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—(BROWNING.)

London, Thursday, May 4.

A NOBLE WOMAN'S TRIUMPH.

Our cablegrams suggest that there was some division among the members of the British Women's Temperance Association at its annual meeting yesterday. The cause is easily explained. A section of the association has all along taken the ground that it should devote its energies solely to the work of promoting total abstinence. But a much larger body, at the head of which is Lady Henry Somerset, president of the association, has taken a more aggressive and progressive position. They hold that it is as necessary to demand that candidates for public office shall live pure lives as that they shall be supporters of liquor law reform. Moreover, they believe in woman being placed in a position where she can exercise the right to directly influence legislation. In other words, they hold that as women must obey the laws of the land they should have some say in the making of them. They believe that the great reforms they have at heart can never be entirely successful unless they have a right to go to the polls and aid their enforcement with their votes. Thousands of energetic women are determined to make the association a fighting body, just as similar associations on this continent have become. The cry of "politics" was raised against Lady Henry Somerset and her associates, but that noble woman held that such a cry should not deter those who thought with her from taking a stand for what they believed to be right, and by re-electing her the British Women's Temperance Association, in annual convention assembled, have endorsed her views. They have done right.

THE London Free Press can be funny when it chooses.

It first berates Sir Oliver Mowat for not supporting the prohibitory enactment brought in by Mr. Marier.

Then it denounces politicians on both sides who favor prohibition as casting hyposities.

It expresses the belief that the Province does not want prohibition.

But it is strongly opposed to the taking of a popular vote to settle that point.

Is it not about time for our contemporary to ask, "Where am I?"

NO NEED FOR DELAY.

A St. Thomas and Port Stanley delegation has been in London to urge upon the mayor the propriety of at once proceeding to settle the fate of the London and Port Stanley Railway. They expressed fears that if the Zerbe offer were not accepted by the council the Dominion Government would not go on with the needed harbor improvements. This statement is partially backed up by the Free Press, which more than hints that the making of Port Stanley a harbor of refuge and a proper port of entry hinges upon the absolute guarantee that some such bargain as that proposed by Mr. Zerbe has been completed.

Now, while we desire that the civil authorities shall have a free hand to complete the best possible arrangements that can be arrived at, whether with Mr. Zerbe or with someone else, we dissent from the view that the Government work needed to put the harbor into proper shape should be delayed an hour longer. The men charged with the management of the railway know very well that the citizens of London will brook no bargain that does not provide for the handling by the railway, at reasonable freight rates, of all lake traffic that can be brought to the port. This view has been emphasized before the Minister of Public Works, so that delay in reaching final arrangements as to who shall operate the line cannot interfere in any degree with the performance of the work to which the Government is pledged. Moreover, in view of the fact that the improvements are required in order to provide a harbor of refuge at Port Stanley, and thus provide against such losses of life and property as have been recorded in the past, delay would be wholly unwarranted even though the present negotiations for the working of the line collapsed.

Mr. Oimmet has no valid excuse for refusing to go on with the work. He should need no pressure, no letter-writing, no philippics by politicians to convince him of the necessity for completing a work so necessary for the welfare of the taxpayers in this district as well as for the protection of life and property on the great lakes.

THE people having shown by their votes that they placed no faith in Mr. McMillan, Conservative candidate for Vaudreuil, the Dominion Government has promptly reversed the decision by appointing the discarded M. P. as paymaster of canals.

RESULTS OF THE LATE SPRING.

Business generally has been put back by the late spring, and the wholesalers of London have had no exceptional experience. With cold rains, chilling winds, and muddy roads, there has not been that free purchase of goods that usually accompanies early spring, and money has not been so plentiful as it otherwise would have been. Traders, while naturally far from satisfied, are inclined to be philosophers, and hope to make up some lost ground when summer weather sets in. The exports and imports of the country have been large, and the only question that remains is how much of the goods represent money borrowed, or to pay interest on debts, for about all our transactions with foreign creditors are in goods.

Advice from the Northwest are not at all cheering, remittances being very slow, owing to the low prices farmers have received for their products, and the fact that so much of the money has been swallowed up in paying for debts incurred in past seasons. A number of failures have been recorded in recent months, and some poor results have followed the realization of estates. But no insolvents in Ontario that we have heard of equal, in point of paucity of dividend, those of two boot and shoe merchants in Quebec. Etienne Metivier, of Victoriaville, who failed some time ago, has recently paid his first and final dividend of 3 cents on the dollar. Upon liabilities of \$4,510 61 he pays \$135 34. Thomas Tobin, of Sorel, has paid 15 cents on liabilities of \$325 01; Gabriel Miles, of Grand Pabo, paid 11 1/2 cents on the dollar upon liabilities of \$3,350. There is altogether too much credit afforded to unstable traders, to the injury both of merchants and their customers, for after all the losses in trade, like the taxes on goods, fall mainly on the consumer.

