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The Conservative Party and the Tariff.

One would imagine from reading the Reform papers and some other journals published in this country that a very considerable body of the Conservative members at Ottawa were disposed to go back on the N.P. and come out as tariff reformers. From what The World knows of the subject, and from a rather close observation of the situation, we venture to say that there is very little foundation for such a statement. It was the N.P. and the principle of protection which put Sir John Macdonald in power and kept him there for the balance of his life. It is this which enabled the Conservative party to carry the last four elections and to make them stronger to-day than ever they were before. It was this same issue which was their main reliance in all the bye-elections which have been fought since February, '91. It is not likely, therefore, that the Conservatives are about to abandon so successful a policy, notwithstanding that there may be a momentary agitation in certain quarters for a modification of the duties on one or two articles that are regarded as burdensome under the present law. No one ever claimed that the N.P. was perfect or that it should not be modified according to circumstances, time and the tariff laws of neighboring countries; and after 14 years of trial it is easy to imagine where changes might be made without impairing the general principle, but rather vindicate it. One charge made against the N.P. is that it has resulted in combines. This is not borne out by the facts, but what genuine N.P. men say is that if combinations exist they are to be regulated not so much by tariff changes as by more stringent laws governing the conduct of such organizations, and if necessary prohibit their formation, The World ventures to say that the Conservative Government at Ottawa know a good thing when they see it, and that having proved the N.P. they are not going to abandon it now, especially in view of the fact that the so-called tariff reform which has been promised in the United States is as yet a visionary quantity. It will be time enough for us to take the cue as to tariff reform from the United States when we find that country by actual legislation change its laws and its restrictions governing imports from other lands. We make bold to say that there will be no great tariff reform in the United States. For years the revenue requirements of that country are such that a large and increasing income must be had, and there is no way to get it other than by taxing imports, and these taxes will always be laid with a view to encouraging home industries. The World can with confidence say to those engaged in manufacturing enterprises and those about to embark in new projects that the Government at Ottawa has always been and is still a protectionist government and prepared to do whatever it can toward the encouragement of home industry and home protection, and the keeping of our own work for our own people.

Cholera Quarantines.

During the short reign of terror which cholera exercised over the people of the United States last September that country betrayed not only its deep-rooted cowardice but its total incapacity for effectively dealing with such a serious matter as the cholera. The whole country, government, people and boodling officials, got rattled. Their common sense was only equalled by the ostrich, which in a time of danger sticks its head into the sand. The quarantine system of the United States was made up of the cruellest, stupidest measures known in the last few centuries. Of course this tendency is born and bred in the people of Salem village. Two hundred years ago some children started a witchcraft scare in Salem village in the State of Massachusetts. The inhabitants and public officials at once started in with a carnival of death. Sex or old age did not deter them. They hanged everybody they could lay their hands on. They considered it the safest plan; the same tendency betrays itself in every crisis. However, with the warning of last summer's failure to keep out cholera, some scheme will probably be developed before the menace of cholera again assumes great proportions which will be more effective and less unnecessarily inconvenient to travelers and emigrants in keeping cholera off this continent.

Gustave H. Schwab writes an article on emigration in the current number of The Forum which contains a suggestion in regard to cholera quarantine that is of the highest import. The scheme he suggests has the merit of having already proved successful. Last summer one of the largest steamship lines between Europe and New York, the North German Lloyd Company, whose vessels leave Bremen, a port within two hours' journey of Hamburg, adopted the system with the result that although carrying immense numbers of foreign emigrants not a single case of cholera occurred in the steerage of any one of their vessels. The scheme was this: A stringent disinfecting quarantine at the port of departure, conducted under the supervision of U.S. consular officials. The system then voluntarily instituted is still carried out and is described as follows:

"Rigorous quarantine of all its steerage passengers at the port of embarkation for a period of five days before departure, during which time these passengers are under the careful observation of a corps of physicians acting under the control of the United States consul. These physicians closely examine every passenger several times daily and supervise the disinfection of their baggage by sulphur and steam. The lodging houses in which the passengers are kept are under the constant surveillance of the police, the health officers of the port and of these physicians. They are specially licensed by the steamship company for the reception of the company's passengers, and in case of noncompliance with the rules of the police, health and medical authorities, under whose constant control they are, they are deprived of the privilege to lodge the steamship company's passengers. At the same time that these precautions were adopted the same company placed an additional ship's doctor on each passenger steamer, and prescribed a most rigorous system of inspection and careful diet on board during the voyage."

