naging Director John Cameron

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An Unsensational Session.

We trust the worthy M. P. P.'s on either side of the Speaker's chair in the Ontario Legislature will not find it too grating on their sensibilities, when we say their proceedings in this August session excite little more than languid public interest. Whether it is because It is August, when attention is rather apt to flag; whether it is that the main Issue-the strength of the Government -was decided by the election of Mr. Hardy's nominee for the Speakership; or whether the public instinctively realized that Mr. Whitney has struck the twelve-o'clock of his greatest strength -we cannot undertake to say.

There may be a little more or less of obstruction on the part of the Opposition; there may be a few more or a few less of amendments, to say nothing of amendments to amendments. Worthy souls new to the House, like the excellent Mr. Hoyte, may pour out in one exhausting eration all the pent-up political broodings of a lifetime. But the oratorical ships fold their sails idly on the still August air, without the advantage of any breath of public interest.

Our friends, the constables, can safely take an August nap, if they feel so inclined. Even the gentlemen of the Opposition do not deny that it was never intended by the Legislature to disfranchise the constables in and about polling booths. Nor will any Opposition member venture to vote against any resolution calculated to make the point clear. The only interest the Opposition ever had in the constable vote was this: they hoped that some of the protest-trial-judges might, possibly, take a view of the constable rote opposite to what the Legislature mtended, and that this might work for Opposition.

Such hopes are now upset, as they ought to be. For the Opposition, in the session, will neither help the Opposition nor hurt the Government.

Canada's Attractions.

The attractions of Canada as a place of residence are being well advertised by the present Government at Ottawa. Recently, Mr. G. R. Lancefield, the well-known photographer at the capital, made a pilgrimage through the country, securing a large number of views of Canadian scenery, to be used in making known the scenic attractions of Canada in England and the United States. The views, which have just been delivered to the general manager of the Government railway system, are the best yet prepared for the purpose, and are certain to prove of much value in directing the public attention of those countries to the Dominion. Canada is not only a Mealthful place of residence, with a soil decidedly fruitful, but it has many attractions for the eye, which, artistically put upon paper, are sure to act as additional incentive to those disposed to look for a desirable place of abode permanently, or as tourists.

After-Thoughts.

While the excitement of actual warfare continued, the people of the United States, like the great and plucky people they are, focussed their thoughts and their determination on the foe. But now two out of the three Spanish fleets have been destroyed. Spain has sued for peace. The issue of the conflict is no longer in doubt. Sober, second thought begins to ask a hearing. It is beginning to be seen that if a signal victory has been won, new and steadying responsibilities have been at the same moment strapped on the shoulders of the American people. The Advertiser believes these new and steadying responsibilities will prove to be the very school the United States needs, and that nothing but good will be the final result. One of the strongest weekly newspapers of the United States is the New York Observer. This is how it all impresses our able con-

"But whatever be the quantity and time, it appears to the human eye probable that at the close of the present war vastly greater civic demands will be made upon us, and that opportunities of the broadest kind will open before the people. There is no prophesying as to what changes, national or international, events may bring. Our costly battleships are winning territory many times their price, and winning races, parties and policies, too. Years ago, before there ever was a Union Pacific Railway, one man, Senator Benton, dared to broach the sub- secret, however. They found that the ject of such an enterprise, and daring-

should be carved out of the highest peak of the Rocky Mountains a statue of Columbus, with extended hand pointing toward the western sea, while beneath was cut out the inscription: 'There is the East! There is India!' The ships of Dewey have not reached India, but they have touched the Philippines, a result of which even the prophetic Benton could not have dreamed. The horizon of America, whether we like it or not, is enlarging. Great and novel problems are being fairly rolled upon us. We did not start out, indeed, after territory, nor could we in all charity be said to be so meek as to inherit all the earth. But in the providence of God these new domains, new to us at least, may be thrust upon us in such ways that they cannot be denied. It is entirely possible that soon Americans may be called up to 'go up' and view a far larger country, a broader vista of duty. We can no longer be provincials, we must be cosmopolitans. England has been used in this way by the Supreme Disposer of events. Her greed has been overruled to His glory. It may be that America is now become in some lines a compulsory competitor. If so, the rivalry should be a friendly one, not a mutually inimical contest. tional and international changes the Almighty Judge of all is weighing carefully every action or policy of every people. Those great eyes are upon us. As it was once true of Canaan, that 'there came men to search out the country,' so today the divine messengers are finding us out. God is always searching us, providentially, and by proxy. The nation that cannot stand these divine tests will fall out of the ranks of the advancing civilizations of the earth."

