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London, Saturday, Sept. 20.

THE CITY SEWAGE AND THE RIVER. The Attorney-General, in carrying out

he law for the suppression of nuisances in public streams, has been blamed in some quarters, and an endeavor has been made to make political capital against the Government because it refuses to suspend the law and permit London to befoul the River mes, to the detriment of residents of neighboring municipalities.

We admit that there may be difficulties in the way of entirely combatting the nulsance, but that is no reason for suggesting that something effective could not be provided for abating such a condi-tion of the river as was recently graphically set forth in the Free Press. Our contemporary gave about as revolting a picture of the filthy condition of the stream a could wall be investigation of the stream as could well be imagined; to read it was enough to make one sick. We are given to believe that the picture—no doubt true—then drawn by our contemporary came under the attention of Dr. Bryce, ary of the Provincial Board of Health, secretary of the Provincial Board of Research and the details then supplied had not a little influence on him when drawing up his report on the subject to the Attorney-It is in the interest of London and

of adjoining municipalities that something should be done to bring about a reform of this condition of affairs. An intelligent man does not need the fear of an action at law to aid in reaching that conclusion There are many opinions as to what is best to be done. Some assert that it is better the river should remain filthy. The ADVERTISER cannot agree with that proposition. So pretty a resort should not be kept in a filthy condition, and it is high time that the authorities were in earnest about keeping it clean. Mr. John Bonsor, while holding that the river water will never be used for domestic purposes, writes to say that the Board of Aldermen have been remiss in not having sluice gates put in the waterworks dam. That with occasional dredging of the river and the occasional dredging of the river and the flushing of the sewers, would, in Mr. Bonsor's opinion, "get over the trouble with Loudon West, and make our city, which is now the healthiest in the Dominion, still healthier." It is probable that if the County of the series on even such partial cil were to enter on even such partial remedies as these, the residents of London West who have taken the matter into court might agree to a withdrawal of the legal proceedings which now hang over the

Judge Elliot's suggestion that the Provincial authorities, before any compre-hensive scheme of river purification here or elsewhere is resolved on, should appoint a special commission to consider and report on the best possible means of disposing of sewage, is a good one. We have much to learn on both the sanitary and engineering search on oose the santary and engineering aspect of this question, the proper solution of which is of vital importance to the public welfare, and precipitate action is not advisable. We commend the matter to the early consideration of the Government.

MR. DRYDEN'S SPEECH. Agriculture for the Province of Ontario he very properly dealt with Ontario subjects. les, it is almost an abuse of terms to speak of the Dominion experimental stations icational institutions

member of the Government went so far as to declare himself opposed to any measure of reciprocity with the United States. It was that vote and the Foster Tariff Act that influenced the United States Senate

gainst the Sherman resolution. We shall not get reciprocity until the Tories are turned out; that much is very

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. —The Earl of Aberdeen is a cosmopolitan in his efforts to do good. He assists in the services in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, to-morrow night.

::: The revelations regarding Christian Scientists and the faith healing question become interesting. Rev. Mr. Fyfe's become interesting. Rev. Mr. Fyfe's testimony in to-day's Advertiser is, to say the least, striking.

-It is probable that the newly-appo Ontario Ministers will visit the Western Fair. The directors have sent invitation to Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agri culture, Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Provincial Treasurer, and Hon. Mr. Bronson. ###

-The Toronto Empire pretends that Mr. Mowat does not possess the confidence of the people of Ontario. A majority in the total vote polled of nearly 20,000 ought to convince even the Empire that the people are very decidedly on the side of Mr.

-With Blaine, Sherman, Hitt, Republican leaders, in favor of a full and free reciprocity with Canada, and the mass of the Democrats favorable to the project, it is only a question of time and a new Government, or the conversion of Sir John Macdonald (which is hardly possible) when reciprocity of a most profitable character to both countries will be established. Let it never be forgotten that all trade is profitable or it will not take place. :::

-Camp meetings are decidedly on the wane. Gone are the interest and enthusiasm that used to attend them in the days when hundreds of families abandoned their habitations and took to the tents in camp meeting grounds, and thousands of day visitor from the country round flocked in as earnes participants or interested spectators of the great revival. Nowadays extraordinary atractions are advertised in order to win the indifferent public, and as even these en ticements fail to draw respectable audiences disheartened managers talk of selling their grounds for secular uses

