# DEMI-TASSE

#### Newslets.

WINNIPEG manufacturers plain that the smoke by-law is causing a lot of unnecessary trouble. This sounds funny to a Toronto man. There is a smoke by-law in the fair capital of Ontario but it has never had any effect upon the dense pall of soft-coal smoke which hangs over the city. No sympathy here.

The Honourable Clifford Sifton has now entered the Strathcona-Carnegie-Rockefeller class. He has tired of the last tree for time of the business of making a fortune and he will spend the remainder of his days teaching the public how to conserve the nation's assets for posterity. Lucky posterity!

Premier Hazen gave a little shout about a contribution being better than about a contribution being better than a Canadian navy and a Canadian ship-yard. Then he went down to St. John, a city on the Bay of Fundy—and has not been heard of since. The finder will be rewarded suitably—apply Hon. Robert Rogers, Williams

picture of Mr. J. S. Willison, sitting in a red-leathered chair in the London Times office, weeping over the political situation in Great Britain is is to be painted by John Smith, A.R.A., F.W.C.S., and hung in the reception room at the Toronto Club.

Mr. John Ross Robertson of the Mr. John Ross Robertson of the Toronto Telegram has finally decided that he would prefer to see on his tombstone "Founder of the Canadian Associated Press" than "Builder of the Want-Ad. Business."

An official paper has been issued to the effect that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not bonusing Monk and Bourassa to stump Quebec against the Canadian navy in Quebec against the capacitan paper is the capacitan paper. navy in order to beat the cash-contributionists in the other provinces. But if he isn't back of these revolters, he is at the case their good at least smiling over their good

### His One Request.

IN Chatham, Ontario, where the negro population is somewhat ex-tensive, there is an old darky, Mose Jackson by name, whose constant fall from grace has made him a well-known figure in police court circles. Mose's weakness "fo' chick'n," and Mose's weakness "fo' chick'n, and his utter disregard as to the manner fowl be obtained, in which the said fowl be obtained, had once more brought him before the presiding judge.
"Here again I see, Mose," remark-

MORE MISSING LINKS

He: I am waiting for an interesting woman of thirty.

She: Then you will have a long time to wait. All the women here under sixty are not over twenty four. are not over twenty-four.

-Windsor Magazine.

ed His Honour, in tones of cold exasperation. "Do you realise that this is the fourth time in three weeks? I honestly declare I don't know what to do with you."

"Well, Judge," replied the prisoner with an air of injured dignity, "all ah has to say is, ah hope you'se ain't gwine t' hold me 'sponsible' for yo' ign'rance."

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### The Weather Bore.

By S. RUPERT BROADFOOT.

THE hoary farmer from the rack Gets down an olden almanac That tells of storms some ten years back-

Or perhaps twenty. He describes them all from A to Z, His imagination wanders free, And you can bank that there will be Statistics plenty.

He thinks, does this old weather bore, That he's a Solomon in gale-ic lore;

So he talks of winters gone before, Far worse than this'n. Of fences and houses buried in snow, The mercury freezing at forty below.
He jabbers on with endless flow
If you will listen.

On the sun's new spots he lays the

blame That the climate's rigours aren't the same,

As when to this fair land he came-

Long years ago. But you rise in ire and tell him that talking through his blooming hat,

For last week's storm had 'em all knocked flat For cold and snow.

### Bonar Law's Retort.

PROBABLY more good stories are told of Mr. Bonar Law than of any of the politicians of first rank on either side of the House of Commons.

At the time of the last General Election, Mr. Bonar Law was speaking in Glasgow and happened to refer to the attitude Mr. Balfour then took on the fiscal question. He pointed out that the "English people love compromise," and instanced the course taken by Henry VIII. at the time of the Reformation.

Whereupon the following question was handed up to be answered: the candidate aware that Mr. Balfour

is a bachelor and that Henry VIII. was much the reverse?"

"Yes," replied the candidate, "but possibly Mr. Balfour might not be a bachelor if he could be sure of getting rid of his wives as easily as Henry VIII!"

### Stories of "Dr. Mac."

ONE of the smartest foes of the heckler is Dr. Macnamara, whose witty replies to questioners have often turned the laugh on his

side.

"Are you in favour of the repeal of the blasphemy laws?" asked an excited old lady at one of his meetings.

"Madam," replied "Dr. Mac." gravely, "I am a golfer."

On one occasion, Dr. Macnamara told an amusing story of why he gave up playing truant at school.

up playing truant at school.
"One afternoon," he said, "I played truant. It was the first time. That afternoon my mother called at the school to ask if I could come out early as she wanted to take me to a tea-party! After that, I argued that it was silly to play truant with the chance of missing a tea-party."

So he went to school every day in

the hope of being called for again; but whether his hopes were realised or not, the doctor did not say.

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