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Home Rule All Round.

They had a rather languid debate in the British House of Commons last night on the proposition that there should be "Home Rule all round." The idea is to have purely English, Scotch and Irish business transacted in local legislatures, as we conduct our provincial business in Canada, leaving the Imperial Parliament to be, what it ought to be, devoted exclusively to the management of ever-increasing imperial responsibilities at home and abroad. Several Irish leaders opposed the proposal, on the ground that Home Rule should first be set up in Ireland. We presume, however, that very many of the Irish people would be well satisfied that England and Scotland should also have Home Rule in purely domestic concerns as soon as Ireland obtains it. To us in Canada, the idea seems to be commendable. The Imperial Parliament is so taken up with the discussion of matters of minor importance that it cannot give that attention to great imperial questions which it is in the interests of the empire that it ought to do, and many a needed local reform is abandoned because of the expense incident to the delays that occur before

red-taped parliamentary committees. A deliberative body, from whose membership all but the rich or privately subsidized are debarred, is not the ideal parliament, but the British Parment must remain so made up while it forward and honest dealings with its is compelled to sit for nearly nine months in the year, and manage not only a world-wide empire, but the pure- persons to make commendable proly domestic business of three king- vision against the uncertainties of life. doms. The interest in the subject is, It must have been very gratifying to as yet, comparatively slight, for we the shareholders and policyholders of in prayer under the open sky, are but not yet been arrested. learn that while it was being discussed the company to be informed that the the House was counted out.

of Prescott, as a supporter of Mr. was so strongly entrenched in the af-Opposition dared not to put up a candieffective campaign work for him right

### The Long-Windedness Explained months' business in 1898. It now turns out that the long-drawn-

out debate in the Dominion House of pyrotechnics intended to influence the Ontario elections. As soon as Mr. Whitney's party was beaten, the Oppositin at Ottawa fizzfed out, and when the measure came up in committee yesterday they permitted its clauses to go through without a division, and with hardly an objection of any kind. This proceeding, which usually occupies days when a measure as contested, only lasted about an hour. The Ontario electors neither discussed nor were influenced in their voting by this Dominion project, which has been shown tobe in the best interests of the people. Indeed, Sir Chas. Tupper unequivocally admitted that the scheme was a wor-

As The Advertiser premised, the recounts of votes polled in the Ontario elections are leaving the political parties much where they were at the start, with the Government decidedly in the lead.

## A Celebrated Inventor Dead.

Our cablegrams today chronicle the death of Sir Henry Bessemer, the distinguished English engineer, who made name, fame and fortune by his invention of a new process for the manufacture of steel over 40 years ago. He patented his discovery, and for years received an annual income from royal- Let the haughty Andalusian The jury on steel manufactures, in the international exposition of 1862, re- Burnish up your trusty rifles, marked that of 127 patents for improvements in that industry in England, there was only one which had They are turning up their noses brought about any striking change in the mode of producing steel, or which had been attended with any real or practical commercial result, and this Death upon the proud Castilian! was the process patented by Mr. Bes- Hear ye not the clarion call? Soldier, sailor and civilian, semer. The report on the Paris univer-

propose a practical process for accomplishing so desirable an object." The increase in the demand for steel as an article of commerce, consequent upon Bessemer's discovery, has been marvelous, and the cheapening of the product has been no less striking. At one time steel rails cost \$160 per ton currency in the United States; now they can be bought for a tithe of that sum. This reduction is the direct result of the discovery of the genius whose death we today chronicle, at the ripe old age of 84 years. Men of brain and resource like Bessemer have made Great Britain the industrial hive she

In the State of Kentucky, they figure that bad roads mean an annual loss to the farmers of \$250,000, whereas good roads would increase the value of farm lands \$2,400,000. This is a striking statement of the profit and loss in the road question. No one who desires to get the best value out of his investments in any country will ever submit to a continuance of the era of bad roads. It is utterly unprofitable.

