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SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 0, 1883.

THE WEEK IN BUSINESS.

It has been a trying week for the banks and other financial concerns—there is no telling but what it may be a still more trying one for them next week. Despite the assurances given, things have a very uncertain look. The bank managers are shaking over some of their big accounts. The stock market is utterly demoralized. Those who control it do not know how to act. Those who are on the wrong side have very little money. Those who have money have very little disposition to go in. Nobody wants to settle. Nobody wants to buy.

Trade generally continued dull during the past week. Dry goods, millinery and fancy goods houses report no change in the condition of trade, and the immediate prospects of things brightening up are decidedly slim. Hardware is dull and inactive, with a tendency towards an increased demand for millers' use. In groceries, a few large orders have been filled, but no great general demand is noticed. The provision trade showed signs of activity in the early part of the week, and some large lots of eggs and cheese were shipped to New York, but the effort seems to have only made the general stagnation more apparent. The week altogether has been a very bad one for all branches of trade, and the coming one does not promise to materially alter the tone of our markets.

THE LIBERAL CONFRENCE AT LEEDS.

When conservatives meet it is usually for the purpose of organizing; and if they do spend any time in discussing principles, it is merely for the purpose of welding them into a compact platform, with which to conduct the next campaign. The liberal mind, on the other hand, is prone to discuss and "resolute," and the recent conference at Leeds has been pretty fruitful of resolutions, some of them radical enough to satisfy the most advanced liberal. It was resolved that the government ought at once to bring in a bill dealing with the county franchise. A motion that any extension of the suffrage should confer the franchise upon women, was supported by John Bright, and was carried. The action of the commons in refusing a seat to Bradlaugh was condemned, and a resolution favoring the abolition of parliamentary oaths was carried amid cheers. The conference did not favor the making of any special laws to secure the representation of minorities.

So far as one can judge from the meagre reports received, the conference seems to have been composed largely of the "kickers" of the party. The government was not represented, if we except the presence of Herbert Gladstone, who approved of the assimilation of the borough and county franchise, but urged delay.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents, and have not endorsed, editorially or otherwise, the statements of "Toronto," of Mr. Watson, or others. If Dr. Carry will look into the school law he will find in chapter 14 of the regulations the provisions which apply to religious instruction. Section 4 reads as follows:

"The department recommends that the daily work of each public school be opened and closed by reading a portion of scripture and by prayer. The Lord's prayer alone or the form of prayer to be found in appendix K may be used or any other prayer preferred by the school board or trustees and master of each school. The Lord's prayer should form part of the opening prayer, and the ten commandments should be taught to all pupils and repeated at least once a week. Any portion of scripture shall be read without comment or explanation. No pupil shall be compelled to take part in these religious exercises against the wish of his parent or guardian, expressed in writing to the master of the school."

Section 5:

"In order to correct misapprehension and define more clearly the rights and duties of school boards, trustees and others in regard to religious instruction in connection with the public schools, it is decided by the department that the clergy of any persuasion, on their authorized representations, shall have the right to give religious instruction to the pupils of their own church, in each school house at least once a week after the hour of closing of the school in the afternoon, and if the clergy of more than one persuasion apply to give religious instruction in the same school house, the school board or trustees shall decide on what day of the week the school house shall be at the disposal of the clergymen of each persuasion at the time above stated. But it shall be lawful for the school board or trustees or clergymen of any denomination to agree upon any hour of the day at which a clergyman, or his authorized representative, may give religious instruction to the pupils of his own church, provided it be not during the regular hours of the school."

We are of opinion that these provisions should be made use of, instead of being allowed to remain, as now practically a dead letter. Again, the Sunday school, which opens a wide field for religious education, should be organized on a workable basis, and properly taken advantage of by the churches of our various denominations for effective religious instruction. By taking such steps, we believe, clergymen would serve the cause of religious education much better than by agitating the present movement.

We do not object to the Rev. Dr. Carry complaining on behalf of himself or others. We give him space so to do. But we say that we have treated both himself and the Rev. Dr. Laing with much more consideration than they, or either of them, have extended to us. We permit Dr. Carry to complain, but deny that he has any just cause so to do.

A LITTLE OFF.

The World is not given to making inaccurate statements, and when it undertook to expose the breach of the law at the recent catholic festival in the Adelaide street rink, extreme care was taken not to state any thing that was not fact. Nevertheless, the Tribune, a weekly catholic journal of the grit persuasion, came out on Thursday with the following:

The attack made by The Toronto World last week upon the managers of the Brockton catholic church festival held in the Adelaide street rink was wholly unjustifiable, and the censure pronounced upon the manner in which a catholic priest chose to raise funds for a charitable purpose was mere impertinence. No strong drink of any kind was sold or kept for sale at the festival. Indeed so careful were the managers to avoid what may offend even the most scrupulous teetotallars, that they would not have lager beer at the refreshment tables. The festival was conducted on the strictest total abstinence principles.

