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London, Saturday, April 5.

VERY important business is being transacted in Parliament, but it does not appear that D'Alton McCarthy takes any interest in it. It seems to us that an M. P. who poses as a leader cannot afford to be a hobbyist. Perhaps Mr. McCarthy considers that having attempted to make a little capital for Mr. Meredith his duties for the session are ended.

THE United States sugar refiner pays a duty on a good deal of the raw product which enters his refinery, yet he sells it sufficiently cheap to enable Detroit grocers to offer sixteen pounds of granulated for $1, while Canadians only get eleven or twelve pounds for $1, and our grocers have to pay so much for their supplies of the sweetening that they make little or nothing out of it. The Chatham Banner mentions the fact, in order that the advantage of reciprocity to consumers may be shown. Sugar is a necessity in every household, yet Canadians pay 8½ cents for their sugar, while their neighbors in the States get it for 6¼ cents. Where, it is pertinently asked, does the 2 cents per pound go to? We have the answer. They go partly to swell the surplus of taxation, held as a bribery fund by the Ottawa Government, to be used in implementing promises of expenditures made to influence doubtful constituencies. But part of the sum goes to the millionaire refiners, and is by them spent in living in style in their castles—some in England, others in Canada. The new Washington tariff bill proposed to reduce the tax on sugar just one-half, so that under reciprocity Canadians would probably get twenty pounds for $1 instead of sixteen. And sugar is just a sample of a thousand other articles.

EAST MIDDLESEX LIBERALS.

On Saturday next, at 1:30 p.m., a meeting of the East Middlesex Reform Association will be held in the Foresters' Hall, Richmond street. As important business is to be brought before the meeting, it is to be hoped that every Liberal interested in the success of the candidate in the ensuing election will be present.

MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENTS

The ADVERTISER is just as anxious to promote the welfare of London as any alderman can be, but it cannot help questioning the propriety of trying to promote the prosperity of the mass of the citizens in the manner suggested by the resolution proposed at the last meeting of the City Council. We have favored reasonable municipal encouragement to manufacturers, and have aided in securing privileges for them in the past, but it is possible to carry this exemption idea too far, and Ald. O'Meara and Bartlett do so in the resolution submitted for the encouragement of cotton manufacture. They would have the taxpayers of London supply a site for a cotton factory, exempt it from taxes for half a century, and pay the Dominion Government one half the tax on imported machinery needed for the factory! This is a trifle too much. Besides, is it not a fact that the cotton factories now in existence in Canada are not fully employed all the year round? Every now and again, indeed, we observe that the factory owners combine together to shut down for weeks at a time, and to reduce the wages of their employes in order to force a rise in the produce and make a dividend on their money. We would like to see factories of any kind started here, but we question very much if it would pay the taxpayers of London, already sufficiently burdened by local and Dominion taxation, to undertake this additional responsibility, if they were not guaranteed against such results.

When the people of London—by a small majority, it is true—indorsed the high tax policy, one of the chief inducements held out to them was the certain establishment of new factories—"tall chimneys" by the dozen—and they had a right to believe that these would be established independently of municipal subsidies of the onerous character set forth in the resolution now before us. It is an undeniable fact that we are not a manufacturing centre. The city is specially favored with a most advantageous position, and possesses a most advantageous position for business. The city is the center of a magnificent tributary country, it has ample railway facilities, liberal inducements of a money nature, over 20 years' business experience in the agency of the three houses of CHARLES BROTHERS COMPANY of Canada, which is now located here, and it is with it. In fact, we have good men to sell our goods, raw material at the wholesale and retail, for manufacturers in our line, and manufactured goods at the largest manufacturers' positions, best of salaries paid; permanent positions; best facilities for wages, advertising, etc. For particulars address Centennial M'f'g Co., Chicago, Ill. Mention this paper.

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Province paid to the Dominion Government a tax of $286,000 on coal imported for manufacturing purposes. Next in importance to coal is iron. What a boom in the manufactures of this city there would be if our manufacturers could buy their iron at the price payable in Pittsburg and Glasgow, plus the cost of carriage. Instead of that, we have a tax levied on iron that enables a few men to become enormously rich in a few years, while handicapping hundreds of foundries and decreasing the opportunities for profitable employment in every city, town and village of the Province.

