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BRANCH OFFICES:

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MR. MEREDITH'S DEPARTURE. Mr. W. R. Meredith, M.P.P., has finally removed his household to Toronto, where his business interests now lie.

The ADVERTISER wishes the talented lawyer every professional success. He is possessed of undoubted ability, and in his new home he will have great scope for it. He has been bandicapped through having to the leadership of his party in the Ontario Legislature. That he has met with so small success as to feel inclined to retire from the blame. He had to fight against a strong Government, headed by one of the ablest men in public life in America, and he was too pliant a friend to Sir John Macdonald at a time when the enemies of this Province had resolved, with the aid of the Ottawa authorities and the egislature Opposition, to get control, by hook or crook, of a large portion of North-western Ontario. Under these circumstances defeat was to be looked for, still it

must be disheartening to Mr. Meredith.

With the departure of Mr. Meredith and his family from London a link with the past is snapped. We trust the change will e wholly advantageous to them, and that Toronto prosperity and happiness may

A WORTHY CITIZEN HONORED. sewhere in this issue will be found a report of the congratulations showered on our esteemed fellow-citizen, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, on his attaining the post of Deputy Grand Sire of a world-wide and influentia organization. Dr. Campbell's election to what may be termed a high international position is a deserved compliment to the

IN THE PEOPLE'S HANDS. A good deal has been said in the past and much more will be said in the near future, on the subject of the law regarding the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ecipient and a compliment and advantage

It will do no harm, and may be productive of good at this stage, to consider how much power the people have in their own hands, and can exercise as they see fit.

Under the Ontario law, the 'axpayer now have it in their power:

1. To limit the number of taverns and shops in the city.

2. To collect from taverns and shops revenue for civic purposes to a substantial

3. To prevent the licensing of new premises in any municipal sub-division.

Or 4. To entirely prohibit the sale of liquor within the limits of the municipality.

These are very extensive powers, but they are all conferred on the taxpayer in the Ontario License Law, or the amendments to that measure passed at the last meeting

of the Legislature.

The reduction of the number of taverns and shops in the city can be effected by se-curing the election of aldermen favorable thereto. The bylaw governing the action must be passed before March l in each year. The Council is also empowered to collect \$200 for civic revenue from the hotels, saloons and shops. London Council collects \$30 for shops, \$10 for hotels and \$30 to the collects \$30 for shops, \$10 for hotels and \$30 to the collects \$30 for shops, \$10 for hotels and \$30 to the collects \$30 for shops, \$10 for hotels and \$30 to the collects \$30 for shops, \$30 for sho

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Until last year a new license could be granted unless a majority of the voters in the sub-division petitioned against it. By

session of the Legislature is the following:

The council of every township, city, town and incorporated village may pas bylaws for prohibiting the sale by retained it council and the sale by retained it council and tavern, including the sale by retained it council and tavern, including the sale was a sale of the sal

The moral of the whole matter is that the management of the liquor traffic is now in the hands of the people themselves. No good can be done by blaming the law-makers—whether Dominion or Provincial.

AN EXPLANATION NEEDING EXPLA-

R. Moffat Neill, or R. Neale-it does no yet appear which is his real name—has made an explanation to the members of the First Congregational Church in this city, but his "explanation" requires to be ex-

It seems to be at best but an involved piece of special pleading, and contains nanifest inconsistencies.

A specimen brick is the assertion that h had called the congregation together to listen to his statement because "the newspapers" of the city had refused to publish it. Our city contemporary can speak for itself. The Advertiser now asserts—and it defice R. Neale, or R. Moffat Neill, to truthfully say anything to the contrary—that it has ever refused to publish his side that it has ever refused to publish his side of the question, for the very reason that neither he nor anyone representing him has tendered any explanation for publication. The newspapers with which Mr. and in Mr. Browning's case there is nothing Neill has been connected may regard it as a proper thing to be one-sided, but that is not the kind of a paper that the ADVERTISER is. It is published in the interests of the public and it believes in giving the news.

In his precise Mr. Share tells us that public, and it believes in giving the news. That it is always willing to do so is evidenced to-day by its presentation of this man's story on the first available opportunity presented to it.

R. Neale, or R. Moffat Neill, first denied that he had changed his name; at the meeting last night he seemed to take that back and acknowledge the facts sworn to by the

and acknowledge the facts sworn to by the issuer of marriage licenses. Our readers can judge for themselves of the merits of the "explanation."

