ninety years and which forty years ago did also turn over the control of the local affairs of sundry southern States to its armed foes of yesterday.

And as for tariff matters, is there not the same incongruity under the flag of the United States as under that of Great Britain? If not, why are not the products and the merchandise of the Philippines and Porto Rico admitted free of duty to the United States? There is this difference, that Britain does admit the products of her colonies to her markets free of duty which the big Republic does not do. This only goes to show that British colonies are better treated, are freer and more fully self-governing than the colonies of the United States.

And the case of Newfoundland, cited by the New York Mail as "eluding a treaty," is not a case in point. Newfoundland has simply acted within the powers of her imperial charter, and Newfoundland is not more jealous of her colonial rights than were certain other British colonies which ceased to be British one hundred and thirty years ago. Republican concern for the British Empire is all very well, but that vast Empire, which at the moment controls one fifth of the earth's land surface, one fourth of its people, and which dominates the sea and the air, has so far been kept together with less danger of serious disruption and at less cost than the big Republic has faced within a half century past.

Republican concern for the British Empire! No republic yet in the world's history ever stood half so long, or ever held half the control on sea or land, as that same British Empire. From the

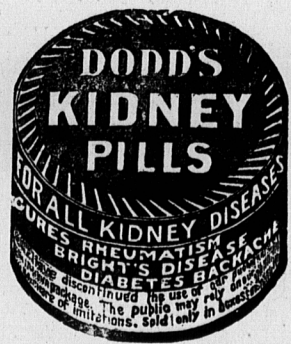
lofty imperial standpoint we feel concern for the United States, a nation but of yesterday, with institutions framed on a model which history shows has always lacked permanence and stability. The best we can say is that on grounds of international comity, neighborliness and kinship, we hope that Uncle Sam's experiment in government may succeed, but we regard it as risky, and precarious.

### CORRUPTION FUNDS.

Leader Borden of the Opposition has publicly charged that his seat in Halifax was stolen from him. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works affirms that he has knowledge that \$25,000 was wired from somewhere to the law partner of a Conservative candidate, on the eve of the last Dominion election, the inference being that it was used for corrupt purposes in whole or in part. Dr. Pugsley claims that if opportunity is offered in court he can prove this.

We are not told in what New Brunswick county this occurred, or even whether or not the candidate who was thus equipped with the sinews of war was successful. What the honest public is chiefly concerned about, however, is not the recriminations of party against party but the alarming conditions that these revelations disclose and how, with another general election near at hand the repetition of such wholesale debauchery and corruption is to be hereafter prevented.

Twenty-five thousand dollars expended by one party in a single county is a prodigious engine of corruption. The average population of a Canadian constituency is about 25,000 souls, and the voters are about one fourth of that number. The Government candidates presumably had as much money to spend, and probably spent more than the Opposition candidates, for both sides appear to have done what they could and the Liberal party was successful. On such a basis we would reach an enormous total for the 20 and



more contested seats. Can it be possible that from half a million to a million dollars was expended to corrupt the corruptible electorate of Canada in the last general election? Have we degenerated into a community of bribers and bribe-takers? It is evident that either the charges are recklessly flung to the winds or are gross exaggerations, or that Canada has had to cope with sackcloth and ashes, with shame and humiliation, over the rampant corruption of the times. In any case enough is known to call for every moral and religious agency in the land to do battle for the nation's life against this alarming evil.

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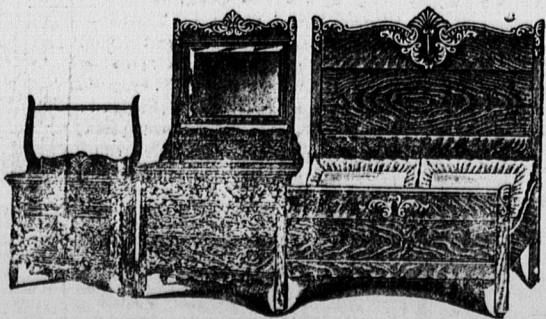
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