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—Browning.

London, Friday, May 24.

Long may Queen Victoria live and reign! She has been a good wife, an exemplary mother, a constitutional sovereign. She has demonstrated the folly of statesmen in classing women among "idiots and infants," who are deprived of the rights of citizenship. And besides the successor of Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, was born in November. Who desires the celebration of the sovereign's birthday to be changed from the month of May to November?

HAVE TO SING A NEW TUNE.

One fact has been established beyond a doubt in the recent discussion of the taxation question at Ottawa, and it is that the Government of the late Alexander Mackenzie was in no sense responsible for the depression of trade that prevailed in this country and throughout the world in the 70's. For years, while the spending of the \$100,000,000 borrowed by the men now in power was in progress, we had high tax advocates in Parliament and out of it contending that the taxes were not high enough in Mr. Mackenzie's time, or there would have been no depression. But recent revelations at Ottawa have compelled the "protectionists," for very shame, to cease that prattle, and to tardily acknowledge that high taxation is not a panacea for depression in trade.

The high tax Government has increased our national debt by \$100,000,000 in twelve years. It has increased the expenditure of the country from \$23,000,000 a year in 1878, which was then claimed to be too high, to nearly \$38,000,000. And this year the high tax Finance Minister presents a balance sheet \$4,500,000 short of meeting the liabilities of the country—a deficit nearly three times greater than was ever experienced in the depression which came after the United States crash of 1873-4.

With such a record, and with the census returns in evidence, how would it be possible for a high tax advocate to go on a platform and seriously argue that the class law had not been a delusion, a snare, a costly failure?

HOPEFUL VIEW OF THE RECENT FROSTS.

The recent cold wave has no doubt done harm to field crops and fruit, and already the extent of the damage throughout Ontario and adjacent States is figured up in the millions.

But we have had spring frosts before, when the lamentations were as loud as those we now have; and before the season was over farmers and fruit growers were rejoicing over the abundance of their crops.

Eleven years ago we had hard frosts in the last days of May, just as the apple and peach orchards were shedding their blossoms, and most people thought that there was no hope for apples or peaches that year. It turned out, however, that the frost was a boon instead of a blight, doing the work of thinning out the fruit more successfully than the skilled fruit grower himself could hope to do it. The result was an abundant and excellent yield, especially of apples, which were that year a drug on the market.

What the result will be this year it is too early to say yet; but we may wait in hope. There is no cause to fear a famine anyway.

INCREASING SCHOOL EXPENDITURE.

The public school statistics as published in the annual Board of Trade report show that although the annual cost of education per pupil has increased from \$8 85 in 1891 to \$11 21 in 1894 (and it was \$12 82 in '92, and \$14 92 in '93), the number of pupils on the rolls has decreased from 9,448 in 1891 to 8,746 in 1894. Another fact is that salaries and all other expenses have increased gradually from \$48,534 07 in '91 to \$62,326 72 in '94.

The estimated expenditure of the school board this year is in the neighborhood of \$90,000, and at Monday night's council meeting a requisition was sent in for a \$36,000 issue of debentures for new schools. New schools, it may be asked, while the number of children attending the older schools is decreasing? Chairman Blackwell accounts for the increased expenditure by the annual gradual salary increase, by the fact that the heating, hygienic and sanitary arrangements have been

entirely remodeled and schools built to accommodate the growing crowds of younger scholars. He also makes the statement that while the lower rooms are crowded, by the time the children reach the upper forms their numbers have become thinned out so that in some cases there is room to spare in the upper forms, while the lower-room pupils have to be sent home. This was Mr. Blackwell's explanation before the Board of Trade.

Today the number of younger pupils has so increased as to make it necessary for the school board to rent three rooms from church bodies. Would it not be possible to make some rearrangement among the schools whereby the crowded lower forms could find relief by being given some of the room which is to spare among the higher forms?

The same statistics also show that the total expenditure in connection with the Collegiate Institute has increased from \$16,440 28 in '91 to \$24,454 30 in 1894.

RETIREMENT OF DR. DEWART.

There are few editors in Canada who have labored continuously on one paper for 26 years, as Dr. Dewart, of the Christian Guardian, has done, and fewer still who have done such high-class work as Dr. Dewart. The paper was made by him a power for living Christianity amongst the Methodists of Canada. It is to be hoped that Mr. Courtice, the new editor, will keep up the pace set by his very able predecessor; and it is to be hoped also that the Methodist folk will not be unmindful of the veteran who has laid down his pen, in his old age.

EDITORIAL POINTS.

The Boston Herald well says that "next to the advantages to the people of having an honest and an able party in power to direct their government is that of a strong opposition to watch it closely and be in a position to take advantage of its mistakes." The Dominion has such an Opposition, which will be the Government after the general election.