## Company.

The report of the proceedings at the

twenty-third annual meeting of this umn of today's Advertiser. It shows that the company has made substantial progress during the year, both in new business done and in receipts from assets existing as security for policyholders. This is due in large measure to the high standing which the company has attained, and the reputation it maintains for straightpatrons, and partly owing to the improved times, which have moved many new business last year exceeded the new business of 1896 by 542 applica-What foolishness it was for Conserva- tions for \$223,940, while the cash premtive newspapers to claim Mr. Evanturel, ium and interest receipts also exceeded the like receipts of the previous year Whitney. It is true that the Speaker by \$10,451. After all expenditures were provided for, there remained a balance fections of his constituents that the of \$80,219 96, which has been added to the invested assets of the company. that he could be bought by his political liabilities of the company have been was he from imagining nents, and when the fight began provided for in the most ample manin Russell he entered it on behalf of the ner. These facts are made clear by Liberal nominee, and has been doing the annual report, and addresses made the best religious school accessible. in indorsation of it. The London Life has begun the year with very bright

In reports which have been printed giving Liberal majorities for Mr. Tay-Commons on the Government bill to lor, M.P.P., in North Middlesex, Lobo provide an all-Canadian route for the is only credited with less than 170 sur-Yukon was merely a piece of Opposition plus for that gentleman, whereas the real figures were 204. Lobo did well.

## A Blow at the Hog Industry.

The hog-raising and pork-packing

business is one of the most profitable

industries in Canada. It has brought millions of dollars into the country in the last few years, and it is capable of vast expansion. But farmers and sequence of the foolish and incendiary agitation on the subject of the Humber piggery the business has been in-Canadian pork in Great Britain may be very much curtailed. The conduct tion of the rude clansmen; all the thy one until the advocates of disaptheir political associates in this conlike themselves, they trusted and believed him. To this simplicity add of Mr. Whitney, Mr. St. John, and more because he was "rusticissimus," pointed charter-mongers got a hold of nection deserves the severest reprohim, and threatened him with the loss bation. They knew that when hog ity, and you have the secret of his of the leadership unless he turned a cholera broke out at the Humber over wonderful success. somersault. It is not surprising, there- two years ago, Dr. Smith, a Conservafore, to find the Opposition in the tive Dominion official, took the case House of Commons endeavoring to get in charge, and disposed of the hogs and extended far beyond the island he away from the question as speedily as exactly as he had disposed of animals redeemed from paganism. In the possible. They profess to believe that under similar conditions in Elgin, Kent the Senate will reject the measure, and and Essex counties. Indeed, not until take upon themselves the thwarting of eighteen months after the event, and though others—and they, too, are Canadian trade interests in every part until the last session of the Legislaof the Dominion, and the jeopardizing ture, did Mr. St. John and Mr. Whitof our national peace and prosperity. ney raise the outcry which, repeated In the Senators the unreasonable op- on the stump, has done so much harm ponents of the measure seem to place to the hog industry of the country. their faith. They profess to believe This warfare did not close with Mr. that they can work on the political St. John's defeat at the polls. Fat prejudices of the Senate majority, and hogs were in due course killed at the secure the rejection of this great na- Humber piggery last week, and immetional measure. We shall see if the diately the old outcry was revived Senate is willing to take upon itself that they were diseased. It is true the responsibility of adopting a course that at once half a dozen expert vetso detrimental to the welfare of the erinaries examined the animals and gave emphatic contradiction to the story, but before that was possible the rascally statement had been telegraphed far and wide. The Opposition politicians who have pinned their hopes for success on warfare calculated to bring great loss to the farming community cannot be too strongly con-

demned. The flood in West London was a very little one compared with the overflows at many other points in the country.

THE INKPOT WARRIOR. Whoop! Hurrah for blood and thunder! Warriors, put your armor on! Let the coward stand from under, Death unto the saucy Don! Go, spread terror and confusion Through the nated Spanish ranks-

Die on Guadalquiver's banks! Swing the cannon into line; 'Tis no time to think of trifles Or distinctions that are fine! At our Government again-Jumping Jinks and Holy Moses,

Have we still got fighting men? semer. The report on the Paris universal exposition of 1867 stated that "Mr.

Bessemer was not the first to attempt the conversion of carburetted iron into the first to pro
Buty points the way for all there are wrongs in need of righting.

Do not hesitate or doubt it, You rush forth to do the fighting—

I'll stay here and write about it!

—Cleveland Leader.

## The Real St. Patrick.

His Work in the Redemption of Ireland From Paganism an Abiding Reality-Character That Is Veiled by Fanciful Legends.

The life of the famous Irish saint whose memory will be celebrated tomorrow by men and women of Irish origin throughout the civilized world, is, as everybody knows, buried and almost lost under a tangled debris of legend and tradition, much of it grotesque in the extreme. This was only to be expected. It is a fate almost sure to overtake a great religious leader, in a rude and uncritical age; but as a result any attempt to read out the true biography of St. Patrick from the existing records is like trying to decipher an obscure and faded manuscript over the face of which have been drawn a succession of arabesques and carica-

Still, it is not to be doubted that St. Patrick both lived and accomplished a great work-greater, indeed, than people in general are accustomed to give him credit for-and even as to the de-The London Life Insurance tails of his life we are not left wholly at the mercy of legendary lore. A few apparently autnentic documents remain-chief among them the "Confession," believed to have come from his own hand. The "Epistle" also is probably genuine, but, is far less important.

