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Free traders never weary of telling us that protection is a relic of the dark ages, and that it is destined to be discarded and

kicked out as people become more enlightened. But on this point they have the logic of events dead against them. The star of free trade culminated in 1860 when Cobden's commercial treaty between France and England was adopted, and ever since it has been going down towards the setting sun. Soon afterwards the northern states, relieved of free trade pressure from the south, adopted the Morrill tariff. Then it was said that this was a If Blaine be elected, a big business boom war measure only, and that it would not | will set in forthwith; but if Cleveland be the last long after the return of peace. But it has lasted for now about twenty years, with only one retrograde step in its history-the change made by a democratic majority in 1883. And this blunder of a else in sight that will so powerfully affect day is very likely to be corrected ere two years more have passed.

The French people, soon after they were freed from the autocratic government of the empire, made haste to put an end to the treaty with England, although it was competitions. Let them now go one betone in which the advantages were all on their own side. More recently Bismarck, seeing the blunder he had made some years before in giving Germany only a very weak dose of free trade, has been undoing the damage and making the German tariff more protective than ever before. Now, leaving Britain out of the question, let us ask-which are the enlightened and progressive nations of the world, if France, Germany and the United States be not among them? To-day we see that it is precisely the most enlightened and most progressive nations that are most decidedly in favor of protection and opposed to free

France is no longer content with protecting manufacturers only, but is determined to have protection for agriculture too, and very high protection at that. There is now before the corps legislatif a bill for putting a duty of 27 cents per bushel on imported wheat; and the latest will certainly he mushed. The German government has determined to raise the duty on rye to four times what it is at present, and in both countries every obstacle that can be thought of is used to limit or stop altogether the importation of American hog products.

Neither in France or Germany does the cry of cheap imported food find any favor with the people. Let England physic herself with free trade as she may; France and Germany will have none of it.

Now, it may be that France and Germany and the United States are all wrong in clinging to protection, that so-called relic of the dark ages, and even carrying it further than ever before. But it will not do to say that the most enlightened nations of the world are those which are most inclined to adopt free trade. The truth of the matter is precisely the other way, and our Canadian free traders do their cause no good by pretending not to see it. Even in England the birthplace and stronghold of free trade there is danger to it in the air. If England had universal suffrage the present system of free trade on one side only would quickly be upset by the popular vote. Protection has the democracy of

municipal reform is a complete backdown from the violent position it took a few days before. And especially is this so in the case of Ald. Turner. The Globe has begun to see that the fit of municipal criticism that seizes it every autumn will only have one effect: to drive good men out of the council. And so it goes the length of telling Ald. Turner that the Globe has applauded him oftener than it attacked him and that he ought to be proud of the honor it has done him. Perhaps the worthy alderman will have something to say at the council to night.

present worth is what a great many things besides railways are coming to. Say that some years back a machine for doing certain work was sold at a regular trade price classification and arrangement which has been adopted by a large number of stock besides railways are coming to. Say that some years back a machine for doing certain work was sold at a regular trade price classification and arrangement which has been adopted by a large number of stock cause they have little or nothing to leave behind them. Fellow citizens, make them walk next January and put responsible, honest men in their places, who will attend

of \$1000. Somebody invents a machine equally effective for the same work, which with the same percentage of profit on it can be furnished for \$500. Thereafter the machine that formerly sold for \$1000 will bring \$500 only. Not what a road may have cost twenty or thirty years ago, but what a similar road can be built for now.

There are no prisoners because there are no olice. It is not that there is no crime, but hat the criminals are so clever that they can't

Our backwoods contemporary revives its aggestion for the establishment of a procial police force. Whether this would e advisable or not is a matter for consideration, but any change would be an improvement upon the present masterly inactivity of county constables.

The iron market has at last taken an upward turn, in both Europe and America. In the United States \$30 per ton is asked by some steel companies for rails to be delivered next year, and it is not likely that the Canadian Pacific railway company's could now be doubled at the same figure. The great event of to-morrow in the United States will almost certainly have an important effecton business one way or the other. people's choice then look out for a crash. Nearly all American securities advanced in London when news came of the recent republican victory in Ohio. There is nothing business prospects over the border as the result of to-morrow's election.