Only fireproof ships of war, is the new cry, as the heat generated by the concussion caused by the striking of cannon balls sets fire to the woodwork of the interior. Such is the lesson of the recent naval battles in the East.

There is a row in Toronto over the granting of a wine and beer license for the island. Temperance men never favor the issuing of new licenses for traffic in liquor; but in the case of Toronto Island there are said to be exceptional circumstances. It is asserted on what appears to be unquestioned authority that in spite of the greatest vigilance illicit traffic in liquor is being carried on upon the island, in proof whereof it is said that fines to the amount of \$1,500 were imposed on violators of the law there last year. Lying alongside a city where there are scores of drinking places, it would be surprising if prohibition could be successfully carried out on the island; and if the facts are as represented we are not sure but that the wisest course to pursue is to grant a license and rigidly enforce the regulations. Commissioners of the stamp of John Flett and Thos. Thompson are not likely to show favor to the liquor traffic, and with the accurate knowledge they must have of the situation it might be presumptuous to quarrel with their judgment. A year's experience will tell more than a volume of speculation.

Following the practice of other church denominations, the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec this year begin to hold their annual convention in spring, instead of fall. Their series of business meetings opens at Toronto on Monday evening of next week, and will continue until Friday.

The Globe has been shown by Mr. Thomas McGaw, of the Queen's, a five and a half pound trout, caught near Owen Sound. That is a big one—the fish, we mean.

A late publication from the presses of the Methodist Book and Publishing Company is one entitled "Etchings From a Parsonage Verandah." The author is the clever wife of Rev. James Graham, who was a well-known worker in the London Methodist Conference. It contains over 200 pages and is illustrated by the popular artist, Mr. J. W. Bengough, whose work is remarkably fine. The book is a series of sketches from pastoral surroundings, and of lessons from active religious work. It is entertainingly written and cannot fail to be pleasant and profitable. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

A curious and striking feature of the great collection of pictures in McClure's "Complete Life of Napoleon" is a number illustrating the Russian campaign. These pictures were drawn during the terrible march to and from Moscow by an officer in Napoleon's army, and have not been published before in this country. They are of the most terrible realism, and give an idea of the horrors of that fatal invasion which no words can equal.

The complete novel in the June issue of Lippincott's is "The Battle of Salamis," a stirring tale of the Napoleonic wars, from the Spanish of Benito Perez Galdos, an author of high repute in his own country, but hitherto too little known in America. It is followed by a brief account of "Galdos and His Novels," by the translator, Rollo Ogden. Other contributors of the usual high class are: "William Shakespeare, his Mark," William Cecil Elam; "Robin Hood," by Ella Gilbert Ives; "As a Day in June," by May D. Hatch; "Improving the Common Roads," by John Gilmer Speed; "Beset in Aravaipa Canon," by William Thomson; "Thoreau," by Charles C. Abbott; "The Referendum and the Senate," by W. D. McCrackan; "Interwoven Strains," by J. Percival Pollard; "Content" (Quatrains) by Madison Cawelt; "The Tyranny of the Pictorial," by Sidney Fairfield.

VOTED DOWN AGAIN.

Substantial Reasons for Not Having a Flag-Raising Demonstration on July 1.

The school board held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to consider again the question of holding a flag-raising demonstration on July 1. As the matter comes up on a notice to reconsider, and the notices sent out did not state the object of the meeting, several members objected to reopening the matter at the special meeting, as those who were absent might not hold themselves bound by any action taken, and might take a different view at the next regular meeting. Trustee Griffin moved that there be a demonstration, and Trustee Logan seconded. The latter made some pointed reference to what he termed the back-door method taken by the council in striking out of the estimates the amount set apart for demonstration purposes. For this he was warmly criticised by Trustee Jeffery. To reconsider the matter at a meeting called in a general manner would be illegal, he said. The expenditure also was illegal. Then the excitement of preparation interfered with school work and played havoc with the examinations. There were plenty of other ways of inculcating patriotism.

"I think the demonstrations that have been carried on heretofore have been injurious to the children," said no less an authority than Dr. Wilson. Last summer the doctor saw many little children hardly able to trudge away out to the park. As trustees they ought not to allow the children to be so exposed.

Trustee Buchner tried to get Trustee Griffin to let the notice of consideration drop and abide by the feeling of the meeting. On his refusing, Trustee Buchner protested against the meeting as irregular.

"Well, you can't have the park," said Chairman Blackwell. "We will have the park."

Of the trustees said something about "dogs in the manger," and Trustee Sanders moved in amendment that the demonstration be held in the morning, and the Young Liberals be given the use of the park in the afternoon. This was lost on the following division: Yeas—Wilkins, Sanders, Logan, Blackwell, Griffin—5. Nays—Murphy, Buchner, Jeffery, Hunt, Stephenson, Johnston, Craig, Greenlees, and Wilson—4.

