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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—[Browning.]

London, Friday, June 12.

NATIONAL PROVISION FOR OLD AGE.

The National Provident League of Great Britain, under the presidency of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, has been lately discussing the subject of a national provision against old age. Mr. Chamberlain himself is an energetic supporter of the movement. He has no idea of establishing a national insurance against sickness or accident. The insurance he considers should be against old age alone. The scheme involves a voluntary deduction of a certain percentage from the wages of young workmen, the sums thus gained being placed for the benefit of the contributor at compound interest so as to form a fund to secure him against pauperism in old age.

Statistics show that of men and women living at the age of 25 one in two will reach 65, therefore the scheme will practically affect half the population. It is proposed that this pension fund shall consist partly of subscriptions from the working classes themselves, partly of a State grant. The pension age is placed at 65. In the event of death before this age is reached the insurers' representatives shall be allowed to draw out premiums actually paid.

A startling fact brought out by the discussion is that of the whole number of English rural laborers who reach the age of 60, 45 per cent. become chargeable to the parish. Mr. Chamberlain gives very similar statistics for the whole body of the industrial population of the kingdom should deserve the bitter fate of going upon the parish after the age of 60. Therefore, he claims provision should be made for them, to which they should be induced to contribute. In most cases that would be asking a man to make a very slim breakfast and dinner so he would be sure to have something in the house for supper. For it is unbelievable that utter failure should crown the efforts of a nation as the result of shiftlessness, drunkenness or vice. The trouble, in some respects, arises from the landlord-made laws that have in the past diverted into the pockets of the controllers of the soil too large a slice of the receipts from the labor expended in its cultivation or in the mining of the underground resources. On this continent we have less pauperism than is found in the old world; but that fact can be traced to two causes. We have no expensive army and navy to keep up and we have as yet plenty of available vacant land, which tends to make the lot of the workingman easier than in old world lands, where the soil has all been appropriated. Whether our people will be any better off than those in the old world when the natural opportunities are circumscribed through the increase of population will depend upon whether we take care to avoid what is objectionable in the old world systems.

The insurance scheme which Mr. Chamberlain proposes would be tried as an optional measure at first. Probably it may finally be made imperative for all to contribute to it, and thus make it a scheme of a socialistic character; but we presume that the British Government will await the trial of a similar experiment which has been decreed in France before it makes even a move in that direction. Meanwhile, it is safe to say that if Mr. Chamberlain's scheme is intended merely for the apathetic and improvident it is doomed to failure, for the thoroughly reckless will be the last to contribute to it.

A prominent Listowel Conservative named Askins thought to swell the vote in the recent election for the Legislature in North Perth by voting twice. He succeeded, but it has proved a costly proceeding. The illegal act was discovered, and the accused was placed on trial before Judge Woods, who imposed the statutory penalty of \$200, but remitted \$150 of that amount, and ordered the officers of court to collect \$50 and costs. The Conservative victory in the by-election can easily be accounted for now.

COMPETITION IN HORSE BREEDING.

As the ADVERTISER recently indicated, light horses are now enjoying an inning in Canada. A very considerable increase in the supply of carriage and saddle horses may therefore be expected in the near future. In view of the great development of light harness horse breeding in the United States, we also cautioned Canadian breeders that in seeking an outlet for their surplus stock in Great Britain they would probably meet United States competition. Testimony is already to hand indicating the correctness of our forecast. The Farmers' Review of Chiquito go has been making special inquiries upon the subject, and the result shows that the "American roadster" is attracting a great deal of attention abroad. Reports come from France, Italy, Germany and Austria that American trotters are making a favorable impression this season, especially in the last-named countries. The roadsters being exported are clean-limbed, high-stepping, rapid-moving horses of good size, standing, as a rule, fifteen hands or over in height. The business of exporting them is said to have begun with the men who bring out heavy draughts to Chicago on speculation, and being desirous of making a profit both coming and going, very naturally turned their attention to the American driving horse, hunting or saddle horses being common in Britain, and stylish drivers scarcer and higher priced. The leading exporters have been paying from \$150 up to \$900 for suitable horses, and claim that the prices received for them after crossing the Atlantic have averaged \$400, while such high figures as \$4,500 have been realized in a few cases. Probably over 500 have gone to England and Scotland during the past year. As to color, the buyers on the other side prefer bay or brown, and one exporter states that geldings are wanted, not mares, as "no gentleman in England would be seen driving a mare." Shipments are also going forward to France for driving and breeding purposes. These facts give renewed emphasis to the suggestion expressed in these columns that our breeders and farmers who are looking to the old world for a market must be prepared to meet competition, and should aim to produce only that which is strictly first-class. It is also apparent that if everybody, as is often the tendency, rushes helter-skelter into breeding light horses many mistakes will be made, and too many nags of one type produced, all of which would have a tendency to depreciate prices. It is the part of wisdom that breeders should take a fair view of the situation and govern themselves accordingly for the present, at the same time remembering that in the event of readjusted trade relations with the neighboring republic the situation would be materially changed.