The Toronto police have proved their ter and have a tug of war-rants with the many criminals who infest the city.

The Canadian Breeder points out that the cattle export industry is open to improvement in two directions at least: provement in two directions at least:

First, by still better breeding and feeding on the part of farmers to produce finer animals; second, by the steamship companies reducing their freight rates on live stock.

Be ruled to favor them as a matter of both law and practice.

I conclude by saying that if the respondents think that a goodly supply of villification, vituperation and persecution will cause me to abandon my position they are mistaken, as it only weakens their cause and strengthens mine. E. A. MACDONALD.

A Tribute to the Bartender. From the Peterboro Review. The refreshment stand, which was con ducted in a gentlemanly way, added not a little to the enjoyment of the day.

One Result of Lyon's Misdeeds. The Mercury states that Thomas Armstrong of the customs department at Clinton has returned to Guelph as landing

Democracy. Editor of The World Will you allow another to explain? The simple fact is this: The democrary of modern times, as a power, is still an infant. No infant can thrive without pap. The proper lesson to learn is: What kind of pap should the infant be fed with to enable it to grow into a powerful liberty owner and producer, and thus not degenerate into a mere variety of the older despotism?

ENOUTERE.

ENQUIRER. The Public Library. To the Editor of The World. SIR: Now that public attention is being gitated on the subject of municipal reform, that stupendous mistake, the public library, should not be overlooked. By the misdirected zeal of one man, the scheme was "boomed" through without the ratepayers realizing the immense sum they were voting for it. If a bonus of \$600,000 had been asked for in an honest, straightforward way it would have been defeated, Yet the public library is entitled to the interest on more than that sum every year for ever as the law now stands, and larger sums as the assessment increases, and neither the council nor the ratepayers have power to refuse or reduce it. The yearly the civilized world on its side and that "by a large majority." And what this means for the future we scarcely require a prophet to foretell.

A Globe Backdown.

The article of the Globe on Saturday on municipal reform is a complete backdown Insurance Rates in Towns.

To the Editor of The World. SIR: A few weeks ago a paragraph went the rounds of the press which described the preparations made by the town of Paris for the extinguishing of fires. They have just completed a system of waterworks on the gravity principle, with some forty hydrants distributed throughout the town, at a cost of about \$40,000. Besides this, they have one of Ronald's best steam fire engines, worth \$5000, a kan at the council to night.

Low Figures All Round.

While so much is being said about the falling off in Grand Trunk traffic, and the falling off in Grand Trunk traffic, and the the companies are composed of between the first companies are composed of between eighty and pinety men. The incompanies of York township, have falling off in Grand Trunk traffic, and the present low prices of its securities, it is but fair to add that some other first-class railway stocks are down in the market too. The following are the quotations for some leading railway stocks in 1882 and in Oc-

have cost twenty or thirty years ago, but what a similar road can be built for now, is its true present and proper value. This is what things are coming to, and railway owners may as well brace themselves up for acknowledging the fact.

The Bobcaygeon Independent gives a good reason for the absence of criminals at several assize courts in the province this fall:

There are no prisoners because there are no police. It is not that there is no crime, but that the criminals are so clever that they can't in the province this fall:

There are no prisoners because there are no police. It is not that there is no crime, but that the core manuals throughout the country have refused to join the monopolists in their compact, and an effort is being made to induce agents not to do business for them, but to adhere to the rates published by the under writers' association. It is to be hoped that the public will stand out for their own rights also in the matter, as no doubt they will do when the new regulations become better known. If insurance companies have not paid sufficiently large dividends to the stockholders, it is not that the consider. ficiently large dividends to the stockholders, it may be well for them to consider whether the profits have not been frittered away in high salaries to officials, costly buildings and extravagant outlay for expenses, as well as in cutting of rates by agents. At all events, the ratepayers in municipalities will do well to consider the question from their point of view before they burden themselves as the people of Paris have done for the purpose of securing reasonable insurance, and find themselves worse off than before. Sampson.