Again the Little Country Town. The London Advertiser objects to the variation, by a lecturer, of the old saying, "God made the country, man made the town," so as to further read, "but the devil made the little country town." The Advertiser is correct, but it certainly does seem that the devil times possesses the inhabitants small country towns. Or is the unpleasant social condition which is so often found the natural result of the rule small communities beget small minds?-Ottawa Journal

All the communities in this country were once small, but we do not think small minds developed and consolidated the Dominion. In these days "the the moment to the advantage of the little country town' is harnessed to the world's activities by the press, by the diffusion of culture, by railway connection, and all the agencies of modern is perhaps more intense than in larger communities, because it is more concentrated. In fact, townsfolk have just as broad an outlook as city folk if they choose the means which are always at hand. Good libraries, good newspapers and good churches are among the best instruments, and there are very few "little country towns" in Canada that do not or might not have

> that work on the Normal School is about to begin it is in order for the Free Press to object to it on the ground of unseemly haste.

The Old Boys were enthusiastic over the beauty and hospitality of their old home. Their enjoyment was marred by only one incident. That was when they had to leave.

The American soldier in Cuba, who has read "Comus" will realize something more than poetry in those lines about mortals who "strive to keep a frail and feverish being."

The United States refuses to take over the Cuban debt. The President probably thinks the republic has assumed a sufficient obligation in taking over the Cuban people.

The English nobility has been tarnished in the bankruptcy and the divorce courts, and Hooley has now dragged it into the court of public opinion. The jury seems hostile.

The orator at the Bismarck memorial service at Berlin declared that the Iron Chancellor was the conscience of Germany. A French Chauvinist could say nothing worse of Germany than that.

The sultan declines to make good the American losses in the Armenian massacres, but avers that he intends buying some American guns. This is a touch of the Oriental diplomacy that unstrung the concert of Europe.

The London newspapers say that Canada has substituted advertising for protection as an engine of progress. The Liberal Government has certainly advertised Canada as never before. Its quality of American life at the present | methods are infinitely superior to those of its predecessors. The chief foreign advertisement that Canada secured under the last administration was the McGreevy scandal.

> The fakir Jernegan, who professed to have discovered a process for extracting gold from sea water, has disappeared with nearly a million dollars extracted from land fools. He was kind enough to leave the victims his gold wrung out of the sea every night | cal parties of our sister province. Mr.

ly hazarded the opinion that there at Jernegan's "factory" on the coast of Maine was deposited there every day by a diver. Speculative insanity did not burst with the South Sea

> "Let my death come from Spain." said Bacon, "for then it will be sure to be long in coming." The American Republic may well think this a very excellent piece of philosophy in the light of present events. No doubt Premier Hardy also finds it apposite. "Let my death come from Whitney," he can cheerfully say, "for then it will be sure to be long in coming."

Some Kansas farmers propose take up a collection for Joseph Leiter at the rate of 1 cent a bushel on their wheat sales this year, as a token of gratitude to Joseph for raising the price of wheat this summer. Of course, Leiter cornered the market out of pure philanthropy. Had he seen a chance to make a few millions by hammering down the price, his sympathy for the farmers would have restrained him-One thing is certain, that amid all na- oh yes! It is truly a beautiful illustration of human charity. There is some hope for the world yet.

> Biographers lament that the world is producing no more great men, and will soon have none. Germany has no Bismarck, England no Gladstone, Italy no Cayour, France no Thiers, America no Lincoln. The general explanation is that universal education has produced a greater uniformity of character and attainments, and that as the masses have grown in stature the giants of old are not needed. "A general culture has spread itself and smoothed down all sharp individual traits," as Emerson put it.

Mr. W. J. Bryan first denounced the policy of imperialism, but now says he will reserve opinion. He is perplexed in the extreme. Cuba and Porto Rico are cheap money countries. That suits Bryan. But now this fellow Aguinaldo has decorated himself with a gold whistle and other auriferous paraphernalia, which stamps him as a gold-bug. That doesn't suit Bryan. The free silver apostle will probably compromise by declaring for the annexation of Cuba O, what a joy to clamber there, and Porto Rico, and for the exclusion of the yellow Philippines and their yellow metal barbarism.

It is reported that the ex-Empress Eugenie is very low. Her death would remove the most conspicuous relic of French royalty and one of the most interesting and pathetic historical figures of the century. In her misfortune she has found much consolation in the friendship of Queen Victoria-a friendship that began early in life, and was cemented with magnificent ceremonies at Paris and London during the period of the Crimean war. Eugenie is, or was, a woman of many brilliant qualities, but had she possessed more of the strong common sense and other homely virtues of Victoria, her lot might have been happier. She lost the affections of her people, and hastened her own downfall by prompting Napoleon to a disastrous policy.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

DOESN'T CRAVE THE LAW. Ernest Terah Hooley would not stand much chance of acquittal if he were to be tried by his peers.-Ottawa Journal.