IMPORTANT POSTAL CHANGE.

One result of the Universal Postal Union Congress at Vienna is the accomplishment of the long-desired accession of the Australian colonies. This means a reduction of more than 50 per cent. in the rates of postage to those countries, the Postal Union rate being only 5 cents a half ounce for letters and 2 cents for postal cards.

The important reform, it is announced, is due largely to the efforts of the United States delegates, but no matter by whom effected, it is an important improvement, the benefits of which will be shared by Canada. We soon hope to see the Canadian letter rate equalized with that of the United States and an ocean penny postage established. The world and the movement for trade freedom keeps moving, and cheap postage is a powerful aid to international intercourse.

THE WONDERFUL CITY.

Marvelous is the continued growth of the British metropolis. The change in its population since 1881 is shown in the following census abstract:

London in ten years.....1891.....1881
4,705,001.....5,683,302
Increase in ten years.....978,301

London thus continues to have a larger population within its bounds than is to be found in the whole of the Canadian Dominion. In the United States there are five cities that bear the same relation to the United States metropolis that greater London bears to the city of London proper. They are New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City, Newark and Long Island City. Their population in 1880 and 1890 was as follows:

New York.....1890.....1880
1,228,299.....1,055,201
Brooklyn.....650,063.....595,343
Jersey City.....129,729.....123,087
Newark.....130,568.....121,218
Long Island City.....11,129.....10,286

The increase in these five cities was 368,424 in ten years, or 238,247 less than the increase in our old world namesake. How long is this phenomenal expansion to continue?

THE VACATION SEASON.

The Christian Union offers a number of practical suggestions from representative men of many professions on how to take a vacation. The mode of it depends largely on the length of the purse, but its absolute essentials are rest and change. One man's holiday may be another's hard work. It is no vacation to an artist or a farmer to spend a few weeks out in the country, whereas the woods and streams abound with tonic for professional men. A dweller in the city should go as far as possible from the great watering places; but if one's winter has been cloistered his summer should be gay. The sea "drinks" up all the ills of the world, and the perfect rest attainable by an ocean voyage is often more beneficial than a horseback or bicycle tour, because the latter is a species of hard labor. Sailing, rowing, fishing and lounging are useful occupations. A man can no more live on work alone than on bread alone, and a holiday in hot weather greatly increases his work efficiency for the rest of the year.

WHAT THE ADVERTISER THINKS ABOUT IT.

SELF-SEEKING individuals are now unearthing private letters which Sir John Macdonald wrote to them, and are publishing them as an evidence of their importance. If this kind of thing is encouraged, public men will have to give up writing private letters.

It never has delighted the heart of the Minister of Education to have two members of his talented family take degrees at the recent commencement exercises of the Provincial University. Not only did his son earn his M. A. distinction with honors, but his daughter Nellie took a high position in the examination by which she became a bachelor of arts.

Principal Grant, of Kingston, prefers Sir Charles Tupper, his fellow Nova Scotian, to any of the other aspirants for the Conservative leadership. This preference demonstrates the kind of material that the high tax party have to choose from. Tupper's unscrupulous attacks on Liberal statesmen and upon the Grand Trunk Railway and its men show the stamp of man that he is.

Mr. CROCKFORD, one of the Conservative M.P.s for Toronto, is booming himself for the leadership. One of his reasons for coming forward is the manner in which Ontario is snubbed in the selection of Cabinet material. "Why," he remarked the other day, "there is only one Minister from Belleville to the Pacific. That is Mr. Dewdney." This is rather rough on one man that we know.

The English Association for the Agricultural Colonization of Palestine is bestirring itself on behalf of the Russian Jews, who it is anxious should go to those countries where there is plenty of room for them, and where they would be able to follow up agricultural pursuits. By emigrating to the east instead of to the west the forms of Jewish faith would not be interfered with. Whether the persecuted race would be better treated under Turkish than under Russian rule is a question that has escaped consideration.

APPROVES OF INDEPENDENCE.

[Kingston News (Conservative).] As far as the form of government is concerned the American may, in the respect of being an elective monarchy, be superior to the British. We are not partial to an hereditary rulership, or in fact to any more complex government machinery than one of the Upper House or of the chief magistracy. When Canada is independent, as no doubt she will be some day, then the most cordial relations should still subsist between her and the mother country, we would never give our voice for establishing the presidential or kingly office. One popular chamber is governmental machinery enough.

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