The "Confession" is an extremely interesting document, to the student, at least. From it we get a very meager account of the incidents of the author's career-though it contains about all that is trustworthy-but the impression it gives of the great missionary's character is clear and striking. It is easy to see that he was a man well qualified to win men's hearts-which is necessarily the first step towards sav-

ing their souls. St. Patrick was an enthusiast-of the prelude to his escape from slavery; and afterward, when he had returned to his home and friends, the voices that haunted his sleep, calling him back to Ireland, resulted in bringing an entire nation into the Christian faith. To "visionaries" of this type the

world is deeply indebted. Indeed, in the "Confession," there is no hint of the exaggeration and extravagance which appear so strongly in the "Lives" of later dates. Good sense, date against him. But Mr. Evanturel The assets, amounting to \$678,176 78, and modesty are the domination and an index of the second sec promptly repudiated the insinuation it is explained, are gilt-edged, and the fervently believed in it-but so far for an undertaking of such magnitude, without special training, that he spent many years in careful preparation at True, he never attained to any extraordinary scholarship. In his prospects for an even better twelvefession," which was written as a reply to those who declared that he was unfit to be made a bishop, he freely concedes himself "indoctus" and "rusticissimus"-unlearned and a very plain man; and while the fact that he wrote in Latin proves that he had sufficient education for all ordinary purposes, his peculiar use of that showing many traces of Celtic idiom,

> esty. He meant just what he said, as strong men commonly do. And apropos of these Celtic turns of expression, it is of interest to note that, alhough not born on Erin's soil, he was of strictly Irish stock, since his birthplace was in a region almost exclusvely settled by the Irish Picts. These are qualities far more important than finished scholarshipwhich, indeed, is ever liable to waste itself in pedantic trifling-and these pork-packers inform us that as a con- sturdier traits the victorious Irish evangelist undoubtedly possessed. What one of his critics could have done his work? It was well for his mission that his sympathies were not jured in Canada, and the inquiry for dried away by the dust of libraries. All the better because he was "indoc-

makes it evident that his frankness

was no false modesty but simply hon-

It is a strong man whose work lives period which followed his death the Irish Church was the most zealous worthy of praise-whose achievements more spectacular, because they addressed themselves chiefly to kings, the last three or four days, but is share of credit for converting Pagan England, most of the real work was

and nobles, have received the greater done by Irish missionaries, animated by the very spirit of St. Patrick. These were the men who, braving danger and hardship, overcoming the obstacles of an alien tongue and racial prejudice, penetrated to every hamlet in Northumberland and the Marchlands, and preached the gospel to the stubborn villagers until their Christianity became a fact, not a mere

Little as we know about the life of St. Patrick, his work is an abiding reality; and it is safe to assume that the qualities which appear in the church he founded were not waiting in himself. It is unfortunate that a character so admirable has been veiled behind such a motley tissue of fanciful legends-but the frish people make no mistake in honoring the name of St. Patrick.

VERDICT FOR DODD'S.

Mrs. Hooper Cured of Female Weak. ness by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Norwich, March 14.-The evidence of J. Stanley Hooper, farmer, living near Norwich, in the case of Dodd's vs Disease, was as follows:
"My wife suffered for twelve years with Female weakness. The best doctors attended her. She used many re-

medies, but neither doctors nor remedies did her the least good. "Finally I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. One box worked wonders. Four boxes cured her. She is as well now as ever she was. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured

The judge charged in favor of Dodd's. Verdict was unanimous. "Dodd's Kid-ney Pills are the only known cure for diseases of women. This accords fully with popular feel-

THE BRITISH WEEKLY says that d of righting, the Liberal reaction among Scottish students is evidently not confined to Edinburgh. In all the three political debates in Glasgow University this session the Liberals have been victorious.

## A Category

Himself-Attempted Suicide in Ottawa Jail.

Belhaven, Ont., March 16. - Frank Sennett, aged 24, dropped dead yesterday morning while helping a neighbor at a threshing. His mother is a widow.

