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—[BROWNING.

London, Monday, May 4.

THE ADDRESS.

The debate on the address in the Dominion Parliament, which began Friday, was rendered lively by the vigorous addresses of Hon. Messrs. Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, David Mills and others. The chief point, necessarily, was the trade question. By the way, Sir John Macdonald seems to regard the matter of commercial relations with our neighbors as a huge joke, and the inconsistencies of his Cabinet as something to be laughed away. To say the least, such an attitude does not betoken statesmanship.

GAME AND FISH.

The Ontario Game and Fish Commission have made the following appointments in the West: At Windsor, May 5; Chatham, May 6; London, May 7; Hamilton, May 8 and 9; Simcoe, May 14; Dunnville, May 15. Local sportsmen who can give any suggestions as to the best means for preserving and increasing the supply of game and fish foods should be prepared to give evidence. The commissioners will gladly welcome any assistance in the task committed to them.

A VALUABLE RIGHT.

Local option, says the Montreal Star, is "regarded as among the most valuable of municipal rights." In Quebec, our contemporary asserts, the principle has been acted on in a number of cases. As no objection was raised in that Province, and the enactment recently declared faulty is found in the Municipal Act of 1866, enacted by the old Province of Canada, and not repealed, doubtless Mr. McLaren, Q.C., the formulator of the local option clause, thought it was perfectly valid. As the question is important the action of Premier Mowat in appealing to the higher authorities to set it at rest, as was done in other attacks on Ontario legislation for combatting drunkenness, is commendable.

THE PREMIER'S SALARY.

A fitting tribute was paid to the Hon. Oliver Mowat by the members of the Legislature who, at Friday night's sitting, proposed that his yearly remuneration as Premier of the Province and Attorney-General should be increased from $5,000 to $7,000.

The members unanimously acceded to the increase, which could with absolute propriety and justice have been made before now. Ontario is a large and important Province, larger than any of the Provinces in the colonial system that possess responsible Government. Yet till now the remuneration of its chief executive officer has been kept on a par with that of the smallest Australian colonies, possessing a tithe of the population, resources and opportunities of this great commonwealth.

We briefly illustrate. According to the latest official statements, the following is a list of the population and the salaries paid to the Premiers in the understated colonies:

	Population.	Premier's salary.
Cape of Good Hope	1,458,823	$ 7,750
New South Wales	1,122,200	10,000
Victoria	1,104,288	10,000
South Australia	318,308	5,000
Queensland	387,463	6,500
New Zealand	650,000	5,000
Tasmania	146,149	5,500

The legislators who have done justice by the veteran Premier that has spent the best days of his life in husbanding their resources need formulate no defense for the justice of their action. The remuneration now voted to him is as little as the Premier of this Province should be asked to accept. It is not one-half what bank corporations willingly pay their general managers for performing work that cannot be more arduous and for assuming responsibilities that are not nearly so great. By his own profession Mr. Mowat could have made himself rich long ere now. He has chosen to serve his fellow-citizens, he has served them well, and he deserves to be decently remunerated. No reasonable person will cavil at the action of the Legislature. Nor do we think that many will object to the principle being established that the Opposition leader in the House should receive increased indemnity. To properly perform his duties, he has to spend a great deal of time and money. Assuming that his work is performed in the public interest, there is certainly a good deal to be said in favor of the proposition.

MAY DAY CALAMITIES.

Two classes seem to have fomented the labor day troubles that proved so disastrous on the European continent Friday. One was the Anarchists, who incited the men to indefensible acts of violence. Another was the opponents of liberty and progress, who prevented the holding of public processions and public meetings.

Between the men who advise the abuse of liberty and the men who suppress it there is little choice. They are both enemies of the masses, and should be condemned. The shorter day's labor and better remuneration cannot be promoted by the agencies that either of the two classes counsel or adopt.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—The Imperial Parliament has just voted $474,520 for the maintenance of royal parks and pleasure grounds for the ensuing year.