CIAN ALWAYS CRY. What will the London Free Press do for a cry against the Ontario Government now that it is no inger in doubt about that Normal School site?-Hamilton Times.

A POOR REWARD.

When Richard Croker learned that Admiral Sampson got only \$10,000 prize money, his contempt for war as compared with practical politics was no doubt greatly aggravated.-Washing-

TARIFF LAW AN ANACHRONISM In the rapid march of commercial events, the Dingley tariff, so far as protection is concerned, has already become an anachronism, while its failure as a revenue measure is almost universally acknowledged. — Philadelphia Record.

SHOULD APOLOGIZE. And after all it was the Imperial Government that ordered the departure of Dubosc and Carranza from Canada. There is now an opportunity for those journals who criticised Sir Wilfrid harshly for sending the Spaniards away to apologize.-St. Thomas

THE ARMED TRAMP. Another tramp has been flourishing a revolver near Ingersoll. The success

a murderous peg-leg at London has emboldened the fraternity. The law should be so amended as to send any vag. down for five years found carrying a shooting-iron. No one in that "profession" carries it for a lawful purpose.-Paris Transcript.

A DESERVED HONOR.

The election of Hon. A. Evanturel to the Speakership of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario is a great honor to our worthy compatriot. By Vis energy, his perfect tact, and his great talents, the member for Prescott commands the esteem and consideration of the politi-

Whitney joined with Mr. Hardy in eulogizing Hon. Mr. Evanturel, and all the leading journals of Ontario are unanimous in approving the choice of he assembly-La Patrie, Montreal.

UNIVERSITY SENATE ELECTIONS. Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, has been urged to stand for the Senate at the elections this fall by a large number of 'Varsity graduates, and will likely consent. The minister was always a warm friend of the students, and one of the most extremely popular professors who ever lectured at sity. 'Varsity men will no doubt place him at the head of the polls.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

THE PLEBISCITE.

In four of the provinces there have already been popular votes on the liquor question. These provinces are Ontario, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, and in each a majority of votes was cast for prohi bition. The vote in Manitoba was taken in July, 1892, and the majority was 10,922; Prince Edward Island in 1893, majority, 4,195; Nova Scotia in 1894, majority, 81,740. Thus the total majority in favor of a prohibitory law in these four provinces, according to the votes in their different elections, was 128,258. In these elections many voted for prohibiton, who, although favoring such legislation, were not prepared to co-operate with the officers of in enforcing such legislation. To pass a prohibitory law on the strength of votes would be much more infurious to the cause of temperance than an adverse majority at the polls. It is clearly then the duty of the electors of this Dominion to vote for such legislation as they are prepared to as sist in carrying out, and not for the enactment of a law simply they think it might result in good, to lend their aid in making it effective -Seaforth Expositor.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

MET HIS MATCH. "That cornet player has moved out of the lower flat "What was the trouble?" "He complained of our baby."

THE HAYLOFT. Through all the pleasant meadow side The grass grew shoulder high, Till the shining scythes went far and And cut it down to dry.

These green and sweetly smelling crops They led in wagons home: And they piled them here in mountain

tops For mountaineers to roam. Here is Mount Clear, Mount Rusty

Mount Eagle and Mount High; The mice that in these mountains No happier than L

O, what a place for play, With the sweet, the dim, the

The happy hills of hay! -Robert Louis Stevenson

ALL RIGHT FOR THE ICEBERG Nervous Passenger-Captain, what would be the result if the steamer should strike an iceberg while we are plunging through this fog? Captain of Steamship—The iceberg would move right along, madam, just as if nothing had happened.-Chicago Tribune.

HURRY AND DISPATCH. No two things differ more than hurry and dispatch. Hurry is the mark of a weak mind, dispatch of a strong one. A weak man in office, like a squirrel in a cage, is laboring perpetually, but to no purpose, and in constant motion without getting on a jot. Like a turnstile, he is in everybody's way, but stops nobody; he talks a great deal, but says very little; looks into everything, but sees into nothing; and has a hundred irons in the fire. but few of them hot, and with these few he only burns his fingers-Church Standard, Philadelphia.

LANGUAGE. My husband is plain-spoken; he calls spade a spade. "So does mine; but I must decline to repeat what he calls the lawn

THE owl's eyes have no muscles by which they can be moved, but extraordinary flexibility in the muscles of the neck enables the owl to move his head with incredible rapidity in any

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