The objection which might be raised, that the United States has no jurisdiction to exercise quarantine in foreign ports, is answered by the fact that the threat of a long and severe quarantine at the port of arrival will be sufficient to induce any steamship company to submit to a quarantine on its passengers satisfactory to the American consular staff at the port of departure.

Under such a system the chances of cholera reaching America at all are reduced to a minimum if Canada does her part and works in co-operation with the United States in the matter. The menace is one equally terrible to both countries, and a friendly co-operation in an effective system is of the utmost importance to the welfare of every Canadian and every American alike, and the great inconvenience of a complicated quarantine on the border line should be avoided. But Canada certainly could not consent to the crude system adopted last summer.

The Mining Convention.

Just at this time, when the question of making use of our mineral wealth is coming to the front, it is peculiarly fortunate that a mining convention is to be held in Montreal on 21st inst. The meeting will be attended by engineers, mine owners and capitalists, who are watching for investment fields.

The gathering will probably represent more mining interests than any yet assembled. The leading U.S. experts and investors are coming in large numbers, representing a variety of scientific organizations and companies. Papers are promised of the deepest interest to Canada. One of these will discuss the desirability of granting a provincial bonus to develop the iron industries of Ontario, with especial reference to the mining and manufacture of nickel steel.

The need for more complete and practical information will be urged and the necessity for placing the data relating to our mineral resources in such a form as to be more accessible. The question as to the best mode of dealing with mineral lands to stimulate their development will be handled by practical men who are familiar with the policies that have killed mining and those under which it has thrived.

We trust there will be some member of the Ontario Government present to hear what is thought of their policy, which has been so disastrous. It would be advisable for our Industrial Association to send a delegate to the convention prepared to show the attractions of Toronto for smelting and manufacturing.

The Nova Scotia Coal Syndicate.

The proposed assumption by a syndicate of capitalists of the larger area of coal mining property in Nova Scotia promises to have an important influence in developing the resources of that Province.

As we recently pointed out, Nova Scotia appears to be the least prosperous part of the Dominion. If the organization just formed succeeds in its enterprise the cloud will lift, and the amount of inter-provincial trade will be very largely increased.

The costly haulage of coal from those fields has proved a serious hindrance to the consumption of it in western cities. The Pennsylvania mines control this market, their advantage of locality being sufficient to shut off successful competition from more distant collieries. Last year Canada imported three million tons from the States, 1,600,000 tons of this was bituminous which paid a duty of 60 cents per ton, 1,400,000 tons of anthracite came in free. The duty turned the scale against U.S. coal supplies for Quebec, which formerly came to that Province, whereas now Nova Scotia ships about 750,000 tons yearly in that market.

The prospect of having a source of supply for this district, and throughout Ontario, which will insure lively competition with the American, is one that will be highly satisfactory.

The whole of the Nova Scotia mines are owned by the Local Government. They are worked under leases from the crown, the royalty of 12 1-2 cents per ton forming an important item in the Provincial revenue. The proposal of the syndicate was favorably spoken of in the Lieut.-Governor's speech, and the bill to ratify it has passed a second reading by a large majority, so that it can be regarded as *un fait accompli*.

The basis of the combination rests upon the conviction that the production and distribution of the mines can be more economically conducted under one management, having ample capital, than by a variety of proprietors. The transport of coal through the gulf, up the St. Lawrence and canals and lakes will be revolutionized. It is now brought by "tramp" or casual steamers, not built for this service, and having the small capacity of only 2 to 3 thousand tons. The character of coal as freight causes great difficulties to arise in shipping from a number of mines and loads up the expenses.

The syndicate intend to have steamers specially built for the trade, capable of towing, in addition to their own load, one or two barges each, freighted with 3000 to 4000 tons. Thus one trip would be made with 10,000 to 12,000 tons, manifestly at a far lower cost than the carriage of such cargoes as are now sent. Southern markets are to be supplied, and to facilitate shipments the year round the port of Louisburg, which is open at all seasons, is to be connected by a short line of railway with the mines.