To the Editor of The World. SIR: Ald, John Jones is reported to have said that I was not an elector at the time recent purchase of 10,000 tons at \$28.50 that I entered certain appeals against fraudulent assessments, and therefore I ought not to be heard before the court of

Allow me to advise him to "lay no such flattering unction to his soul," as my name appears on the roll for St. Thomas' ward, polling sub-division No. 3, also St. James' ward, No. 7.

I dare say that John Jones and Joh Smith are both respectable men, and are known as such, but really I can see no difference between cheating the corporation (the whole people) and cheating private individuals, or, in other words, I think it is simply a respectable kind of "thieving" which has not even the sanction of the law.

nant over it, but if the respondents to these appeals have any merit on their side let them appear before the court of revi-sion and they will no doubt be treated to the same or even greater consideration than I will get for all doubtful points, will be ruled to favor them as a matter of bo

The Annexation Question.

To the Editor of The World. SIR: On Thursday an influential deputation waited upon the attorney-general to protest against the forcible annexation of their property to the tender care of the officials of the corporation of Toronto, and then they learnt that it was not in their power to prevent any two-thirds majority of the city council passing a resolution, if they chose so to do, to annex the whole of the province, and by their vote compel the Sir: In a paragraph in to-day's World owners of the property comprised in that you suggest that Goldwin Smith shou!d resolution to pay obedience to the bylaws explain to us what the tendencies of de- of and taxes to the city of Toronto, save STOCK EXCHANGES. mocracies to run to protection really means. | and except those localities which fortun-Will you allow another to explain? The ately are already incorporated. This etraight question was put to Mr. Mowat: "Have the corporation of Toronto power to annex outside territory without the consent of the majority of the property holders interested in the area proposed to be annexed." He answered without hesitation, "The law says so," and still we are proud to call this a free country. With all due deference to the attorney general to whose opinion we are bound to accord the highest consideration, allow me to say, though not a lawyer, that I do not think he is right in the spirit of the law if he is in the letter, because I am satisfied that it was never intended that any such power should be given to one community over an was never intended that any such power should be given to one community over another without consulting their wishes in any shape or form. Because an energetic alderman fancies an outlying district and has influence enough to persuade his con-ferers to vote whichever way he points out to them, is that any reason why that dis-trict should be torn from its belongings and made the field of experiments for suck-ing mayors, or that the residents of that listrict should be forced to become subject the city against their will, with the sur to the city against their will, with the sure and safe prospect of their property being wrested from them by the tax collector, as it certainly would be? Ask the people of Riverside to day how deeply they regret their impetuosity in linking their fortunes with the city; their property is being assessed at city prices, and they will no doubt have to pay the piper although they were bamboozled last winter into thinking that they would have their gardens taxed at town. would have their gardens taxed at town-ship rates. Instead of that three to four thousand dollars per acre will be the time they will have to dance to, and against their will they are in a place where the weary will never rest. The city will serve us identically in the same way if they can, and small blame to them, without being able to give to us in many parts of the territory proposed to be annexed any advantages whatever. The city cannot supply the hill with water for the reason that the hill is higher than the reservoir; and it would not pay to put up a servicial.

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"Exactly, Louis; that's just what I Now, of course, you'll never leave of ing, and won't think of treatin friends just to be 'sociable'-of co know you don't care about it yourse as for interviewing the barber morning and attending champagne in the evening with frivolous bac why-"

"Now, just hold on, little girl; this conversation." "Yes, sir, and I'm finishing it." "But my dear, you must abide

judgment." judgment."

"Must, did I hear you say? Why assumption of noble dignity, my lor master? But of course I will listen."

"Well, saucebox, to begin with, m people are generally dignified. W becoming in a young woman miss in unbecoming a married women."

"You don't say!"

"Yes, but I do say! And now reber you said you would listen."

"And haven't I been listening?"

"Then allow me to finish my ren You must learn to be more dignified.