Mr. Griffin's motion was defeated on the same division. The latter states that he will have the question submitted to the people in January next as to whether or not the demonstration shall be made permanent. He will also press the motion to reconsider at the first meeting in June.

IN THE WEST.

Word from the Northwest Territories About a Marvel of Modern Science.

Calgary, May 15.—The fame of Dodd's Kidney Pills has spread all over the Northwest, and they have come into universal use, being found in almost every farmhouse and village throughout the territories. The cures of Kent, Drs. Rose and McCormick, Rymal, Fisher and dozens of others have been eagerly read, and have consequently produced a large demand. People are becoming convinced that a very large percentage of disease may be traced, as it was in these cases, to the action of the kidneys in failing to do their proper work and inducing rheumatism, paralysis, Bright's disease, diabetes and blood poisoning.

SHEEP AND SWINE BREEDERS.

Joint Meeting in the City Hall—Arrangements Made for a Winter Fat Stock Show at Guelph—Nominations and Committees Suruk.

A joint meeting of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations was held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon and evening. The attendance was fairly large. Mr. John I. Hobson, Mossboro, was elected to the chair, and among those present were the following prominent breeders: Joseph Fetherston, M.P., Richard Gibson (Delaware), Joseph Brethour, Capt. Robson, John Gibson (Denfield), H. George & Sons, Mr. Douglas (Galt), John Johnston (Abington), C. M. Symonds, T. Coxworthy (Whitby), John Geary, John Snell (Edmonton), H. Harding (Thorndale), James Tolton (Walkerton), and many others.

The first business was an attempt to adjust an appeal made by Messrs. H. George & Sons against the withholding of prize money won by their animals at the fat stock show last winter at Guelph. The money was withheld because of an alleged irregularity. Mr. Ed. Weid appeared for Messrs. H. George & Sons and supported the application, contending for a return of at least part of the money. The matter was fully discussed and finally referred back to the joint committee which dealt with the matter.

Prof. Day, of the Agricultural College staff, was chosen to represent the Agricultural College on the directorate of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association, in accordance with the new Agricultural Act.

It was decided to amalgamate with the Agricultural and Arts Association and the Guelph Fat Stock Club and hold a fat stock show next winter in Guelph on similar terms to those under which the show was held last year. The date of the show and rules were referred to the joint committee.

Sheep judges for the show were nominated as follows: Longwood—W. Thompson, A. Smith, R. W. Stevens (referees), Oxfords, Hampshire, Shropshires, Southdowns, Horned Dorsets and Merinos—Henry Arkill, J. Miller and R. Miller.

Swine—Chester Whites, Tamworths and Jersey Reds—Joseph Fetherston, M.P., Joseph Brethour, James Anderson (referees).

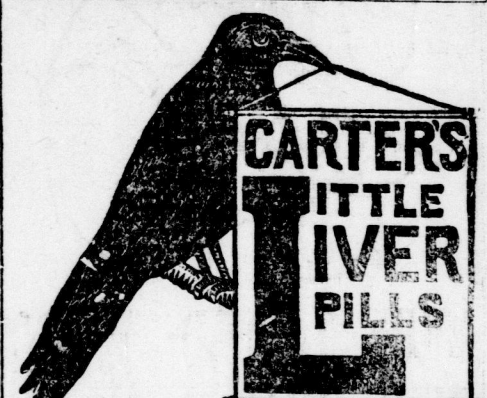
Berkshires, Poland Chinas, Yorkshires, Suffolk, Essex, Victorias, grades or crosses and sweepstakes for hogs—Thos. Teasdale, James Main, A. Elliott (referees).

Joint committee to represent the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association at the fat stock show: From sheep breeders—John Johnston and James Tolton.

From swine breeders—J. Hood and R. H. Harding.

Executive and programme committee: Sheep breeders—John Jackson and J. C. Snell.

A NEW GENERAL SECRETARY.
Toronto, May 23.—The Epworth League Board held an important meeting last night, at which, in addition to some work of organization, they chose three gentlemen whose names they will recommend to the general conference special committee, which body will choose from these three one to be general secretary of the Sunday School and Epworth League Young People's Societies of the Methodist Church. Rev. A. C. Crews, of Toronto; Rev. R. N. Burns, of Toronto; and Rev. John E. Lancelley, of Barrie, are the three who were nominated after eleven ballots and three hours of voting.



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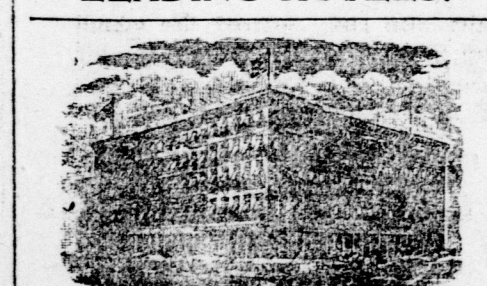
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