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## **BOMBS IN INDIA.**

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Whether the attempt on Sunday to murder Lord Minto is an indication of the feeling among the majority of the natives of India, or is an act representative only of the sentiment of a restricted class, it certainly points to the necessity of measures being taken by the Imperial Government which will convince the Indian people that that species of warfare against authority not only cannot succeed, but that it must result in the deprivation of privileges which they now enjoy.

It has time and again been pointed out to the British people by those most capable of advising on the administration of that great dependency that the native races of India are incapable of self-government in the sense that self-government is understood in Britain. For thousands of years the Indian races have accepted despotism as the only rule with which they were acquainted, and it is absurd to imagine that in the course of a generation or two they should come to recognize and appreciate the system that exists in Great Britain.

The unrest which at present prevails is the natural consequence of inspiring them with a belief in the possession of capabilities which they do not possess, and which can only be developed in them by a long course of training. Freedom from the reverence for power instilled in them by ages of subjection they break out into license. Liberty in our meaning of the term they do not understand. And if the authorities permit incidents like that of Sunday to occur without calling a reckoning, it is not at all unlikely that before long there will be a flame of mutiny which will place the last uprising in India in the shade.

That it was Lord Minto who has the intended victim of the murderous attempt of Sunday brings the trouble in India close to the people here, Lord Minto was highly esteemed in Canada, where he was governor-general for a term, and Canadians take a genuine and kindly interest in his future.