Yesterday a Telegram reporter was interviewing the archbishop, and from the report of the conversation we take the following:

Here his grace changed the subject, "I hear," he continued, "that there has been considerable discussion about the sale of liquors at a catholic entertainment in the Adelaide street rink. I was pained to hear that liquor had found its way in there. I have given strict orders to all the priests not to allow any such proceeding in future. In regard to this special case Father McCann was not responsible, but certain laymen who smuggled it in.

If the Tribune does not like to take the venerable archbishop's account of the affair, and is still of opinion that what we said was "wholly unjustifiable," and "mere impertinence," we may be tempted to give "names and dates."

Belleville Ontario: Some of our contemporaries are discussing Mr. Mathew Arnold, the Englishman of Sweetness and Light, who is now on his way to this country to lecture. Many of them do so in ignorance of the true character of the man, of the merit of his poetic productions, or of his real religious belief. The Globe is nearer the truth in terming Mr. Arnold an a hist than The World in contradicting the assertion.

By what authority does our Belleville contemporary speak of the Globe as he does in his second sentence?

SCARBORO HOUSE.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: In reply to Messrs. Murphy & Murdock's letter, I would like to reiterate what I myself said in your impression of the 17th, in regard to the disorderly conduct which for many nights proceeded from this house. It is a fact and I can prove it. Moreover, what Civis said on the 18th was true to my knowledge, except in so far as the fact comes of the nuisance being complained of to Inspector Dexter. This I was not aware of, but yet I have seen a number of men going through the backway from the lane on Sunday on several occasions. Whether they got drink or not I cannot say, but they go into the house, and issue forth shortly afterwards as secretly as possible. I would just add in case of such idea being hinted, that I do not know who Civis is.

A NEIGHBOR.

Toronto, Oct. 18, 1883.

MR. YOUNG AND MR. WALSH.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: As Mr. Young of John Young & Co., provision merchant, is absent from the city and cannot defend himself from the malicious attack of Mr. James Walsh in your issue of 17th inst., might I ask the public to withhold an opinion on the matter until Mr. Young returns and is in a position to take the proper course in dealing with the slander? Those who do not know Mr. James Walsh might be apt to conclude that his remarks are truthful.

JOHN YOUNG, JR.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: The explanation given in The World of to-day in regard to my letter of the 17th inst. is not correct. What I have written in my said letter of the 17th I am prepared to stand by and ask no man to shoulder my responsibility.

JAMES WALSH.

[It was correct. If Mr. Walsh had no more foundation for what he said of Mr. Young than he had for what he said of the press, viz., "if a few dollars or personal influence can close the mouth of our public papers,"—then he ought to apologize to Mr. Young at once.—THE ED.]

THE SUGAR DUTIES.

To the Editor of the World.

SIR: I was somewhat amused to find you advocating a reduction of the sugar duties as a protective measure, for it strikes me as being a good way of promoting greater freedom of trade. What would be the effect of throwing the duties off raw sugar and reducing pro rata those on the refined article? (1) A reduction of surplus revenue, which as a free trader I earnestly desire; (2) A reduction that is perfectly equitable, seeing that all use the toned article, which is also good free trade doctrine; (3) the removal of part of the restrictions now placed by customs duties on our foreign commerce—a clear concession to free trade views; and (4) The doing away of the necessity for granting any drawback for the purpose of enabling refiners to export their product. All genuine free traders are revenue reformers and something more. Of course the repeal of the duties on refined sugar would be a further concession to free trade and a still greater boon to the consumer, but that is aside from the question.

It seems to me that a consistent protectionist is bound to advocate a duty on raw sugar because all imported cane products come into competition with the home grown sugars, whether the latter are made from beats or from the sap of the sugar maple. of course I am more anxious to see the duty taken off raw sugar than I am to convict you of inconsistency, and therefore I am glad to see you advocating its repeal on any ground; but I cannot allow Protectionist to claim unchallenged a monopoly of a policy that seems so sensible from a free trade point of view.

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From the Weekly (Toronto) Mail, Aug. 24.

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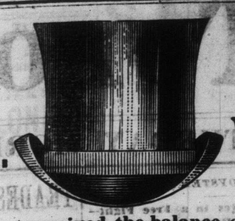

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