The outlook for the farmer is not so gloomy as some have pictured it. A prominent seedsman in this city, who has made a study of seasons, informs the writer that during his experience as a merchant and farmer he has seen seasons later, colder and more wet, followed by an abundant harvest. The fact is that if one wants to sow oats in our climate he can safely do so up to June 1. The same way with corn. That commodity, planted in this district as late as June 20, has turned out exceedingly well. Indeed, it is reasonable to take a philosophic view of the situation, and to hold that it is far better to have inclement weather now than at the end of May or beginning of June, which has often happened in years when spring weather has come early. The lateness of the season need give agriculturists little cause for alarm, if we have good weather steadily later on. At present fall wheat in the majority of western townships looks exceedingly well, and hay, though backward, is coming along admirably.

Shortage in sunshine has kept back the pastures, and the make of May cheese will consequently be considerably lighter than usual. But, in view of the fact that British merchants only want the finest grades now, and have a lot of second grades in sight, it is probably as well that the earlier marketing will be light. By the way, old world advisers say that prices have been depressed by an avalanche of poor stuff from New Zealand. Nevertheless for the new product there is a fair demand at an advance of 6d on the week.

As to butter, the English market must be in pretty bad shape when, in order to relieve it, reshipments continue to be made to Canada of goods sent there for sale. It is said by the Montreal Trade Bulletin that there are about 800 packages of creamery on the way back to this market, besides offers of more on consignment to parties there; and in one instance a consignment has been refused. Those who represent that we have but to send our butter, eggs and other commodities to Britain and get big prices for them do not find that actual facts always verify their contentions.

It is reassuring to know that the outlook for better prices for cattle continues to improve. The prices for export are still low, however, being no more than from 34 cents to 43 cents per pound, according to quality.

There has been no change in the wheat market this week, and unless the new crop gives promise of being poor over a wide portion of the globe it is not probable that better prices will be obtained for many a day. The question now put to us is, have bottom prices for wheat been reached? Here is an interesting pronouncement on the subject from the London Canadian Gazette: "Six years ago British economists declared that Australian and New Zealand wheat could not be profitably sent to British markets when the British average was less than 40 shillings per quarter. Yet since New Year's Day 600,000 quarters of Australian wheat have been shipped to London at prices not much, if at all, above 30 shillings per quarter. Another confident prediction was that wheat from the North American prairies could not be delivered in this country at less than 40 shillings per quarter, and that the freight to England could not be less than 16 shillings per quarter. Yet prairie wheat has during the past few weeks been sold for only 18 shillings per quarter on the farm, and western farmers have increased its cultivation by leaps and bounds. Finally, the through freight from Dakota to London have been not 16 shillings per quarter, but less than 10 shillings. So much for the predictions of the highest British agricultural experts. As the Miller says, such tremendous differences pass comparatively unheeded in the House of Commons, yet a like difference on the budget would land the nation in a deficit of £10,000,000."

This plebiscite on the prohibition question, to be taken at next municipal elections by order of the Ontario Legislature, will cause widespread interest to be taken in these oftentimes dull contests.

MARRIED HIS OLD SWEETHEART

She Traveled from Scotland to Georgia to Reclaim Her Bride.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 4.—A fine-looking woman stepped from the Richmond and Danville train last evening, stood a moment in suspense, and then a substantial citizen introduced her to a committee of the Caledonian Club, the chairman of which, presenting her with a rich bouquet, delivered an address of welcome.

She was Miss Mary Donaldson, of St. Andrews, Scotland. Twenty years ago she was the sweetheart of John M. Porteous. He came to America, and forgetting his Scotch sweetheart, married an American girl in Kalamazoo. Last year his wife died, and he then found out that the girl he left behind him in Scotland had remained true to her troth.

Her arrival here this afternoon was the result of their renewed correspondence, and the official action of the Caledonian Club was a tribute to the Scotchmen of Atlanta to their brave countrywoman, who had undertaken a journey of 5,000 miles to marry the man she had never ceased to love. They were married to-night at the residence of Rev. W. P. Pattillo.

FRANCES WILLARD COLLAPSES.

Her Health Said to Have Broken Down Through Hard Work.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Letters received here from London state that Frances Willard has entirely collapsed as a result of her years of hard work. Her physicians have ordered her to go to Switzerland for the entire summer. Some doubts are expressed as to whether she will ultimately recover.