The capital will be largely Canadian; the syndicate are not connected with American proprietors, with whom they announce an intention to compete. One thing is clear, there must be an enormous increase in the output of Nova Scotia mines to justify and to render profitable the investment of the large capital raised to carry out this scheme. It is natural to conclude, therefore, that as this increased supply comes into our markets the effect will be to lower prices, and to render us less dependent upon American mines. If that results, Ontario will not only reap great benefits from cheaper coal, but from the stimulus which must follow to inter-provincial trade. It Nova Scotia is made more prosperous we cannot but rejoice, as it will add to the welfare of the whole Dominion.

Nothing Like It.

Dyer's jelly of cucumber and roses cures chapped hands and makes the skin soft and smooth.

Found on a Common, Dying.

James Greer, assistant armourer, Old Fort, found an old book pedlar named McNaughton lying out on Garrison Common yesterday in a state of unconsciousness.

The ambulance was called, and when McNaughton was taken to the hospital it was ascertained that he was suffering from the effects of an epileptic fit. He is still unconscious.

HANDED BACK THE STUFF.

Toronto's Highway Robbers Get Funny And Write to the Police.

The daylight robbers who have been the topic of so much conversation lately have taken another tack and got funny. On Wednesday night about 11 o'clock Robert W. Grainger of 182 Queen-street east was surprised to find a cardboard box on his doorstep containing a quantity of cheap jewelry and watches, which had apparently been hammered and tested with acid to find out if they contained gold. The box was handed over to the police, and search revealed a sheet of such cheap ruled paper as is usually used by domestics, on which was written in lead pencil two messages as follows:

TORONTO, Feb. 1, 1893.

Ammon Davis & Co.:

DEAR SIR,—I take the pleasure of writing these few lines to let you know that we don't want your stuff, so we will give it back to you, as we have to leave town and we have to keep the best of it. No more at present.

Yours, etc.,
DALTON IMITATERS.

A word to the police detectives: You think you are smart, but not as smart as you think you are; you think we would not shoot, but try us further. The next time we raid you will see. At the bank Cuddy, or whatever his name is, saved his life by not coming in time; next time, it may be soon or it may be quite awhile, we will shoot whether it is needed or not. No more at present.

Yours truly,
DALTON IMITATERS.

Inspector Stark is of the opinion that the writing is in a disguised hand and that it is valueless as a clue. The writing is "back hand," but not to an excessive or strained degree; the pencil has been handled with the greatest ease; the letters are free and uncramped and light, with none of the heavy pressure about them that is apt to distinguish the inexperienced writer. The two notes seem to have been written with great speed, which would account for the "back hand" movement, and ended with a wild flourish which has a free, experienced touch about it. The writer seems to have been a man who writes frequently and carelessly.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Address By Secretary Blake of the Toronto Industrial Association.

In the York County Council yesterday afternoon a resolution was moved that the toll gates be leased for one year from next June. The yeas and nays resulted in a vote of 30 for and 15 against.

The council then went into committee of the whole and listened to an address from Secretary J. N. Blake of the Citizens' Industrial Association. Mr. Blake stated that the association was intended to benefit the county as well as the city, and referred the council to the pamphlet that had been placed in their hands. He pointed out that Toronto enjoyed the most favorable position on the continent with reference to agricultural, mining and lumbering facilities. The discovery of the new nickel mines, together with the unlimited supply of copper, lead and coal in the province made Toronto a desirable centre for smelting industries. It was possible to make Toronto the nickel market of the world. He asked the council to appoint three members to co-operate with the executive committee of the association, the City Council and the Board of Trade in placing the aims of the association before the Ontario Legislature. A. G. Harvey pointed out the advantages of Toronto and vicinity as an export market for pressed hay and canned milk. On motion of Reeve Humberstone it was resolved that the Legislative Committee of the council join with the association in waiting upon the Attorney-General of Ontario and urging upon him the advisability of granting assistance to the association in establishing smelting works in Toronto. It was also resolved that Messrs. Pegg, Richardson and Stokes be a committee to assist the association in its general labors. Messrs. Stephenson, Pugsley, Pegg, Humberstone and Evans were reappointed commissioners of county roads and S. Lemon and J. S. Hagerman commissioners of the Industrial Home. The council then adjourned.

