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Advocates Prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor; and all expedient general legislation and persuasion in the meantime.

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Is an advocate of Equal Rights for women, whether as regards the franchise, or equal wages for equal work.

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Is a believer in Christian Union, and considers the time has come when the various Christian denominations should come closer together. Those bodies which are now nearest should unite first. Under the present system there is an unjustifiable waste of men, means and effort. The differences between most of the existing denominations are no greater than the differences, natural to thinking men and women, to be found in every congregation. Even those Christian bodies supposed to be the farthest apart, the Protestant and the Roman Catholic, have more of belief that is common than of belief that is antagonistic. To the laity the differences between the various Protestant denominations are microscopic. For various reasons the clergy, even when, as is true of the best of them, they favor Christian Union, are not in a position to be as outspoken as the laity.

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Advocates Obligatory Voting. Most of the electoral corruption centers around "getting out the vote." Let the duty be laid on every elector of getting out his own vote.

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Advocates the more general use of the Plebiscite, the Initiative and Referendum, etc., believing that the interest of the people in public questions, apart from persons, would be increased, and that something would thereby be done to promote independence of political thought, as opposed to excessive party spirit.

God's in His Heaven,  
 All's right with the world.  
 —(BROWNING.)

London, Friday, March 10.

ALMOST the only dry thing in the country these days is a speech by the Parliamentary bore.

CHICAGO buildings will in future be limited in height to ten stories. In recent years they have been altogether too high for public safety.

AS THE Ontario Legislature does not meet till April 4 this year, because the new chamber cannot be completed before that date, it is probable that a united effort will be made to cut the session as short as possible. There are no burning questions to come before the Legislature, though notice of many private bills has been given.

ACCORDING to the annual report of the Dominion Indian Department the fluctuation of the Indian population during last year was: Ontario, increase, 41; Quebec, increase, 82; Nova Scotia, increase, 49; New Brunswick, decrease, 34; Prince Edward Island, decrease, 2; Manitoba and Keewatin, increase, 178; Assiniboia, decrease, 11; Saskatchewan, decrease, 10; Alberta, decrease, 537; British Columbia, decrease, 334. In both the latter cases the diminution is put down to the ravages of influenza. But for that, the Indian population of Canada would have about held its own.

It is not the shorthand report of the proceedings of the reciprocity negotiations that Sir John Thompson laid on the table, but a version of what took place, which, by the way, is contradicted by the statement

made by Mr. Blaine and United States Secretary Foster. If the unemasculated shorthand report were laid before Parliament, as requested by Mr. Laurier some time since, the public might reach a conclusion as to what actually was said on the occasion. From negotiations undertaken to deceive the Canadian electorate, and inaugurated under fraudulent misrepresentations, as Sir Charles Tupper has publicly confessed, what could be expected?

THERE are good portrait painters in Canada. The Liberals of the Dominion sent one of them to Britain to paint the portrait of Gladstone, which they presented to the right honorable gentleman. But when Sir John Thompson wanted a picture of Lord Lansdowne to adorn the walls of the Parliament buildings, and to be paid out of the public purse, he gave the commission for the work to an old country artist. Would it not have been an encouragement to the youth of Canada to have offered the \$1,000 to one of our own painters?

A STEP forward has been taken by the Government of New Brunswick. At the opening of the Legislature, it announced a measure to enable women to be members of school boards. Why should they not? Women are really as much interested in the proper training of the young as are men, and in some respects they have greater capabilities for understanding the needs of the little ones. It would be beneficial to have two or three women of experience, with time at their command, on every board of school trustees in the land.

THE story that Lord Brassey may become the next Governor-General of Canada in place of the Earl of Aberdeen, whose selection for the office was long since conceded, is probably not well founded. Lord Aberdeen and his good wife, when in Canada two years ago, were loud in their praises of the country, and only the other day it was asserted by a journal to which Lady Aberdeen is a contributor that the appointment was virtually made. No doubt the position of Viceroy of India, to which it is rumored Lord Aberdeen aspires, is a rich plum, but it is rarely that a British statesman is appointed to it without an apprenticeship as a diplomatist somewhere else. Lord Dufferin and Lord Lansdowne both served in Canada before they were transferred to the viceregal position.

## WASTED MONEY.

When a deputation goes to Ottawa asking aid for needed public improvements, it is invariably met with the statement that the Government is hard up. Money cannot be very scarce if the St. Catherine's Star (Conservative) tells the truth. Our contemporary has repeatedly asserted that money is squandered on Welland Canal management, and it now asserts that the canal "is equipped with two superintendents at an extravagant cost to the country, to which it is rumored Lord Aberdeen aspires, is a rich plum, but it is rarely that a British statesman is appointed to it without an apprenticeship as a diplomatist somewhere else. Lord Dufferin and Lord Lansdowne both served in Canada before they were transferred to the viceregal position."