Another odd hint dropped by Mr. Neill left the ADVERTISER representative under the impression that for some reason or other he had married the lady who became his leadership has not been altogether his wife in this city last year some time before blame. He had to fight against a strong and in the city of Pittsburg. Then why did he swear before the issuer of marriage licenses that he was a widower and she a widow? This is a point which the "ex-

planation" does not explain.

In the innocence of our heart, we had thought that a church meeting was a place where paster and people assemble for con-ference as to what is best for the interests of to himself, this professed preacher does not appear to think so. No sooner had he finished his rambling statement than he pronounced the benediction. Nota moment's opportunity was given to anyone present to say a word in regard to the grave discrepancies that were apparent in the statement made by him. Even when Mr. Hicks, ecretary of the church, rose to say a word on the subject he was refused a hearing. The public may be able to reach a conclusion as to the reason for treating a member and officer of the church in this manner.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

\$555,000; salmon, \$3,355,000; gold, esti-mated at \$5,000,000; fur seal, \$2,000,000, and other articles making up a total of \$9,840,730. This is over \$2,600,000 more than the United States paid for Alaska

the new law no new license and no transfer of a license to new premises can be granted unless the majority of the voters on the roll for the Legislature petition in the roll for the Legislature petition. When municipal officers take

congruities of the new tariff law, but who know many more might be brought out, or how involved the party in power might become if Congress were to assemble before the November elections?

them. In Brussels last week he was the Missiegrs of the note of the hour, and the Missiegrs of the root of all Browning's poetry. This wondrons intellect bore unfaltering witness to the controlling power of Providence and ing him honor at his hotel as soon as it

was known he had arrived. At Ostend, where he went on the invitation of the King, he was received with special honors by the municipality, and at once proceeded to the Royal Chalet, where he had an interview with King Leopold, their talk lasting over two hours, and in the evening Mr. Stanley dined at the royal table. The date of his departure for America has not yet been distinctly announced, but it must be soon, as the lecturing tour begins next

BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

Life of Robert Browning, by William Sharp (London, 1890). So many biographical details, portraits, letters, impromptu verses, fragments of conversations, little ancedotes valuable as illustrating some new feature of this incomparable poet's mind, have been poured out on all sides since his death that it is difficult to choose from

the poems it inspired.

In his preface Mr. Sharp tells us that his volume does not pretend to be more than a memoire pour servir. It was hastily produced within four months of the poet's death. Still it is an accurate and clear account of the chief incidents in the poet's

death. Still it is an accurate and clear account of the chief incidents in the poet's life.

Robert Browning was born on May 7, 1812, at Camberwell. His grandmother on the father's side was a Cereole, and on the mother's Scotch, while his maternal grandfather was a German from Hamburg, an accomplished musician and artist. His father, a clerk in the Bank of England, who lived till 84 and never knew a day's tilness, was a scholar and a writer of verse himself. From him Browning inherited his grand physique and love of books, from his mother his artistic and unusical tastes. At 8 years old he began to translate Horace; by the time he was 12 he had written poems enough to fill a volume. After leaving school in 1826 he studied with a tutor at home, and then for a very short time at the London University. His father, full of belief in his son's genius, secured for him all the case and comfort that a literary man needs to do good work. The way was cleared and smoothed before that splendid brain, crowded even in youth with colossal schemes. The key-note of his life and of his work was sounded at 20, when he exclaimed: "I am made up of an intensest life. I would be all, have, see, know, taste and feel all." His first work to see the light was the fragmentary poem "Pauline," anonymously published in January, 1823. Though the influence of Shelley is seen on every page, the whole line of thought which marks the poem is startlingly novel. His next important work was "Paracelsus," a shappeless drama containing passages of wonderful beauty and melody such as these:

I go to prove my soul, see my way as birds their trackless way, see my way as birds their trackless way, shall arrive! What time, what circuit first ask not; but unless God sends his hall re blinding fireballs, sleet or stifling snow, a some time, his good time, I shall arrive; e guides me and the bird. In his good time.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—The oldeat preacher in the Episcopal Church of England is Rev. Joseph Hudson, vicar of Chillingham. He was ordained 73 years ago, and will be 100 years old next January.

