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London, Monday, Jan. 20.

"GRAND OLD MEN." Ottawa correspondents have been writing a good deal about the comparative freshness of Sir John Macdonald, notwithstanding tention to harm her, though we can conthat he is 75 years of age. It cannot be said, however, that our public men carry their years as well as do the British legis. lators. But for the fact that he is constantly coddling his health, and perpetually watched over by a tender and loving wife, the Canadian Tory leader could not continue in harness; and all around him, on both sides of the House, there is evidence that the Canadian politicians of to-day work too hard, both in and out of Parliament, and take too little care of their health to maintain a vigorous old manhood, such, for example, as Mr. Gladstone enjoys. The Grand Old Man is now over 80 years of age, yet he does as much work every day, public and private, as would break down many a Canadian twenty years his junior. But he has many equally chirrupy legislators associated with him in Parliament, for example, the venerable Lord Cottesloe, doyen of the House of Peers, is 91; the Earl of Albemarle, who fought as an ensign with the 14th Foot at Waterloo, is 90; Lord Ebury, 88; Earl Grey, the Bishop of Chichester, Lord Hammond, Lord Winmarleigh and Viscount Templeton, each 87; the Duke of Cleveland and the Earl of Essex, 86; the Earl of Lovelace, Earl Sydney, Lord Denman and Lord Tollemache, 84; the Earl of Mansfield, 83; the Bishop of Worcester and Lord Clonbrook, 82; the Duke of Devonhire, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Lord Bramwell, Lord Dacre and the Bishop of St. Albans, 81; the Earl of Verulam, Lord Congleton, Lord Haytesbury and Lord Tennyson, 80. In the House of Commons the her octogenarian members besides Mr. Gladstone are General Sir George Balfour, 80; Sir Gilbert Greenell, 83; Mr. Isaac Holden, 82; Colonel O'Gorman Mahor, 86; Mr. David Pugh, 83; and the Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers, who, in spite of his 87 years, continues to take the keenest interest in current politics.

The last named, by the way, is the only remaining member in the trio who set the free trade and corn law agitation thoroughly on its feet. Cobden and Bright, who took up the agitation after Mr. Villiers had brought in his annua

and bids fair, like his chief, to die in the Sometimes it is asked what is the secret of the long life of these Parliamentary veterans. It is difficult to say; but in the case of Mr. Gladstone a of those embraced in the list it can safely be asserted that their vigorous longevity is traceable to the common-sense method of taking plenty of rest at stated periods, and thus Counteracting the late ho and thus Counteracting the late hours and the excitement and worry of legislative life. More people than are embraced in the lawmaking portion of this community would live longer and enjoy better health if they adopted the same principles. The worst of it is that the large majority of us believe we cannot afford to take that view of work and recreation, and some can afford it, but

motion time and again, and saw it voted down, have both gone to their reward, but the veteran free trader still holds the fort,

A CLEVER EDITOR AND HIS

The so-called Equal Rights Association The so-called Equal Rights Association has been nourished into life by the well-planned attacks of the Toronto Mail upon the French-Cauadian race and the Roman Catholic Church. The editor of that journal is not credited with entertaining hostile feeling against the French-Canadians. On the contrary, he has in past years been known as their friend, and in one or two magazine articles he has writ-ten of them in a most kindly and appraciative spirit. He is too good-natured a man to think of or treat otherwise a polite man to think of or treat otherwise a polite and chivalrous people; and so, when he attacks the race as a dangerous element in the Confederation, no one who knows the man can believe that it is meant seriously. The editor of the Mail does not believe that the presence of a few French settlements in Ontario is inimical to our institutions; he does not believe the settlers of English, Irish and Scotch stock, who make up 95 per cent. of our population, are likely to be rooted out by the habitants of Quebec, because he knows from the record of the British races on this continent that they are bound to dominate and assimilate all other races. The French of Quebec, even, are much more English now than they were 25 years ago; and in Ontario the process of assimilation is going that the process of assimilation is going the process of assimilation is going the process of assimilation is going that the process of assimilation is going the process of the proc Ontario the process of assimilation is going description. on at a still faster rate, as witness the the Chamber in their own tongue, whereas lawshit which extended over 120 years.