## LIQUOR IN THE NORTHWEST.

Our representative in the Parliamentary arena at Ottawa has already informed ADVERTISER readers of the confessions made by Commissioner Herchmer regarding the operation of the new liquor law in the Northwest Territories. For the best of reasons, the Government of Hon. A. MacKenzie passed a law absolutely prohibiting the sale of liquor within the territories, and it was fairly well carried out until the present Lieutenant-Governor (Royal) assumed power. Then the system of permits to import liquor for private use was almost indefinitely extended, with the connivance of the Government at Ottawa, and general demoralization was the result. This gave Governor Royal and those in favor of legalizing the traffic, and thus putting an end to the safeguard of the prohibitory law, their opportunity. The traffic was licensed by an act that went into effect on May 1 last, and it is of the effects of the change that the chief of the Northwest Mounted Police, in his annual report to the Dominion Government, speaks so decidedly.

The permit system having been abused beyond all fairness it was alleged by the opponents of a strict prohibitory law, such as Mr. MacKenzie intended the measure to be, that license would bring about a great improvement, and that a staff of commissioners and inspectors would see that the act was strictly enforced. Commissioner Herchmer, however, asserts that while these expectations have been partially realized in some districts, in others the law has not been carefully administered, and even in the best regulated districts there has been more general drinking than under the permit system, and one result is established beyond contradiction, viz: that the half-breeds and Indians can get more liquor than under the old law. Under the permit system, the mounted police chief tells us, liquors were expensive and dealers were afraid to give to people they could not trust, and consequently, the lower classes of whites and half-breeds could very seldom get any. Now half-breeds with money can buy all they want, and as many of them are closely related to the Indians, and in some cases live with them, it is impossible when liquor once gets into their possession, to prevent Indians camped with them from getting it also. Again, it is impossible for any one not acquainted with them to tell, on sight, half-breeds from the better class of Indians, the latter, in many cases, dressing like whites, cutting their hair and speaking good English and French. In some instances, very little exertion is made to establish their identity, and undoubtedly Indians very often buy liquor as half-breeds. In some parts of the country—Battledore, Duck Lake and Batoche in particular—the licenses granted are out of all proportion to the inhabitants. In the former place, with less than 400 male adults (outside of Indians), within a radius of 50 miles there are two wholesale

and two retail licenses! As this district has during the commissioner's term of office—seven years—never exported anything beyond a moderate quantity of fur and a few cattle, the commissioner finds it impossible to believe that these four licensed places can exist without impoverishing the district. To give some idea of the consumption, Commissioner Herchmer informs Parliament he is credibly informed that between June 1 and Dec. 1 last six carloads of liquor went to Battledore, in addition to considerable quantities in smaller consignments not recognized as liquor by the authorities. At Batoche and Duck Lake, with a joint population within fifteen miles of less than 400 male adults (exclusive of Indians), there are two wholesale and two retail licenses, and the commissioner recites the mournful fact—so demoralizing is the traffic—that not a few half-breeds in the district have sold their cattle at less than value to obtain liquor with the proceeds! Three of the holders of licenses are half-breeds themselves, are Indian traders, and the commissioner points out that as they trade in the country north of the Saskatchewan, to which the new license law does not extend, it will be difficult, if they wish to supply liquor to the Indians in trade, to prevent them from so doing. One squaw at Duck Lake, indeed, recently met her death through liquor being supplied to her.

Commissioner Herchmer says he has no hesitation in writing that the quantity of liquor used under the license system very greatly exceeds that under the permit system, and that while the heavy drinkers under the old system, except those who have taken the gold cure with advantage, still drink heavily, a considerable number of settlers, who formerly never obtained liquor, are now using large quantities, and half-breeds can get it wherever they have money, and consequently, in many cases, Indians, in spite of closest watchfulness, get drunk also.

This testimony is most important. It proves that the prohibition of the liquor traffic in the Northwest by the MacKenzie Government, even while blighted by gross abuse of the permit system, was a beneficial law, and calculated to promote the welfare of the entire population. And it demonstrates that the cause of progress and morality has had a blow aimed at it by the licensing and promotion of the traffic. It was a sorry day for the Northwest Territories when the governing authorities capitulated to the liquor interest.

## COULD NOT RULE AT HOME.

Lord de Walden will go to the House of Lords and vote against the Home Rule Bill. But it has been proved in the Divorce Court that he could not rule his own home. He knocked down his wife, applied vile epithets toward her, keeps her penniless, and shot at random in her drawing-room with the abandon of a cowboy on a prolonged spree.