— Archdeacon Farrar, the famous preacher and author, has been appointed Chaplain of the House of Commons, in succession to Hon. and Rev. F. E. C. Byng, M.A. The duties are merely nominal, and the salary is \$2,000 a year. As one of the canons residentiary of Westminster Abbey, Archdeacon Farrar receives \$5,000 a year.

— At the British Church Congress, recently, the Bishop of Beverley, who presided when the gathering had under consideration the question of gambling, said it was worth while to teach children to play whist for whist's sake. He was doing it himself just now, without any points or stakes. Any game, he said, that was worth playing at all was worth playing without a stake. The final resolution of the congress on the subject was in accord with the Bishop's declaration that games are all right, but playing for stales all wrong.

—The purchase of the Alaska has proved a very profitable speculation for the United States. According to the annual report of the Governor of that country (the exports from that torritory during the past year consisted of whalebone to the value of \$1,159,005; whale oil, \$192,500; codilsh, \$555,000; salmon, \$3,355,000; gold, estimated at \$5,000,000; fur seal, \$2,000,000,000.

There they are, my fifty men and women, Naming me the fifty poems finished: Take them, love, the book and me together: Where the heart lies let the brain lie also.

In 1861 Mrs. Browning died, whispering words of hope and joy to her husband till the last. In memory of their parting he wrote his wonderful little poem, "Pros-

(Henry Holt & Co., York). This is a story (Henry Hott & Co., York). This is a story about three men, George (who goes to sleep at a bank from 10 to 4 each day, except Saturdays, when they wake him up and put him outside at 2); Harris; Montmorency, a small fox-terrier, to look at whom you would imagine that he was an angel sent upon the earth for some reason withheld from mankind. There is a sort of Oh-whata-wicked-world-this-is-and-how-I-wish-I could-do-something to make-it-better-and nobler expression about Montmorency that has been known to bring tears to the eyes of olderly ladies and gentlemen. And fourthly, the author himself. All of these decided to row up the Thames in a boat, as they were all feeling "seedy," and were getting quite nervous about it. Each one had something the matter with him. The suthor says:

With me it was my liver that was out of order he had just been reading a patent iver his circular, in which were detailed the various circular, in the two many circular distinctions of the time and the many circular distinctions to work of any kind. What I mistake, the chief among them being agenteral distinction to work of any kind. What I mistake, the chief among them being agenteral distinction to work of any kind. What I mistake, the chief among them being agenteral distinction to work of any kind. What I was my liver. Medical science was in a far less advanced state than now, and they used to put it is down to laxiness.

Then follows an account of the things when the various circular was a count of the train the country of the train of the train the circular circular to great a taken up with the account of their trip. a small fox-terrier, to look at whom would imagine that he was an angel

otc., and felt that the thing would soon become exciting. It did.

One can well imagine that the experience of three men, cooking their own meals and trying to keep a boat full of things tidy, is rather trying. The author says:

A continual labor, which was beginning to afford me a pretty clear insight into a question that had often posed me, content the difference of the content of the conten

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BELLEVILLE, Oct. 16.—
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Mattie Sheridan
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I. Milling's (Napanee) (bell Housemaid

co, 2:21, for \$15,000.

Mr. W. D. McIntyr sold his pacing filly L Robert Donnelly, for \$12 At the Sandown Park the race for the great Say Ring, Lord Hasting's Bro Ring, Lord Hasting's Br At the Woodward sale stock at Lexington W brought \$20,425, an aver filly, yearling, by Piloi Frank Noble, brought \$2.550. Nelson last week bro record to 2:11½ ou the rack at Terr Haute, an Hamlin and Justina, pu Hamlin and Justina, pu record at 2:15. This we yoking a really fast anim with one from four to fit The following horses w Park on Wednesday: Fers' Brockidle stable— Sluggard, \$3,050; Maj. I. mant, \$2,550; King Eric colt, 3 years, by Kinglic For the Preakness s \$3,510; Geraldine, \$4,000 In a pacing race at Na-day, Winslow, the wi record to 2:15. Freede break the yearling tro failed, making the mile i Fifty-one horses were set

failed, making the mile i Fifty-one horses were s and combination sale at day. They brought \$26, \$519 50. A yearling Wilkes, dam by Cuyler and a yearling filly by Almont, \$2,875.

The residence of H. auction to-morrow at and come if you wan dence or building site