Now it is an exception to hear a French speech there. It is not, perhaps, because be French-Canadian is losing his mother lings having been instituted in 1763, just lines are exception to hear a French speech there. It is not, perhaps, because lines having been instituted in 1763, just lines or bag, at the lowest possible price, call accordance in the lowest possible pri

tongue. It is a and deserves to liv of English speech into regions peopled by
the habitants; and, instead of any wellinformed man like the editor of the Toronto Mail living in dread of a French invasion, his good sense and observation would assure him that the more the French-Canadian spreads out either into Ontario or elsewhere on this continent the

nore like an Englishman he will grow. This is inevitable, and the process is bound to go through manners and character as well as speech. We give the editor of the Mail credit for seeing that this change is surely going on, that it is inevitable under the circumstances of the environment, and that nothing except a policy of madness and folly can check it. And therefore we do not believe that there is any real sincerity in the attacks made upon the French-Canadian race in the editorial columns of the Mail newspaper. As to the attacks upon the Roman Catholic Church, there is less reason to be ieve that the worthy editor is sincere in them than in the attacks upon the French ace. A sensible, good-natured man very rarely attacks his own mother with an in-

ceive of one's doing so for diversion's sake in the hope of doing her in some other way a power of good. This the editor of the Mail has very cleverly accomplished. Everywhere among a certain class the Mail has been held up to admiration as the organ of civil and religious liberty. English-Canadians and Protestants on one side have been arrayed against French-Canadians and Roman Catholics on the other, and men who would not be suspected of possessing enough pugnacity to kick a thieving tramp out of doors cheer to the echo a sentiment of war of races and religions. This is a state of things which the

astute and gifted editor of the Toronto Mail may be credited with having accomplished by his labors of the last three or four years, and the continuous fallowers and fallowers which stituency of admirers and followers which he has created have apparently never suspected that he was influenced by any other consideration than the ones he professed. That godly man, John Charlton, M.P., and that intense but not over re-M.F., and that intense but not over-re-ligious or over-scrupulous man, D'Alton McCarthy, M.P., have alike found an organ to their liking in the Mail; and elergymen of the Evangelical Church by the score have been finding more delight in the editor-ials of the Mail than in their prayer-books or creeds. And yet all this while the editor of the Mail has been steadily laboring with another purpose be-Little he cared for the rebellion in the Northwest, or the execution of Louis Riel, or French-Canadian "invasion," or the domination of Room No. 8, or the strataems of the hierarchy, or the schemes of the Jesuits, or the recognition of the Pope's authority in a legislative act, or "French schools" in Ontario, or the maintenance or abolition of separate schools, or the duel between Archbishop Cleary and William Ralph Meredith—little cared the editor of the Toronto Mail for any of these things in themselves, but for the useful way in which they helped to work out his own grand

oyed the working out of his own game, and ow he must have rolled his tongue in his heeks at finding such men as D'Alton Mc-Carthy, Dr. Caven, John Charlton, Dr. Carman and William Ralph Meredith rallying about him and innocently helping to

The Committee of the Board of Trade of Hamilton appointed to consider the question, have decided in favor of placing all taxes on real estate. It will take a long time to convice the farmers that this would be beneficial, but if it only applied to towns and cities it would make the holders of unoccupied lands, who are holding for a rise, squirm.—[Toronto World.