-The Canadian Pacific Railway authori ties are at last showing some eagerness to settle the Northwest. One of their best officers, Mr. Callaway, of Toronto, has the work in hand, and he is carrying it on with great vigor. He has recently prepared a large map of the Northwest Territories and the Western States, in which the advantages of the country north of the 49th parallel are exhibited in telling style. He hows by official figures that while in the States and Territories south of that parallel the average price of farm land ranges from \$5 89 to \$22 90 per acre, there are in the Territories north of it 200,000,000 acres where each settler may obtain 160 acres as

-One of the most amus ing developments in the newspaper world these days is the twistings of the Canadian high tax journals. But a few days ago, these journals were asserting that the McKinley high tariff bill would do Canadians no harm and that anyway our farmers and lumber-men could easily find new markets elsewhere. Now it is dawning upon these journals that the war of tariffs between the countries, in which the present Ottawa Gov-ernment has taken such a strong hand, will be hurtful to Canadian interests, and they have the audacity to blame the Liberals, the true and tried friends of full and fair reciprocity, for the state of affairs. As if the Liberals had not again and again moved in Parliament in favor of action looking towards reciprocity, only to find a solid phalanx of restrictionists ready, at the bid-ding of the friend and special beneficiary of the combines, to vote down every proposi-tion in favor of reciprocity.

-A question of some importance has been brought to the notice of the Dominion Government by Mr. Cockburn, M.P. for Center Toronto. It has reference to fishing in the Muskoka lakes, and Mr. Cook ister of Agriculture made a very good and sents that those lakes are being almost desensible speech at the Industrial Fair the other day. But the Toronto Empire was not pleased. That journal affects to be ernment, however, does not like to take Here that in speaking of educational insti-tutions Mr. Dryden exhibited his prejudices where the jurisdiction lies. The question by referring to the Agricultural College and the farmers' institutes and making no mention of the Dominion experimental farms. There are other things which Mr. Dryden might have said also had he chosen to speak for an hour, but in a brief speech of ten minutes he could not be expected to cover the earth. He was speaking to Ontario farmers, and as Minister of Agriculture for the Province is unquestioned, and we think that Mr. Mowat should see to it that fishing regulations are applied to them. They might, in fact, be made an important source of revenue if their management were placed of revenue if their management w in the hands of a competent man.

OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

The Empire is possibly not old enough to remember how a gentleman prominently connected with one of those stations spoke for an hour before an Ontario farmers institute without se much as mentioning the work of the Agricultural College. This was an instance of bad taste which Mr. Dryden is never likely to display.

TO THE TESTIMONY.

Sir John Macdonald has the boldness to say that his party are now and always have been in favor of reciprocity with the United States. This is said because, as he finds it, the United States Congress has declined to put a clause favoring reciprocity with Cannada in the McKinley tariff bill. But he cannot hope to make Canadians believe such nonsense. The vote of his party and the reciprocity resolutions moved in the House of Commons shows where they stand. They declared themselves hostile, and one

### FAITH-HEALING.

Methodist Clergyman's Dealing with Christian Scientists.

Can Diseases Be Cured by Providential Dispensation?

Rev. W. H. Fyfe, of London West, Say

"I don't indorse all that the Christian Scientista teach," said Rev. W. H. Fyfe, of London West, a respected superannuated minister of the Methodist Church of Canada, to an ADVERTISER representative yesterday. "I have not studied up their doctrines fully, and some things that I have read which they believe I do not comprehend. They may be plain to them, but they are not so to me. But inasmuch as my name has been introduced by persons interviewed on the subject, I have no hesitation in saying that I have got good through intercourse with Mr. Robb, the leader of the Christian Scientists in this city."

city."

"In what way, Mr. Fyfe?"

"I am under obligation to him for leading me out on lines of thought in reference to my privileges through the atonement of Christ in healing the body as well as for the salvation of the soul."

"Can you say what doctrines held by the Christian Scientists you do not believe?"

"One is their belief that there is no such thing as bodily matter. They teach that

"One is their belief that there is no such thing as bodily matter. They teach that we are perfect in the image of God God is a being of spirit only, and I cannot believe that we can ever reach that point of perfection in this world. Then there must be matter in man's constitution, for he is a being with natural wants to provide against, and he must have certain sustemance to keep his body in continued existence."