AN INSURANCE SUIT.

The Manufacturers' Life Appeal Against Judge MacMahon's Ruling.

The case of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company v. Katie S. Gordon was argued before the Court of Appeal yesterday. The action was brought by the company to have a policy for $5000 on the life of D. J. B. Gordon of Ottawa, deceased, in favor of the defendant, cancelled, on the ground that a note given in payment of one of the premiums was not paid at maturity, and that therefore the policy, according to its conditions, became void. The defendant set up that the company had sued on the note and recovered judgment thereon, and claimed payment of the policy. At the trial Mr. Justice MacMahon decided in favor of the defendant, and ordered the policy to be paid, less $77.75, the premium unpaid at the time of the death of the deceased. From this judgment the company now appeals.

Suggests "Corona."

Editor World: Re new steamship of Niagara Navigation Company, how would "Corona" do for a name, as I hear she is to be the crown of the fleet? NAVIGATOR.

How Would "Triola" Do?

Editor World: Would not the name "Triola" be an improvement on "Cleopatra" and more appropriate for the new steamer of the Niagara Navigation Company? ERNEST.

Call it "Carola."

Editor World: I saw by your paper of yesterday that a name was wanting for the new boat which is to run with the Chicora and Cibola when finished, and I have great pleasure in suggesting the very pretty name "Carola" as its name. E. H.

Mrs. M. Stephens of Albany, N.Y., writes us as follows: My stomach was so weak that I could not eat anything sour or very sweet, even fruit at tea-time would cause Heartburn, fulness or oppression of the chest, short breath, restlessness during sleep, and frightful dreams of disagreeable sights, so that I would often dread to go to sleep. With the use of Northrop & Lymn's Vegetable Discovery this unpleasantness has all been removed, and I now can eat what suits my taste or fancy."

Two Flyers to New York via the Picturesque Erie Railway.

There is no question about it but the Erie Railway is one of the greatest double-track roads in the United States to-day and unsurpassed for scenery and solid comfort. You can leave Toronto at 12.50 p.m., arrive at Buffalo at 5.50 p.m.; leave Buffalo at 7.30 p.m. and arrive in New York at 7.30 a.m. You can also leave Toronto at 11 p.m. and connect with the Erie flyer at Hamilton, which is a solid vestibule train through to New York. Dining cars attached to all trains for meals. For further particulars apply to S. J. Sharp, No. 9 York-street. Telephone 103, Toronto.

Dyer's improved food for infants is recognized as the very best possible food for children. It is easily digested, made from pure pearl barley and highly recommended. Druggists keep it.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m., arriving in Toronto at 10.25 a.m. Sunday leaves Toronto at 12.50 p.m.

Don't buy bad baking powder when you can buy the "Borwicke," an absolutely pure cream of tartar powder, at the same price. Try a large 10c packet. Sold by every grocer. 135

THE AMUSEMENT WORLD.

"The Social Swim."

Miss Marie Wainwright will produce tonight at the Grand Opera House a new American play entitled "The Social Swim," by Clyde Fitch, author of "Beau Brummell," "Frederick Lemaitre," "A Modern Match," and adapter of "The Masked Ball." The play deals with the misdirected ambition of young Mr. and Mrs. William Burton Smith, his for prominence in finance, hers for society. They live in an old part of New York, chiefly given up to tenements, with their uncle, whose partner the younger man is in the drygoods business. Mrs. Smith's girlhood was spent in a fashionable boarding school and she misses her fashionable friends, whom she now meets only at the theatres. Everything conspires to make her dissatisfied with her commonplace life, while some little success in Wall-street has disgusted her husband with his hum-drum business existence. The young couple break away from their old associations and move "up town." He goes fool-hardily into speculations and bankrupts himself, while she bends all her energies to get a position in society and husband and wife drift apart. Success attends the woman at the same time that failure comes to the man, and at a moment when relations between the two have become strained, owing to the rather compromising attentions of a society man. The wife feels insulted by her husband's jealousy, which is undeserved, but on learning of his failure she forgives him and is ready to throw her ambition to the winds, her love conquering everything. Several strong situations follow one after the other to the close of the play, when the old uncle saves Smith from complete ruin, and a reconciliation takes place between husband and wife. With this plot are interwoven several threads of comedy interest. The play, while almost wholly original, is founded on a couple of scenes in an old play of Sardou. It will be given here with new and elaborate scenery, especially gotten up for the play.

