

than Japan, may possibly be deported under the act to be passed, but they will be deported because they are unaware of their rights and because the Government of Japan does not choose to insist on the terms of the treaty being carried out. If any Japanese arrival from Hawaii, or elsewhere, undertook to test the validity of the legislation, which is to be passed giving effect to the order-in-Council, he could not be prevented from coming into the country. The first article of the treaty is abundant evidence of that.

The bill of which Hon. Frank Oliver has just given notice in the House of Commons, then, can really be characterized as pretty much of a "bluff." It is a "bluff," not against our own fellow subjects from India, but against the people whom our own legislation, our provincial legislation, seeks to keep out. It is a "bluff" which may not be called, but which, if called, will be shown to be utterly ineffective.

We are not now discussing the merits or demerits of Japanese immigration, but simply the value of legislation passed by the Dominion Government, which is intended to have the same effect as our own provincial legislation, and we say that it is neither as far reaching nor as effective as our provincial measures.

The Natal Act which has been set aside by the courts would have applied universally, and it would have excluded those, from wherever they came, who were not desirable and would have admitted, no matter from where they came, those who were. This Dominion law which is to be passed, must say specifically that "would-be immigrants, no matter what their qualifications may be, must comply with certain conditions which do not at all effect their ability to be good citizens. It will not, in fact, take into account at all their qualification for citizenship; and it will totally ignore all those disabilities which, the British Columbia Natal Act insisted, furnished the only valid reasons for exclusion.

That is what we are to expect from Dominion legislation as it affects Asiatic immigration to this country, and it is what we do not want and what we have not asked for.

THAT RUSSIAN DUEL.

The barbarity of the recent duel between two Russian generals strikingly illustrates the backwardness of Russian civilization. These high officers fought with the full knowledge of the authorities before a crowd of other officers and in the presence of a score or more of women. They had been given the use of the riding school of a celebrated regiment, where at twenty paces they fired at each other till one of the combatants fell, perhaps mortally wounded. Thus was General Fock permitted to reply to the charges of cowardice and incompetence brought against him, by his victim, General Smirnov.

Fock was the commander who was driven down the Liaotung Peninsula into Port Arthur by the Japanese troops under General Nogi. He was the friend

ment. More than any other single institution on earth it reflects conditions in all countries. Like the most delicate seismograph, which records the faintest earthquake shock, the Old Lady of Threadneedle street feels every severe financial spasm which occurs and it generally measures it with its discount rate.

The fact that this rate has been reduced to 3 per cent., is therefore highly significant. It is not only a hopeful sign that things are better than they were a few months ago but so far as money is concerned they are normal. It has been two years and a half since the Bank of England's rate was as low as it now stands. Last autumn it was seven per cent., which was the very highest figure reached since the stress of the Boer War put British finances under a great strain.

The acute money panic last year preceded the severe depression in business. All European as well as American banks were forced to protect themselves and interest rates were on the average at the highest point in many years. But now the world's money condition as indexed by the Bank of England has regained its normal balance. That this is a forerunner of a return to an improved industrial situation no one can dispute.

Australia having shown the way, other ambitious island commonwealths like New Zealand and Tasmania have extended invitations to the American fleet. The Sultan of Sulu, the Governor of St. Helena, and the inhabitants of Juan Fernandez have not yet been heard from.

Japan has speedily discovered that the operation of all its railroads by the Government is an irksome task. It has found, moreover, that it is expensive as well as burdensome, and it is now quite willing to shift the load upon private shoulders. The people of Japan are in no position to assume any further burden in the way of a general public debt. They are already bearing four and a half times the amount which they carried only eight years ago. Poor as that nation is, it has a debt greatly exceeding the net debt of the United States, whereas it is estimated that the productive capacity of the empire is not a tenth of the capacity of the republic.

Balloons of a Well Known Character.

With tanned head and ruddy face,
All through that first St. Patrick's Day,
Dear me, at what a panting pace,
He worked to drive those snakes away.
He made them one and all shabby,
Big snakes or little, dull or frisky,
He moved 'em on without delay—
But left the whisky.

The peasant stared from humble place,
The maids blushed in rare dismay
To see the strenuous Man of Grace
(He worked to drive those snakes away)
His plous ankles thus display
His robe tucked up—twas almost rinky—
He chased them into creek and bay—
But left the whisky.

Wielding his cross like soldier's mace,
Advancing like some odd ballet,
Doubtless with many a queer grimace,
He worked to drive those snakes away.
Some saints had been content to pray
Against serpents, mild or basilisk,
He made the snakes his word obey—
But left the whisky.

L'Envoi.

Brave saint! these facts your race convey
He worked to drive those snakes away

There was once a dram
unsung praise to a new
own work.

There was once a man
—He felt it deeply.

There was once an act
—He was certified as

There was once an ear
was viewed with distrust.

There was once a must
who was photographed with
teeth.—She had forgotten
with her.

There was once a timer
felt that he had been
was a winner.—Leah's

"Howlers"

Here are some "amusing"
"howlers" made by English
—How were soldiers
ferent from those of the
werent; they had big
black hair. "Ich den"
Prince of Wales features
English after the Armada
Jehovah blew and they
John Bayo, was perma
ned to France, where he
nata, agony. "In 18
crossed over to Britain
and a 18 H. C. he con
drive out the Danes, th
that he had the founda
language and French co
made Italy safe from an
barbarians. "Hamlet
panorama, etc., and acro
rial. Birmingham. "N
historian, he led the
Assyrians was killed."

At questions are asked
of the "howlers" one of
pool in the back yard, w
with cabbage stalks and
the houses of the poor th
fearful state and quite un
bation. "In nearly 80
landlady lives in the cent
keeping a tenant in each
best way to improve poss
put a tack back on the
iron beam on the ceiling.
The Bible provides some
—When Lot's wife looked
back into a pillar of cloud
of fire by night. "The c
behave optimist. "A syn
used as a swimming bath
shop. "The pasover lamb
er than eight days or 70
year."

Ting-a-lings

When the telephone
And it isn't for
Do you ever say it
When the telephone
That if words could
Would paint all th
When the telephone
And it isn't for yo
—Cleveland

Minard's Liniment Co., 1

Gentlemen,—My daughter
old, was thrown from a
jured her elbow so badly
stiff and very painful for
four bottles of MINARD's
completely cured her and
been troubled for two years
Yours truly
J. B. LI

St. Joseph P. O., 18th.

Wallpaper Clearer Sale

We are discontinuing this
our business and are selling
at

Half Price

away below factory
prices are some