We den't know about the squirming, but we cannot for the life of us see why vacant lots in towns and cities should not vacant lots in towns and cities should not pay just as much taxation as the adjoining occupied lots. Why should a man be fined for putting up buildings, increasing the value of the adjoining property and giving employment to his fellow-citizens? Neither can we see why farmers should trouble themselves about these civic matters. Surely the assessment law can be so altered as to let the farmer keep to the old way if he choose, while the towns and old way if he choose, while the towns and cities can, at their option, adopt the principle of taxing real estate only. By the way, we have heard of no farmer who objects to the taking off the taxes on his stock and implements. Why should any pro-

gressive farmer do so? THE Essex Free Press (neutral in politics commends the Young Liberals of London for inviting Mr. Erastus Wiman to this city to speak on the future of Canada. Our

on at a still faster rate, as witness the change that has taken place in the schools of the French settlements. Twenty years ago in the House of Commons a large majority of the French members addressed the Chamber in their own tongue, whereas the Chamber in their own tongue, whereas the change reception to hear a French settlements.

language, 122 years ago. The Bishop of Neutra, in northern Hungary, died leaving his estate to his family. They were unable to take and deserves to live for its own sake. But English is the language of commerce and business, and because it is every citizen of Canada feels that his interest depends in a large degree upon his knowing the language. This, not doubt, is the cause of the steady expansion of English speech into regions neonled by swallowed up the fortune almost entirely, and the heirs have increased to more the 2,000. Now that the case is settled their heirs will get about \$5 apiece. time, no doubt, they have begun to look to their own labors for a livelihood.

According to Mr. A. W. Ross, M. P. for Lisgar, who has just come east from British Columbia, winter seems to have turned topsy-turvy this year. Usually, at this season, the weather is very mild on the Pacific Coast, but at present the cold is severer there than it has been in Manitoba. There was good sleighing in Vancouver while he was in that city, and the sma lakes and streams were frozen sufficiently strong to permit skating. The people were not prepared for the unexpected visit of King Boreas, and they are longing for him to take his departure. How different we are to the people of the far West. The old king is welcome to reign uninterruptedly in this Province till the middle of March if

NEARLY one half of the manufactured articles exported from the Dominion last year went to the United States. Who, pertinently queries the Ottawa Free Press s so unpatriotic as to assert that Canadian nanufacturers cannot compete with Ameri cans on equal terms?

THE Liberals of South Perth will hold convention on Wednesday, 29th inst., at Fullerton's Corners, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the elections both for the Local and Dominion House. Proceeding will begin at 1;30 p.m

This evening a great meeting will be held at Exeter Hall, London, to bid farewell to the venerable Bishop Crowther, who is about to return to the lower Niger, where the British missions in a large district are in his charge. Few men have had so rein his charge. Few men have had so remarkable a history as this native African, who, when a lad on the Benue River, was torn from his mother's side by slaver, and, after months of misery on the coast, was shipped in a slave ship for America, freed with other hapless captives by a British cruiser, educated in Sierra Leone and England, and became a man of learning and power, whose name is known wherever Christian missions are promoted; and one of the most romantic incidents of his life was when, a quarter of a century after his capture, an old woman rushed from a crowd of natives, to whom he was preaching, threw her arms around his neck, and he found she was his mother. Bishop Crowther is a man whose history proves that some branches, at least, of the negro family are capable of large development.

THE Oriental scholars who attended th ecent Stockholm Congress have divided recent Stockholm Congress have divided themselves recently into two bitterly antagonistic parties. The cause of the split is the fact that the English, French and Russians were omitted altogether from the Committee on Organization chosen at the close of the congress. The slighted scholars have therefore decided shortly to hold a congress in London quite independently of their opponents, and have collected a fund of \$10,000 to defray the incidental expenses. Many German and Portugues Orientalists have joined the malcontents.

An in portant rumor is that Bryon scheme, now so completely exposed: THE SMASHING OF CONFEDERATION AND THE CONSEQUENT MERGING OF THE PROVINCES INTO THE AMERICAN UNION!

How the editor of the Mail must have enjoyed the working out of his own game, and TUESDAY, the ELEVENTH OF FEBRUARY next, will be the last day for receiving Petitions for Private Bills.

TUESDAY, the EIGHTEENTH of FEBRUARY next, will be the last day for introducing Private Bills to the House.

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TO STOP THE HOLES

Meeting of the Internation League Called.

Why the English Thoroughbred Declined-Sporting News in Gener

BASEBALL.