Is it not an anomaly that men with so little control over themselves, and so little credit to their sex and their country, can sit in what is called the Upper House of the Imperial Parliament, and revise and emasculate the legislation passed by the chosen representatives of the people? If the House of Lords is to be continued as a British institution it surely must be pruned of its rotten branches.

## SEVENTEEN DOLLARS A DAY!

Who would not be a royal commissioner on the liquor traffic? Mr. Foster told the House of Commons last night that the cost of the commission will be \$30,000, and we may expect the amount to be greater. The commissioners, it seems, are paid \$17 a day! And after all is said and done, what have they discovered? What are they likely to discover that is not now known to Parliament and to people? Why, a dozen years ago Mr. Foster told the country that what the country needed was not makeshift commissions, but laws to carry out stringent legislation. Mr. Foster in office and Mr. Foster out of office, however, are two different personalities. Mr. Hyde and Dr. Jekyll were nothing to this Canadian wonder.

## Floods Much Feared.

OTTAWA, Ill., March 10.—People are much alarmed because of floods. Many persons living on the river banks are moving out. Reports from Utica, La. Salle, Peru, Marseilles and Aurora say business is much interfered with. At the latter place an unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to move the ice gorge with dynamite. At LaSalle the electric light plant is under water, and the city was in darkness last night.

High Living Caused His Downfall. NEW YORK, March 10.—Byrce A. White, assistant cashier of the Wallabout Bank, Brooklyn, was arrested last night on a charge of embezzling. It is probable \$10,000 of the bank's funds has found its way into the assistant cashier's pockets. White came to this country three years ago from England. He is 30 years of age. His father is a wealthy resident of Liverpool. High living is given as the cause of White's downfall.

## Cleveland's Chosen Men.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—President Cleveland has sent to the Senate the following nominations: Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State. Robert A. Maxwell, of New York, to be Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General under Isaac P. Gray, of Indiana, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Mexico. Patrick A. Collins, of Massachusetts, to be Consul-General of the United States at London. F. P. Gayle, of New Mexico, to be receiver of public moneys at Roswell, N. M.

## AFTER BUSINESS OFFICE CLOS.

Advertisements, including birth, marriage and death notices, brought to the office during the night, after the business office is closed, can be inserted in our early morning edition by being left at the editorial room upstairs, the entrance to which is by side door from the lane.

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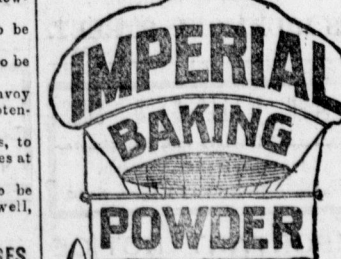
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- At 34c Ladies' All-Wool Ribbed Vests worth 50c; short sleeves.
- At 35c Ladies' Black Kid Gloves; extra value.
- At half price Ladies' Jerseys; regular \$1 50, \$2, \$2 50, \$3.
- At 16c Ladies' and Children's Woolen Mitts; fine and heavy; a bargain.
- At 19c Nickel-plated Shears, 3 sizes, worth four times the price.
- At 11c Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, worth 20c.
- At \$1 98 Art Table Covers, worth \$2 75.
- At 16c Fancy Lace Handkerchiefs, worth 25c.
- At 97c Fine Toilet Quilts for single beds, worth \$1 50.
- At 27c All Wool Tweed for boys' wear, worth 38c.
- At 10c Fine Striped Flannelette, dark colors, worth 14.
- At 22c 4 pieces Fancy Molleton Skirting, worth 35c.
- At 30c Fancy Reversible Skirting, worth 50c.
- At 15c Fine Merino Skirting, worth 25c.
- At 13c Heavy Oxford Skirting, regular 20c.
- At 69c a splendid light-weight Crochet Quilt, American manufacture, Marseilles pattern.
- At 50c Boys' Knicker Pants, blue serge cloth.
- At \$5 ten only Men's Tweed Waterproof Coats; former price \$8 50.
- At 5c 25 dozen Men's Wool Socks, to-day only.
- At 50c Men's Fedora Felt Hats, a fashionable hat for spring wear. Quite new.
- At \$4 Grey Goat Robes, good size, worth \$6 50.
- At \$5 Grey, also Black, Goat Robes, large size, worth \$7 50.
- At 38c Gents' Unlined Kid Gloves, former price \$1.
- At 34c Gents' Unlaundered White Shirts. A Bargain.
- At 10 for 25c Colored Handkerchiefs for children, worth double.
- At 8c Colored Repp Dress Goods 12 yards for \$1.
- At 10c Black Cord Dress Goods 10 yards for \$1.
- At 10c 5 pieces Wide Width Scotch Tartans.
- At 22c Fancy Black Striped Dress Goods, worth 35c.
- At \$2 Ladies' Rubber Circulars, worth \$3.
- At 5c Fine Quilled Cretonne, 20 yards for \$1.
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