DON'T TALK IN YOUR SLEEP.

Brown Did, and His Wife Heard Something Not Intended for Her Ear.

"And who, pray, is Doris?" was the question that startled Mr. Brown (who, says the *Advertiser*, is addicted to that ill-conceived habit of talking in his sleep), as he woke the other morning and found his better half sitting up in bed with an interrogation point in one eye and a note of exclamation in the other.

"Doris, Doris—Doris who?"

"That's precisely what I want to know; you've been repeating that name over and over again during the night."

"Oh—ah—yes; yes, of course. It's Charlie Jones' new collie dog. Oh, she's a perfect beauty. I'd give anything for her."

"Indeed?"

"Rather; she's the sort of dog—"

"You ought to own? Certainly—you appear excessively fond of her. You asked, you will be pleased to hear, this 'collie dog' to put her arms round your neck and kiss you; then you told Mr. Jones' dog that you 'loved her with all your heart,' and that when you came to die, if you could only 'lay your head' on Jones' dog's bosom, you could 'breathe your life out sweetly.' Then you asked Jones' dog to 'have another lie down,' and if the watch you had given her kept good time. Under these circumstances, I think, perhaps, you had better go to Jones' collie dog, as I am going home to my mother."

SCINTILLATIONS.

—There are 18,000 typewriters at work in New York, two-thirds of the number being women.

—The Ottawa Board of Trade has adopted a resolution in favor of the abolition of the single tax on land values as the sole basis of all taxation for municipal purposes. The resolution was carried by a large majority.

—The Knights of Labor of the city of Hull, Que., purpose holding one of the largest celebrations that has ever been held in Canada. Arrangements have not yet been altogether completed, but it has been decided to invite all labor organizations from as far east as Quebec and west as Toronto and Hamilton to be present and take part in the great fete on Dominion Day.

—The main cause of the distress in Great Britain is a land system which permits a few men to own all the land, while those who should glean their living from it are forced to huddle in the cities living lives of idleness and beggary. A land act for Great Britain would be a grand achievement for Mr. Gladstone, and would go far towards improving the condition of the masses, now scarcely able to keep body and soul together.

—The trade depression which is said to extend around the world is felt least of all in New Zealand, a fact which is attributed to the system of government which prevails there. The land has been nationalized, and in the population there are no very rich and no very poor, a condition of things which obtains in no other British colony. Every one in New Zealand can get as much land as he wants if he is prepared to pay the rate for land and to go far towards improving the condition of the masses, now scarcely able to keep body and soul together.

—A New York merchant has erected a sensation by asking the assessors to raise his tax to five times the amount put on the roll. Opinion is divided, says the *American*, as to his being a candidate for the lunatic asylum or the promoter of some gigantic swindle. To dishonest men the action of the merchant may appear peculiar, but by honest men it will be regarded as the action of an honorable man. The difficulty of the action under existing circumstances when so many evade the payment of taxes partially or entirely, those who are willing to pay in full really pay more than their share.

—At a meeting of the Baptist branch of the Toronto Ministerial Association last week Rev. Pastor Donovan read a paper entitled, "Woman's Place and Power in Society." The subject is one that is of great interest to the public. In one clause Rev. Donovan stated that domestic slavery was woman's doom. This created a good deal of discussion, and was commented upon by Rev. Messrs. Thomas Parker, Alexander and Lyke. These gentlemen, although not exactly coinciding with the speaker's views, thought that the association did not work sufficiently hard in the interests of working girls, and it was decided that more attention should be paid to the welfare of this class of women in future meetings.

Handsome Bequest for Harvard.

BOSTON, May 4.—By the will of Katherine Page Perkins, of this city, Harvard College receives \$150,000 for a dormitory to be called Perkins Hall, as a memorial of Rev. Daniel Perkins, his grandfather, Dr. Richard Perkins and his brother, William Foster Perkins, who were graduates of the college.

Paderewski's Lunch.

Paderewski went into Cooley's cafe after his piano performance in Springfield for refreshments. So particular was he about his cooking that he went into the kitchen and stood with the cook while he prepared him a peach omelet and some other fantastic dishes, but when it was over there were \$5 tips for those who waited on him, while the cafe took \$20 out of the pianist's \$1,500 evening salary, and heard no complaint of any hair in the butter.—[Athol Transcript.]

Australian Banks Reopen.

MELBOURNE, May 4.—The Bank of Victoria and the City and Commercial Banks reopened their doors yesterday. It is expected all the other banks which closed recently will be reopened to-day.

Shot His Little Girl.