Neither White nor Rowe will manage Buffalo Brotherhood Club, says the Bu Cal. Marquette, catcher for the Chel an Baseball Club, will play as fielder v

gan Baseball Club, will play as nearer the Detroits, next season.

Spalding's tour around the world venty players cost \$53,000 and the rece amounted to something like \$52,000. The New York State League, Penn vania League, Michigan State League California League have made formal plication for protection under the national control of the control o

John Rainey, of last season's Buffalo John Kainey, of last season's Bullalo ternational team, has been signed by Brotherhood management of that cit play left field in their club. He stood in the batting averages of the Buffaloes, seventeenth in the International list.

President Mills has called a meeting the International League for Jan. 23, a a.m., at the Genesee House, Buffalo. meeting is called for the purpose of fit vacancies, but it is not apparent where plugs are to be found to stop the he Grand Rapids and Saginaw may be coun out and Bay City has organized a club the Michigan State League.

The Chicago National League team of sists at present of the following two men: Anson, first base and capt Hutchinson, pitcher; Burns, third be Nagle, catcher; Kittredge, catcher; Stran, pitcher; Coughlin, pitcher; Escond base; Cooney, shortstop; Wiln left field; Lauer, catcher and fielder; Cough shortston or second base.

The following is the list of players of Chicago Players' League team: Jar Ryan, center field; Fred Pfeffer, see base; Ed. Williamson, shortstop; Cha Bastian, substitute for shortstop, second third base; Walter Latham, third by Mark Paldrin, Chaples King, Lab. Tea Bastian, substitute for shortstop, second third base; Walter Latham, third be Mark Baldwin, Charles King, John Ter Frank Dwyer and Charles Bartson, pit ers; Del Darling, Chas. Farrell and Boyle, catchers; Hugh Duffy, right fic George Van Haltren, left field or pitch Tip O'Neil, left field; Chas. Comisk first base.

THE TURF. Fobert Steele, of Philadelphia, has s Alichigan people the stallion "Antevoly "Electioneer," for a reported price

Several leading Australian bookmak talk of coming to New York to ply the trade, feeling convinced that Australia is seen its best day. Joe and Barr Thompson have concluded to stay in Eland bookmaking, and if business is not numerative they will then lay siege to N York.

The Marquis of Ailesbury, famous rather infamous on the English turf, has last reached the end of his string. I splendid estate of 40,000 acres is up for sa He has been ruled off all the tracks crookedness, and is noted as a drunka and for vicious characteristics of the mountmentionable kind.

That the true value of the trotter is r That the true value of the trotter is rappreciated in the Province of New Bruwick is shown by the following prices whi were realized at a recent sale held to cle the estate of the late Hugh McMonag Charta Mambrino, chestnut horse, by Mabrino Charta, dam Quebec Lass, 2:24, \$33 Glencoc Knox, black horse, by General Knu \$87; Mountain Morgan, chestnut horse, Black Hawk Morgan, \$125; Albert Knu black horse, by Gilbert Knox, \$121; Gre ling, gray horse, by General Ewell, \$20 Black Prince, black horse, by Mounta Morgan, \$80; Major, gray horse, by Te graph Morgan, \$100. The brood mat and colts all brought correspondingly lefigures.

graph Morgan, \$100. The brood mat and colts all brought correspondingly le figures.

Referring to the racecourse in England the present time, Mr. Joseph Osborne, veteran English turf writer, widely know as "Beacon," says: "My own view is the English thoroughbred has palpably digenerated in stamina from several distincauses. Prominent among these (ind pendently of the haphazard manner the are now bred) is that which has had dire effect upon their action and upon the lungs, namely, the undue increase of 'sprin racing and the style of training for it. Ti 'jumping-off' tactics, which have come to I considered as an important item in training curriculum of a 2-year-old, havin my belief, had a disastrous effect upo the action of our modern racehorses. Ti object is, of course, to set them off from the very flag-fall with a bound and a rattle-but what is the result?

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