"Our Boys."

The comedy "Our Boys" was presented in St. Andrew's Hall by the Trinity University Amateur Dramatic Club last night. Mr. Harry Rich officiated as manager and is to be congratulated on the success of the play. Mr. A. B. Pottenger was inimitable in the character of Perkyn Middlewick. The cast: Sir Geoffrey Champneys, Mr. E. R. Ricketts; Talbot Champneys, Mr. E. C. Cattanach; Perkyn Middlewick, Mr. A. B. Pottenger; Charles Middlewick, Mr. J. C. H. Mockridge; Kempster, Mr. H. V. Hamilton; Poddles, Mr. H. B. Gwyn; Violet Melrose, Miss K. Hamilton Merritt; Mary Melrose, Miss Bickford; Clarissa Champneys, Miss Morgan; Belinda, Miss Shanly. The overture, "On the Mill Dam," by the Banjo and Guitar Club, was much appreciated, as were also two selections on the guitar by Messrs. Beckett, Reed and Clark.

Wolff & Hollman.

A treat is in store for lovers of artistic music in Toronto. Johannes Wolff and Joseph Hollman are to give us a concert at an early date. Connoisseurs will have a lively appreciation of this announcement. As masters of their respective instruments, violin and cello, they have received the stamp of critical approval in all the leading art centres of Europe, and recently they have been carrying New York and Boston by storm. Wolff is spoken of as a violinist of extraordinary powers, and Hollman is indisputably acknowledged to be one of the greatest masters of his instrument in the world.

Duff Opera Co. Next Week.

Musical and fashionable circles and the theatrical public generally are alike awaiting with eager anticipation the annual Toronto engagement of the Duff Opera Company, which opens at the Academy of Music on next Monday evening and continues throughout the week. The regular sale opens at 9 o'clock this morning. The repertoire will be presented as follows: Monday night and Saturday matinee, "Trip to Africa;" Tuesday and Friday nights, "Cavalleria Rusticana," and Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" (double bill); Wednesday, "The Gondoliers; Thursday, first production of "The Basoche;" Saturday night, "Bohemian Girl."

Romanism and the Dominion.

No one should miss the opportunity of hearing Margaret L. Shepherd, the gifted young Irish lecturess, who is to speak in Shaftesbury Hall, Auditorium, on Sunday evening, Feb. 5. The Chicago Inter-Ocean says of her: She is an exceedingly clever talker, and in addition possesses an entrancing oratorical voice, and is the ablest lady lecturer who has ever stepped on the local platform.

The subject of the lecture will be, "The Influence of the Confessional in the Canadian Home."

Notes.

The subscribers' list for concert Friday, 10th, at the Pavilion, will be closed Monday night by the management of the Nordica-Scalchi Operatic Co. There are still 250 seats reserved at $1.50 and 97 at $1, at Suckling & Son's music warerooms.

Mrs. J. W. Harrison gave a lecture on the "Music of French Canada" under the auspices of the Toronto Conservatory of Music last night. Mrs. Harrison interspersed her lecture with musical selections and was enthusiastically applauded by the audience.

The concert at St. Michael's fair last night was under the management of Frank A. Anglin and the artists who took part were: Miss Rolary, Mrs. Tapsfield, Mrs. Klein, Miss Elliot and Mr. Dugan. To-night a musical program will be rendered by the De La Salle Glee Club.

A concert was given in Association Hall last night under the auspices of the Fast Masters' Association of the A.O.M. The Ladies Schubert Quartet was the attraction. The following artists also took part: Miss Ida Florence, Miss Shepard, Miss Whitcombe, Mr. H. M. Blight, Mr. W. H. Robinson and the Toronto Male Quartet. The hall was crowded.

Arrangements have been completed for the annual gathering and complimentary concert of the Canadian Shorthand Society in the Normal School Theatre on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, when Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., will deliver an address on the use of shorthand in the Courts of Justice and in journalistic work. The musical program will be a treat, as Miss Minnie Gayford, the talented songstress, and Mr. Harry Rich, the well-known artist, will take part.