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—With a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether, appropriately remarks the Lindsay Post, Hon. John Carling has been landed in the Senate, where he can have a quiet time for the remainder of his political life.

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—The Conservatives are very much afraid that some of their slim majority may slip away from them. Instead of one or two whips as hitherto, the leaders have appointed a whip for every dozen members. The party is now as well supplied with whips as the Israelites were with Egyptian taskmasters.

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—We are glad to observe that at the annual meeting of the Association of Medical Superintendents of Asylums and Hospitals for the Care of the Insane, held this week at Washington, Dr. Daniel Clark, of Toronto, was unanimously elected president of that great international body for the ensuing year. Dr. Clark is one of the most distinguished alienists on the continent, and his many friends will congratulate him on this new testimony to his worth.

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—Great Britain seems to be fairly prosperous, despite the assurances of our high tax friends in Canada, who are continually bewailing the fatuity of the course of the motherland in sticking to freedom of trade. There were 500 fewer bankruptcies in Britain in 1890 than in any previous year, and within the past decade pauperism, according to Mr. Chamberlain, M.P., has been reduced by 20 per cent., and the committal of crime by nearly 30 per cent.

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—Hon. Wilfred Laurier caused much merriment in the House of Commons Friday night by a story he told illustrating the two-facedness of Sir John Macdonald, who asked for dissolution because of supposed negotiations in favor of reciprocity; whereas, in his manifesto, he never once referred to trade negotiations. The reason was obvious, remarked Mr. Laurier. There were two classes of men in the Dominion; for the most part on the one side the protected manufacturers, and on the other the farmers. The Premier would pardon him if he said that the honorable gentleman reminded him of a bat which one day had fallen among birds and the second day fallen among rats. When among the birds it said, "Look at my wings; I am one of your tribe;" and when among the rats it said, "Look at my claws; I am one of your tribe." The honorable gentleman when among the farmers said, "Look at my wings; I want to soar towards reciprocity;" and when among the manufacturers, and especially the monopolists, he said, "Look at my claws; I am one of you and I will leave you the people of this country to prey upon."

Drowned in a Post Hole.

THORNBURY, May 2.—On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burns attended the funeral of a relative, leaving their little 4-year-old son Wilbur in the care of his grandmother. The little fellow, who was playing around the yard, was last seen about 1 o'clock. Shortly after this he was missed, and on search being made he was found about 4 o'clock a few yards from the house in a post hole containing about six inches of water. Life was extinct.

Suicide Near Strathroy.

STRATHROY, May 2.—James Fraser, a well-to-do farmer living on the town line of Adelaide, committed suicide yesterday morning. He tore off the covering of the well on his own place and jumped in, sinking in about twenty feet of water. His wife saw him and gave the alarm, but before aid could reach him he was beyond help. He made an attempt to take his life six weeks ago by cutting himself with a razor. Deceased was married and about 50 years of age. He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters. It was deemed unnecessary to hold an inquest. The deceased was laboring under a fit of temporary insanity, having been somewhat deranged for three months past.

Bradstreet's Report.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's do not reflect a generally improved state of business within the week. Crop reports west and northwest, with reference to the leading cereals, however, continue exceptionally favorable. Leather, hides, hats, caps, hog products, raw wool, cotton and raw sugar all tend to shaded quotations, with the demand noticeably less than a week ago. Money is firmer and in active request, notwithstanding the partial subsidence of the wave of speculation.

At Montreal the drygoods trade is bolder than a year ago, but groceries and hardware are only moderately active. Farm work is well advanced. Trade has improved steadily at Toronto, where prices are firm. Ontario crop reports are encouraging. The Dominion reports 41 business failures this week, against 33 last week and 23 this week last year. The total number from Jan. 1 to date is 746, against 698 last year.

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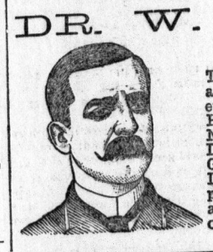

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