"How came you to associate with these people."

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"Well, I have been suffering from severe lung trouble, and I had been taking remedies. Ultimately, finding myself getting worse, I had a mental impression that tubercular disease was a good deal like the leprosy of old—if the Lor1 did not heal it, it could not be healed. Hearing of the cures alleged to be effected by the agency of the Christian Scientists, I sought out Mr. Robb, and we engaged in prayer, and ever since I have felt greatly benefited by the intercourse."
"What are your own views as to these faith cures?"

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"I will tell you frankly," remarked Mr. Fyfe, "that I believe the Lord will not do for us, in this or any other trouble, what we can do for ourselves; but I want to say that because of the strong faith which these men possess, because of their belief in securing perfect harmony with God and the living of a perfect Christian life and close communion with the Divine Spirit, they are blessed of God in their labors among their fellows. They may be so blessed even while holding views which I cannot indorse, for one reason, because I cannot comprehend their meaning. I may say that the report that I desired to become a Christian Scientist is not correct, though there are undoubtedly features in their lives which I cannot but admire."
"Of course you believe in healing by faith, Mr. Fyfe?"
"Most decidedly. I have faith that, under certain conditions, God heals diseases. The Apostle James distinctly teaches this in the following verses of the fifth chapter of his epistle:

14. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray

14. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray yover him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. If the Lord he prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him. him.

16. Confess your sins one to another, and pray
one for another, that ye may be healed. The
effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man
availeth much.

"Surely this apostle teaches that when so pleases him the Lord will cure a dis-se without medicine."

The Christian Scientist Cure.

the Editor of the ADVERTISER: The interview of your reporter with the Christian Scientist, when simmered down, develops the following bare facts: He has been demy business in the city for the past eight months and can refer to three parties only who have been benefited, a Mrs. Rose, a Mrs. Kellam and a Miss Hodgins, all women. Comments are unnecessary. According to his own statement, the first two were treated in Toronto, which reduces him to the Hodgins patient, and even in this case the mother states it is not a complete cure; to use her words, "It was a complicated case that would have to be assisted by nature." In plain English it was too complicated for the Almighty. So much for the solitary witness. Not being a theologian nor qualified to pass an opinion on the correctness of his interpretation regarding spiritual death, I would merely ask those Scientists what they propose doing with their old people. Are they aware of the fact that by correct computation, based on scientific researches, man doubles in 25 years, and the human birth rate is such that if not counterbalanced by a death rate, in a very few hundred years there would not be standing room on the earth for man's progeny, not to speak of how he was to be fed. Perhaps the Scientist would feed him on wind. Would it not be more in keaping with his exposition of "Christian" to leave out the dollar? Did we ever hear of the Divine Healer charging a fee? Oh, the Scientist anys "we have got to live." Certainly! have faith; you are going to live anyway. Visit the hospital and relieve the sufferers, and a paying contract can be made with our city fathers. Barnum understood human nature when he said, "People will pay to be humbugged." The interview of your reporter with hristian Scientist, when simmered do be humbugged."
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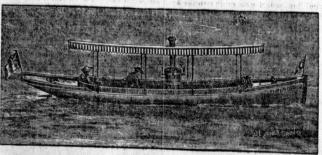
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At the West for the Ayrshi sovereigns wa Horton, Mr. Fe second, and the Fusilier third. The early sho the effect of thi followed the h run. The spec-weak. Those splendid after Fulcher had lair manner so that w jumps could be s to the start th tea in the space dere," the resic Major Smith. 'the McArthur fa over several far Wharneliffe nea made there, and the same count reached. The

Rain prevented yesterday. The None of the Ca among the places day. Long Shot close of the West Thomas, Evange come home. The 2:35 pacin won by Nellie G but could not get two heats. Byra and Cleveland b

shape and well

The Gravesend in good condition had each a good Except in the first everything. Dr. Reel get second with handicap. BASEBALL. National League-Cineinnati 5, Philad lyn 5; the Clevelan wet grounds. American Associ ter 7; Louisville 9, Baltimore 4; Tolede-wet grounds.

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