The people of England know better than to impose taxes of this description. The consequence is that, though they suffer from a scarcity of land and from lack of opportunities for making a living on the land which are so beneficial to us on this continent, and to colonists in other parts of the world, the development of manufactures goes steadily on. Occasionally a not overtruthful supporter of the idea that high taxes aid prosperity is found arguing that free trade Great Britain is on the downward grade—that her failure to pile on the taxes with as great freedom as the great military nations of Europe is costing her the prestige which for so long she has held as a manufacturing nation. The contrary seems to be the case. Take the manufacture of cotton as an example. The Pall Mall Gazette tells us that far from being on the down grade the manufacture of cotton in England is ever extending. Below will be found a list of cotton-spinning mills actually in course of erection:

	Spindles.
Beal Company	100,000
Ruby Company	70,000
Lion Company	120,000
Osborne Company	42,000
Richmond Company	66,000
Standard Company	120,000
Palmer Company	80,000
May Company	30,000
Accrington Company	45,000
How Bridge Company	76,000
North Bridge Company	70,000
Barlow & Jones	80,000
King & Sons	70,000
Asthon Bros. & Company	50,000
Total	1,019,000

Most of these mills will be working before the close of the year, in fact some of them are almost ready for commencing operations. The increase of spindles will be about a fortieth part of the present working machinery in England. Would such phenomenal developments have been possible under a system like ours?

What self-respecting Canadian manufacturers need to-day is not municipal support such as the aldermen propose but freedom from every tax on their buildings, on their machinery and on their raw product. Under these conditions with a fair field, Canadians can hold their own. If our aldermen lend a hand to bring about this change they will be engaged in a better business than in arranging to make manufacturers perpetual beneficiaries of the remaining portion of the population.

A MYSTERY.

A good many people in London are wondering what has come over the aldermanic advocates of change in the method or lighting the streets. A week or two prior to last municipal election these aldermanic wise men got into a terrible stew about the electric lighting contract. Though the agreement with the company now doing the work does not expire till June, the advocates of the scheme for buying out the Ball Company left no stone unturned to convince their fellow-citizens that it was absolutely necessary for the city at that time to provide means for the purchase of a plant. Over three months have elapsed since then. In a few weeks the contract will have expired. Where are the rushers now? Surely it cannot be the fact that the aldermanic advocates of the change were afraid they did not possess the confidence of the public, and were anxious to crown their municipal career by the consummation of this revolution in the management of public lightning.

It is now high time that some action were taken if the city is to make the best bargain possible at the expiry of the present contract. If the city intends to buy a plant, the aldermen should take immediate steps to make its intentions known, and call for tenders, in order that the successful company, if not already doing business here, could get ready for its duty. The same remarks holds good if the lighting is to be handed over to a contractor. An eleventh hour rush to make new arrangements, if carried out, would result to the serious detriment of the taxpayers.

MINOR JOTTINGS.

MRS. SALLY CANNON, of New Haven, celebrated her 100th birthday recently. She remembers the first umbrella ever seen in Western Connecticut, which was unfurled on a rainy Sunday in 1800 by Mr. Paul Noyes, who, journeying by the old coach line from New York to Boston, learned on Saturday night that he must abide where he was until Monday morning, the law forbidding all Sabbath day travel. His umbrella, which was a big, clumsy contrivance covered with bright red silk, attracted more attention than the sermon.

MR. LAWSON has commenced work on his colossal statue of Robert Burns, which is destined for Ayr, Scotland. The main features of the figure is its attitude of contemplative repose, the only movement suggested lying in the slightly raised and clinched right hand. No "poetic pose" is attempted, simplicity and dignity being insisted upon in every detail. The garb is that of a Scottish yoeman. The site of the statue will be almost opposite the railway station at Ayr. It will be fenced round and planted with flowers and shrubs.