The latest New York fad among the women is the indestructible celluloid rose brooches, while the latest for the gentlemen is the celluloid rosebud, which is worn on the lapel of the coat. Both of these novelties are now being introduced in this city and retail at 15c apiece, or two for 25c. The Muses is now in receipt of the largest consignment of these elegant brooches that has yet arrived in the city, and it is the intention of Manager Young to give them away as souvenirs to every lady attending the Muses on Friday afternoon, Feb. 10. All ladies who are fond of a handsome piece of jewelry should not fail to attend.

That very attractive and charming burlesque artiste, Corinne, who will appear at Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House, has been attracting an unusual amount of attention in New York and other Eastern cities of late, which fact is really not surprising after all, for Corinne is always attracting more or less attention. A few weeks ago the New York papers announced that the Kimball Opera Comique and Burlesque Company would produce on an elaborate scale "Arcadia," a new burlesque, by the author of "Adonis," etc. Corinne is, of course, the life of the piece. She has grown somewhat taller since last seen here, but is still petite and youthful enough to frisk, sport and coquet with the exuberant innocence and spontaneity of childhood. Her role is that of Tom-Tom, the Piper's Son. At first she appears in a neat Scotch plaid suit and later on in a jaunty satin attire, and a more winning "young rascal," as she or he is called on the bills, would be hard to find. Corinne sings and dances with old-time grace and effectiveness, and she had the audience with her from first to last.

A Dinner Pill.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions and convert the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with Indigestion or Dyspepsia.

HERE IS NEWS.

It Is Said That the United States Planned the Annexation Movement.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 2.—The Times says, editorially:

That a large number of Congressmen are in favor of annexing the Sandwich Islands to the United States is beyond doubt, and equally beyond doubt is the fact that they have suddenly had light on the subject. There is good reason to believe that the stroke of state which raised the question of annexation had been confidently expected in certain quarters, and was by no means a surprise. The arguments in behalf of annexation were all ready for use; the light ready to be turned on when the moment for that came. This is stated not in condemnation of what has been done, but as part of the record of the Hawaiian incident. Last November an article in The Kennebec Journal, the newspaper controlled by Mr. Stevens, American Minister to the Kingdom of Hawaii, called attention to the importance of these islands to the United States, and foreshadowed the change of rule which has occurred in them: "The time is near when we must decide who shall hold these islands as part of their national territory. It is not possible for them much longer to remain alone."

However the present annexation movement ends, Americans will feel a keener interest in the islands than they ever did before.

Since 1842, when their government was changed from an absolute to a constitutional monarchy, Americans have been influential in their politics. It was William L. Lee, an American, who, as chief justice at the time, drew up the constitution and bill of rights for them. Since that time Americans have always held posts of responsibility in the Kingdom, and to them, of course, was due the reiterated requests for a reciprocity treaty, finally granted. American ascendancy was maintained largely by the aid of the American Board of Foreign Missions, whose representatives among the natives directed their thoughts and hopes to the United States. So far the Hawaiians owe their independence to the Americans. Only the conviction that the United States would not allow any foreign power to establish itself there has prevented the seizure of the islands.

From the northern limit of Alaska to the southern of California the United States has a coast line 4000 miles long, and statesmen foresee the day when the States having a commercial outlet on the Pacific will number 150,000,000 souls. Statesmen of other trading nations, and especially the English, foresee the same thing, and hence the belief that a great struggle is coming for commercial supremacy in the Pacific. In that the people who control the Sandwich Islands will have an advantage hardly to be overestimated. The naval advantage is no less. The harbors of Honolulu and Pearl City, six miles apart, are shut in by mountains and can be made impregnable at small expense. An enemy from either of them could reach our coast to bombard our cities or harass our commerce in a few days. In possession of them, in the event of war, the United States could not only the better defend its Pacific Coast cities but work havoc with the commerce of its enemy in that ocean. So the islands have been called the key of the North Pacific.

$150,000 FOR PARKS.

How It Is Proposed to Improve the Various Breathing Places.

The Parks and Gardens Committee yesterday discussed the advisability of purchasing a strip of land to connect Stanley and Bellwoods Parks, the matter being referred to a committee composed of Chairman Orr, Ald. Bailey and Park Commissioner Chambers.