"Then allow me to finish my ren You must learn to be more dignified, circumspect; in short, I would like to you drop some of your impulsive ma They are very inconsistent with your ent position, and the fact is, I was to put the repressor on you conduct. "Do you indeed? Well, now, Mr. don; would you not like a glass of or a sip of lemonade after that long ed speech? You ought to get a pass a Sunday school superintendan give such good advice, and it see natural for you to command obedien

natural for you to command obedies "And I'm afraid it's equally natu "And I'm arraid it's equally nature you not to obey."
"Now, Louis, I think it would be dent to drop the conversation."
"Agreed, my dear!"
And Louis Weldon and his monbride stopped talking and looked a other; he was grave and dignified, a just as impudent and unconcerned a sible.

Louis Weldon was a grave, proud with a splendid intellect, though what prejudiced against strong-And she, Lelia Weldon, was those handsome, irrepressible girlike a mettlesome horse, chafed

least restraint.
She might be crushed, but she c She might be crusted, but sale to be curbed; and there was where Weldon made a serious mistake in j his wife; but why should he care press the characteristics that had of him in their lover days was a mys She was a handsome girl, in t

She was a handsome girl, in the style of beauty.

Her eyes were simply glorious.

The ideas of Louis Weldon and he were generally different; but the agreed in one respect, and that wa love for each other.

They had spent nearly a month raround sight-seeing, and they had happy. Lelia vaguely wondered if fect Heaven-caught rays of the hon would continue to shine until the setting of life's evening.

setting of life's evening.
"Now, Louis, I don't want you
me:" said Lelia, making a comica

me;" said Lelia, making a comica of trying to assume a martyr-like a husband began to talk seriously.

"Of course I shall not scoold you Louis Weldon kissed the half-pout "But really, my dear, I want you by my wishes."

"With pleasure, Louis."

"Now I consider my judgment to yours in some things."

"And if you can only convin the last-mentioned fact, I suppose generally will assume that even ten is so admirable."

"Well, we won't discuss the ma

o admirable."
"Well, we won't discuss the ma "Well, we won't discuss the ma further at present."

And Louis Welden lighted a c strolled leisurely down town, forge the first time to leave the accusto on Lelia's scarlet mouth.

One thing was evident, then Welden; Lelia showed signs of a and, in his judgment to have a home man must be the ruler.

And yet he did not mean to be a Oh, no!

Oh, no! No man ever does, but Lelia w please him if she continued in the pressible way.

One day as he sat reading a pai
hands suddenly blinded his eyes
owner of the hands said gayly:

"Who is it?"

"Lelia."
"Yes, sir; right the first time
"Lelia, don't you know I don
be disturbed when I am reading
"Then you shouldn't read present."
"This paper is very interesti "This paper is very interesting.
"Complimentary to the paper.
And Lelia began humming snatch of love song to hide the seemed swelling in her throat.
"Lelia, I wish you would leaving those sentimental songs," Weldon, without glancing

paper.

"Well, then, what would you 'Hold the Fort' or 'Old Hundred But Mr. Waldon was reading teresting item, and failed to ans The next morning he was sit sophically smoking, when Lel gayly into the room.

"Oh, Lelia, do try and be mor You are so impulsive for a ma

as she answered:
"Louis, we are out of vine have mixed some sugar and wate and if you'll just step down an a little, no doubt we shall have the sourcest kind."
"Lelia!"

"Are you aware to whom you Certainly, Mr. Weldon; I'n the n wer of this family; in the entire plant—vinegar pla

the entire plant—vinegar plant accurately:

Mr. Weldon puffed at his cively a few moments, then said "I see plainly that you not I have got my little mustang now I must tame her. But lebargain, Lelia, dear. What wake to do anything unbecomin ried lady for a month?"

"Just the same amount you not to speak a single cross working the length of time mention about anything."

"Now, Mrs. Weldon, I prefejudge of my own conduct, with straint from petiticast rule; pet, you wouldn't have others that I was a henpecked hus you?"

And Mr. Weldon pinched

"And, Louis, my love,

"()h, Lelia, do try and be mor You are so impulsive for a ma What you need is taming, my deangs have been broken in, you added, as he saw a rebellious li in Lelia's big black eyes. "W want, my dear."

There was a spice of temper a