PROFESSOR R. STUART POOLE, of the British Museum, is one of the most learned men in England. He is the first numismatist in the world (being curator of the department of coins in the museum), one of the first Orientalists, and the only man in the United Kingdom who reads archaic Persian, and one of the chief Biblical scholars of the day. With Miss Edwards he founded the Egyptian Exploration Fund, and is, with her, a vice-president of the society and equally active in its management. Dr. Poole is one of the eight members of the Institute of France.

IT IS calculated to upset popular notions in the Sahara to learn that within the ...hern edge of the desert zone, south of Algeria, a big rainfall has turned the valleys into lakes and the wadies into torrents, inundating the oases of Wargla and Tuggurt, threatening the town of Laghonat with overflow, and melting many of the clay Saharan houses into shapeless earth heaps. The same thing has occurred before, and the oldest inhabitants recall the great wetness of 1833. This is the region known as the Algerian Sahara. It is not many years since a great scheme for turning the Sahara into a vast inland sea was discussed for months. It was some time before it was discovered that the great obstacle in the way of this beautiful project would be that the Sahara, as far as we knew, lies wholly above the sea level.

AN explosive signaling apparatus has been fitted up at the Bell Rock lighthouse, off the Forfarshire (Scotland) coast. The lighthouse is supplied with two large bells, which are rung in foggy weather. It was thought, however, that a fog signal could be advantageously added, both on account of its report and the flash of the explosion. The fog signal, which will be fired by an electric spark, is now ready for the series of experiments which will be made with it. It is expected that it will be in full operation in the course of a month, and that during foggy weather it will be fired every ten or fifteen minutes. It is the first explosive signal which has been introduced in the lighthouse service in Scotland.

MOTHERS-IN-LAW will be interested to learn that among the Piute Indians of the West it is always the father-in-law that makes the trouble. Every married Piute is always glad of a visit from his mother-in-law. He welcomes her with his broadest grin. The arrival of the mother-in-law gives him a double team, where before he had only one animal. He hails her appearance with delight, and piling a jackass-load of wood upon her willing old back, sends her into town with his wife (similarly packed) to peddle out the fuel and bring back to him a supply of money for his favorite game of poker. The Piute father-in-law is of no use as a wood-packer, nor will he gather grass seeds or pine nuts.

THE Russian Government, says an English contemporary, seems to be seriously contemplating the construction of the great Siberian Railway entirely on its own account, thus carrying out its policy of having all the railways directly under State control. The question of funds, however, is still to be arranged. The development of the trade will be gradual, and the line is not likely to pay a dividend for some time, and even if the Government pledged its credit, that does not stand sufficiently high to make it likely that the money would be forthcoming on easy terms. The line will be fully 4,300 miles long, and the preliminary estimate is about £28,000,000. The cost of construction per mile ought not to be very great, as the country traversed is mostly flat and well timbered, and there are few broad rivers to cross.

BUSINESS IS KING.

A Vigorous Protest Against Making Business the Only Thing to Live For.

This is the century of business, when everything seems to be ruled by that which makes the dollars. The whistles of the factories send forth shrieks that pierce weak-nerved people like a dagger. And when they protest, why, this evidence of business cannot be hindered merely because some people have weak nerves. The rumble of vans and clangor of bells are great irritants to many whose brain has been tired and nerves weakened by the overwork and worry of this age. But business ruies, and comfort is not to be considered.

Let the people utter their protest, and put an end to this disregard of their comfort. If they could only realize the terrible consequences! How many there are, who after a sleepless night, start to work in the morning, feeling even more tired and unrefreshed than when they went to bed. The heavy team that goes past seems to be driving right over their nerves, and that whistle is blowing in their brain. These shocks to the nervous system affect all the bodily organs. Digestion is disordered, the action of the liver is interrupted, and the vital functions generally and greatly disturbed. What can be done? King Business cannot be overthrown, but your nerves can be strengthened, quieted and made vigorous by the use of Paine's Celery Compound. In this way, you can gain comfort, health and happiness.

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Dennis Downing

DENNIS DOWNING,
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