DETROIT, May 3.—August Gessert, a policeman attached to the Elmwood avenue station, went home to dinner to-day, and entering the room where his family were just sitting down to the table, caught up his baby boy in his arms. As he did so his revolver fell out of his inside coat pocket and exploded on striking the floor. The bullet struck his little daughter Lillie, 8 years old, who sat at the table, entering her leg just above the knee and ranging upward. Dr. Goodwin was summoned, and says the little girl will probably recover.

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Read the List. Shop Early. Terms Cash.

1st—3 pieces Cream Lace Flouncing, 40 inches wide, we sacrifice this line to-day at 15c yard.

2nd—50 Remnants of Black French Cashmere, very fine and all wool, some 5c, some 75c and some \$1 per yard; we clear these ends to-day at just half price, \$1 quality for 50c and so on.

3rd—8 pieces 42-inch Tweed Dress Goods, regular 50c, to-day 25c.

4th—2 pieces All-Wool Black Brocaded Dress Goods, regular \$1 goods for 50c to-day.

5th—Dress Goods 27 inches wide, Brown, Fawn and Gray, worth 15c, to-day 10c.

6th—100 ends Silks, Plushes and Velvets, worth 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1 25, to-day your choice for 25c.

7th—1 case Lace Curtains, slightly soiled; manufacturer's prices will rule to-day. A great bargain.

8th—Do you want Chenille Curtains? We give you a chance to-day. Read the prices, \$6 line for \$4 50, \$7 line for \$4 95, the \$8 50 line for \$6, the \$10 line for \$7, and your choice for all above these prices for \$8 a pair. The entire stock should go at these prices.

9th—4 pieces Irish Table Linen, we clear to-day at 15c yard.

10th—Bracaded Chambray, new colors, worth 25c, to-day 18c.

11th—Heavy Twilled Cretonne, only 6 1-2c to-day.

12th—Plain Sheetting, imported, 72 inches wide, worth 38c, to-day 24c.

13th—American Cotton Challie, double fold, worth 12 1-2c, to-day 6c.

14th—Heavy Feather Ticking, worth 25c, to-day 19c.

15th—American Skirts, fast colors, regular 50c, to-day 33c.

16th—Linen Belfast Toweling, worth 10c, to-day 6 1-2c.

17th—A table full of White and Colored Quilts, worth \$1 35 to-day \$1.

18th—6 pieces of \$1 Tweed, we clear to-day at 55c.

19th—6 pieces Heavy Flannelette, worth 18c, to-day for 12 1-2c.

20th—Navy Blue Serge for boys' wear, only 22 1-2c to-day.

21st—Double-Fold Tweed Dress Goods, on bargain day 10c yard.

22nd—72-inch Bleached Sheetting, worth 35c to-day 22 1-2c.

23rd—Colored Moire Sash Ribbons, worth 75c, to-day 36c.

24th—All-Silk Ribbons, in colors, worth 10c, to-day 5c.

25th—Two-Toned Reversible Satin Ribbons, worth 35c, to-day 16c.

26th—Fancy Frillings, new goods, worth 35c, to-day 16c.

27th—Ladies' Colored Silk Handkerchiefs, 20c regular, to-day 13c.

28th—Ladies' 38c Cotton Vests, to-day 26c.

29th—Ladies' Saten Blouse Waists, to-day only 78c.

30th—Boys' Serge Sailor Suits, only \$1 to-day.

31st—Boys' All-Wool Tweed Suits, 4 to 12 years, to-day \$1 50 each.

32nd—Men's Tweed Pants, to-day only \$1.

33rd—Young Men's Tweed Suits, from 12 to 15 years, only \$2 75.

34th—Young Men's Waterproof Coats, worth \$6, to-day \$4.

35th—Boys' Blue Cloth Peak Caps, all sizes, 2 for 25c.

36th—Men's Unlaundersed Shirts at 29c, and our celebrated line at 49c. Ask to see them.

37th—Men's Soft Felt Hats, the fashionable hat now, and only 60c to-day.

38th—Are you in want of a new Cape for spring wear? Have sold a rare lot this season; some choice ones left; colored and black; trimmed with beads; notice the prices, for \$2 95, worth \$4 50, at \$3 45, worth \$5, at \$4 25, worth \$6 50, at \$6 90, worth \$8, at \$9 50, worth \$12 50, at \$4, worth \$5 50. These are genuine reductions. Everyone should find a purchase to-day. First Floor.

39th—Ladies' Straw Hats at 15c and 25c, worth double.

40th—Laces and Embroideries. A big table full at 6c.

41st—Photograph Holders at 15c, and double ones at 25c, worth double.

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