The disposal of the Prittie property was referred back to the city solicitors.

Superintendent Chambers submitted his estimates for the year. He asks for $144,299, made up as follows:

	Maintenance.	*Permanent Improvements.*
Queen's Park	$ 5,450	$ 27,120
Riverdale, west of Don	1,573	2,500
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Horticultural Gardens	4,839	1,350
High Park	33,050	20,621
Island Park	4,825	20,100
Stanley Park	1,042	2,220
Bellwoods Park	735	
Ketchum Park	470	
Public squares	1,775	
Nursery grounds	250	200
Office	500	
Salary Commissioner	1,500	
Miscellaneous	1,000	
Walmer-road square		250
St. Alban's-square		350
Carlton-square		1,229
Prince of Wales walk		1,400
Band concerts	1,500	
Horticultural Pavilion	2,150	
Tree trimming	1,800	
Exhibition Park	10,080	14,718
	$42,941	$101,358

The principal items of permanent improvement are the alterations to Queen's Park-avenue, $21,950, and in High Park, connecting Catfish Pond with Grenadier Pond and both with Lake Ontario, $27,621. At Island Park $13,550 is asked for filling lagoons, and $14,718 for laying out the new portion of Exhibition Park.

Beware of Imitations.

The air of romance which Toronto's highway robbers have managed to throw about themselves has probably ere now made them men of heroism and distinction in the minds of not a few of our vivacious hoodlums. They long to do likewise. The citizens can prepare for a whole menagerie of imitators, all of whom will endeavor to convince their victims that they are the original article.

The genuine Simon-pure robbers who made the three bold attempts already chronicled no doubt if they are shrewd men have reckoned on this fact, and have perhaps done the gay and reckless deed of returning the jewelry to give such a deeper romantic tinge to their prowess as will beget a score of imitations that will draw a herring across the trail and lessen the possibility of their arrest. Beware of imitations.

From the Red Sea Shores.

Red Sea Moss, known to natives of Palestine for centuries, an absolute cure for Asthma, Bronchitis Consumption, Influenza, cold, ringing noises in head falling eyesight, all diseases of head, eyes, throat chest, lungs. A. Hutton Hixon, 41 East Bloor-street Toronto, sole agent for America. Free by mail $1 Trial packages 25c. 135

A Watch Stolen.

Annie Haley, 161 Berkeley-street, is at headquarters charged with the theft of a watch from Susan Dudgeon, a dressmaker living at 89 Regent-street.

Miss Dudgeon states that she is making a dress for the prisoner, who frequently called to be fitted. During her last visit the watch, which was lying on a table, vanished, hence the arrest.

Can recommend it. Mr. Enos Bornberry, Tuscarora, writes: "I am pleased to say that Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil is all that you claim it to be, as we have been using it for years, both internally and externally, and have always received benefit from its use. It is our family medicine, and I take great pleasure in recommending it."

California or Mexico.

The Wabash Railway have now on sale round trip tickets at very low rates to southern points, including Old Mexico and California. The only line that can take tourists via Detroit through St. Louis and Kansas City and return then via Chicago and (vice versa) finest equipped trains on earth, passing through six states of the Union. Spend a winter in Mexico, the land of the Aztecs and Toltecs, finest climate and scenery in the world and older than Egypt. Time tables and all information about side trip at new ticket office, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets. J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, Toronto. ed

There are a number of varieties of corns. Holloway's Corn Cure will remove any of them. Call on your druggist and get a bottle at once.

HOW HE LOST HIS MONEY.

FOLLOW THE LEADER.