THREE PERSONS SHOT. Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 16.-Yesterday morning Albert Lathwell, a barber, shot his wife in the side, a Miss Toomey in the head, and shoulder, and himself in the region of the heart. Jealousy was the cause of the deed. Lathwell's home is said to be in Orangeville, Ont. Eight months ago he married a Miss Montgomery, daughter of a farmer living near Sault Ste

TENCE New York, March 16.-William J. Koerner, the newspaper artist, was sentenced to imprisonment for life for the murder of Rose Redgate,

TRIED TO KILL HIS WIFE. Warwick, Ont., March 16 .- Satururday morning, Tim McMann, a resident of this village, attempted to murder his wife, but she escaped from him through a window to a neighbor's house. He followed with a large knife in his hand. Not succeeding in catching her he returned home and tried to kill himself by cutting his threat. McMann will probably re-cover. This is the second time Tim has tried to end his life.

proved in health.

G. Fawscett, who has carried on business in Belmont for a number of years, has sold out to his former clerk, Mr. J. H. Birch, who intends carrying on the business at the old stand under the name of J. H. Birch & Co. The silent messenger of Death has O'Hara, who died at her home on the morning of March 8. Deceased had been ailing for some time, but was thought to be recovering, and death was quite

affectionate and patient mother, and the neighborhood, in which she has lived for nearly 40 years, a true friend. Deceased was a strict adherent of the and ten children-Richard, of St. Louis; Matthew, of Cleveland; John, at home Patrick, of Pontiac; Peter and Joseph at home; Maggie, at home; Mary, of Dundas; Cassie, who is teaching school in Buddulph, and Bridget, at home. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Thursday to the Mount Carmel cemetery.

off to Wallaceburg. He is purchasing it from farmers along the lake Harvey James, of Kettle Point is on the sick list.

Glen Oak, March 16 .- David Toals has been under the doctor's care for rapidly improving again. Winter wheat looks excellent this spring. Of course the most critical time is yet to come.

Cattle wintered well so far. Quite a number of auction sales will take place this spring. Cows and hogs are in good demand; common cows sell for \$35 to \$40 each. The demand for hired help on the farm is somewhat slack this far; wages anywhere from \$8 to \$15. Hay is selling for \$5 to \$6 per ton. Houseing ice was well under way, hauling firewood, road-making and gravel hauling, when the cruel thaw came and found no one ready for it. It would be a long winter if all men were ready for spring. Among the signs of spring we notice

Write benefits on marble, injuries on

IT has remained for Burlington, Ind. to present to the world a school teacher who resigned his post because his unruly pupils persisted—so the Hoosier exchanges say—in dubbing him "rubber

BEECHAM'S PILLS ARE WITHOUT A RIVAL

## of Casualties.

Sudden Death of a Young Farmer While Threshing.

A Jealous Man Shoots Two Women and

Ottawa, March 16.-James C. Harvey, awaiting sentence for swindling in connection with hthe publication of the Canadian Homestead, wade a desperate attempt to commit suicide in the county jail. The prisoner tore his blanket in strips, placing one end around his neck, and attaching the other to the top bar of his cell. He was in the act of har ging himself when detected by the night guard, who immediately cut him down

SUDDEN DEATH.

AN ARTIST-MURDERER'S SEN-

sweetheart, on Sept. 23, 1896. Koer-ner's attorney will appeal. BOY MURDERS HIS PLAYMATE. Carroll, Ill., March 16.-Parry Garcourse—else he had been poorly fitted diner enticed Will Rogers into an unfor his task. He was also something of occupied building at Pulaski, Ill., and practicality pervades als dreaming; it Gardiner and Rogers were playmates, beat his brains out with a club never fails to come to something. His aged 16. The former had a grudge visions on the hills of Antrim, where against his fellow, and took this means of avenging it. Gardiner has

### MIDDLESEX.

Miss Boyd, who recently underwent an operation in London hospital, has returned home to Belmont much im-Owing to continued ill-health, Mr.

borne away another of the residents of McGillivray, in the person of Mrs. John unexpected. By her death her husband has lost a faithful wife, her family an Catholic Church. She leaves a husband

### LAKE SHORE-BOSANQUET. Lake Shore, Bosanquet, March 16 .-The harbingers of spring are here-

the snipe, the robin and the mud. The ice is all giving way on the lake. Mr. George Smyth, of Kettle Point, getting out lots of timber to send

the robins are here, and many other spring birds. Dairy produce sells right this spring; butter, 12c to 20c; eggs, 11c to 12c, etc.

## LUCAN.

Lucan, March 16 .- Mr. F. Quigley left on Monday for the Klondike V. Rollins, T. Stanley and J. Carter left on Monday for the far west. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles started a few days ago for their home in the west. Mr. Hewitt, of Huron College, preached in Holy Trinity here on Sunday. Mr. E. Hodgins, Biddulph, has been seriously ill for some days with la grippe.

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