Speaking of how money is made and lost, the manager of one of our great financial institutions remarked, in the course of a conversation the other day, that in investing money nowadays there was a deal too much of what, when he was a boy, they called "follow the leader." "Take for instance," said he, "Toronto real estate; one speculated in it and made money, immediately everyone bought it on margins—they realized all the money they could—sold stocks—mortgaged what they possessed and bought ten times the amount of property they could afford to carry. The collapse of real estate did not surprise me. It had to come, and if it would only teach men sense it would be a cheap lesson. Now no one will have anything to do with it. Men have gone to the other extreme. Stocks! stocks! nothing but stocks. Certainly, if one were to buy right and take a block of stock, say in our institution, or in any other well-established concern, he could not lose. A few wise men do this, but the majority do not. Big dividends are not what they most expect, but that their particular stock is going up sight or nine points and their fortune is made, but the stock does not go up and very often they lose their capital." Then the talk drifted into the different ways men spend their money, and his remarks on this point are worth considering. "Some men," he said, "will spend hundreds in buying things of no use to themselves, simply because the articles are cheap they indulge a craze. One man devotes his money to collecting curios, another generously encourages the fine arts. One crowds his house with old furniture, and another is ever on the lookout for bargains and buys where he sees a certainty of doubling his money. Such a one as this has at the present a grand opportunity of making four hundred per cent. You ask how? Why, let him purchase now all the boots and shoes he and the family may need for the next three or four years. Guinane Bros. are selling their very large stock at 50 per cent. less than actual wholesale cost, so you can buy boots and shoes at about 25c on the dollar of the ordinary retail price. For example, you can get J. D. King & Co.'s $5 cordovan boots for $1.50. White kid slippers 50c. Rubbers and slippers 5c a pair. Men's felt buckled overshoes, Canadian Rubber Company's manufacture, 50c. I know this looks almost impossible, but you can easily prove its correctness by walking into their great emporium and profitably spending a short time in discovering the great fact already known to countless thousands, that no place on the American continent can at all approach them, and that now during their present alteration sale they are actually giving their goods away. As for myself, I intend to take advantage of the chance and will call in to-day at 214 Yonge-street."

PIGEON TELEGRAPH.

The Carrier Birds Set to Work in a British Election.

Carrier pigeons played interesting parts in the newspaper work of the recent elections in Great Britain. Important candidates in out of the way country districts, poorly provided with telegraphic facilities, as Mr. Gladstone's Midlothian district, were accompanied in their tours by newspaper men provided with carrier pigeons. The reporters who went with Mr. Gladstone had a regular "pigeon man" with them. When Mr. Gladstone delivered speeches from his carriage the reporters wrote their reports on thin tissue sheets, "flimsy," and passed them to the pigeon man. The sheets were attached to the pigeons' legs by rubber bands and the birds set free. The birds performed excellent service in carrying the matter to neighboring cities or telegraph centres, as they had been trained. On several occasions, however, on fine, warm days the birds alighted on roofs and sunned themselves for an hour or so, while the pigeon man tried to coax them in so as to file his copy, and the matter they carried had to be left out of the latest editions.

SCIENCE FROM PARIS.

A Remarkable Transposition of Organs—Artificial Camphor.

Some days ago there died in Paris under what appeared to be suspicious circumstances a gentleman of independent means, aged 85. A necropsy was deemed necessary and Dr. Descouts, the well-known Morgue expert, was entrusted with the task.

The heart, liver and spleen were completely transposed, the first-named organ being on the right side of the chest and so on. Commenting on this strange abnormality, Dr. Descouts remarks on its rarity. He further says that he would like to know how many errors of diagnosis have been committed by the different practitioners who were consulted by the defunct during his long life.

Artificial Camphor.

A French chemist, M. de Mare, has devised a method of preparing camphor artificially. Camphene is prepared by distilling very dry hydrochlorate of terebinthine: the product is collected in a large globe and heated, ozonized air being then introduced so as to mingle with the vapor formed. This results in a cloud of camphor, which becomes deposited on the internal surface of the globe. It is expected that the method will prove a great commercial success.

Scientific Expedition to Siam.

Dr. Yersin, formerly an assistant in the Pasteur Institute in Paris, has been sent by the French Government on a scientific expedition to investigate the region between the Don-Nai and the Mekong, as well as the table-lands in Siam between the Mekong and Bangkok.

An Historic Edifice Demolished.

[Paris letter to The London News.]

The old castle of St. Cloud, where the wife of Emperor Maximilian went and begged on her knees to Napoleon III. not to leave her husband in Mexico to the mercy of his enemies, and where so many other historic events took place prior to its being accidentally destroyed by fire by the Germans during the war of 1870, will have completely disappeared from the face of the earth by the present time. The ragged walls, the deserted terraces and the melancholy-looking statues, which have remained up to now in the midst of the lovely sequestered gardens and wooded heights on the banks of the Seine, are being rapidly carted away. Their place will be taken by ornamental beds.

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