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THE POPE'S GREAT VITALITY.

World wide interest centres in the health of Pope Leo XIII., who is undoubtedly one of the greatest men of the age. His influence upon the world during the twenty-five years of his reign on the Pontifical throne has been for good. In all his writings the Pontiff has shown exceptionally good judgment. His words have always been for peace, and his encyclical of a few years ago upon the relations of capital and labor did as much—perhaps more—to harmonize conflicting interests than any other single influence. That His Holiness should be in possession of his mental vigor to such a remarkable degree at the age of 93 years is a marvel, and all people, irrespective of creed or nationality, will rejoice to see his life prolonged until the century shall have been completed.

THE QUESTION OF FRIENDSHIP.

We hear a great deal about the necessity of making sacrifices on the altar of friendship for the United States, largely based on the blood-thicker-than-water sentimental consideration—a consideration which never influences the sympathies of Brer Jonathan, or at least has never done so up to date. Brer Jonathan is strictly business and while he never allows sentiment to interfere with business, he is always quite ready to take advantage of sentiment to facilitate business when he can turn it to his own advantage. Conversely he is very loath to allow the indulgence of antagonistic sentiment or prejudice to interfere with business.

The rupture of friendly relations between the countries means the rupture of business relations. If such a rupture took place between Great Britain and the United States which would suffer the more in the damage represented by un sentimental dollars and cents? Here are a few eloquent figures: In 1902 the United States exported \$1,360,701,935 worth of goods and imported \$969,320,952, giving it a favorable balance of trade, as represented by the excess of sales over purchases, of \$391,380,982.

The list of countries where the balance of trade is in the American's favor number 33, and the balance totals \$648,565,873. Of that total no less than \$464,702,489 is with Great Britain and her dependencies, as shown by the following list:

Great Britain.....\$343,524,283
Bermuda.....887,540
Gibraltar.....491,640
Malta.....347,103
British Honduras.....496,800
Canada.....58,028,862
Newfoundland.....1,365,660
Hong Kong.....6,688,583
Australia.....22,048,060
British Africa.....30,823,958

\$464,702,489
That being interpreted means that if the United States were out off from the British market, its favorable trade balance would shrink from \$391,380,982 to a debit of \$73,321,507. Taking it for granted that Brer Jonathan knows which side his bread is buttered on, he is going to think half-a-dozen times, and think hard, before he sacrifices that much business plus Great Britain's friendship. It is a standing reflection on Canada's business ability that, with the exception of Great Britain and Germany, the debit balance of trade against this great producing country is considerably larger than any other country on the trading list of the United States and that principally for articles which we should and do produce in part ourselves. There should be a means of altering this or at least exacting a quid pro quo.—Ottawa Citizen.

MEANING MATCHES.

Toronto Star.

Yesterday the proposal to revive spelling matches in the public schools received our unqualified approval. To-day we are prepared to go a step further, and make a suggestion that will render the spelling match a more powerful instrument of education than ever. It is all very fine to spell words properly, but to understand them is better. Why not have meaning matches, too? Or, why not combine the spelling and the meaning of words so that the one will give point to the other?

THE NEGATIVE GRANT.

Hamilton Spectator.

A the nomination in North Ontario yesterday Mr. Grant, the Liberal candidate said: "Foster stands for high protection; I stand opposed to it." That is quite satisfactory so far as Mr. Foster is concerned. It is a fair description of that statesman's attitude. But Mr. Grant's description of his own attitude is rather indefinite. He is opposed to Foster; but what is he in favor of? Is he in favor of the present tariff? Would he have any change made in existing regulations? Would he prefer a tariff for revenue only? Or is he a free trader, out and out?

Catarrh

The cause exists in the blood, in what causes inflammation of the mucous membrane.

It is therefore impossible to cure the disease by local applications. It is positively dangerous to neglect it, because it always affects the stomach and deranges the general health, and is likely to develop into consumption.

Many have been radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cleanses the blood and has a peculiar alterative and tonic effect. M. J. McDonald, Trenton, Ont., writes: "I had catarrh, my system was weak, blood was bad, and my liver torpid and inactive. I tried many medicines without benefit until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has completely cured me and I highly recommend it to all sufferers."

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THE PARSON IN POLITICS.

Kincardine Review.

Parsons are poor guides in political fields. Suppose the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church had taken the stump, what an outcry there would have been from those very Protestant parsons who set Mr. Clark up as a whiskey candidate and then took the platform against him. It is reassuring that the people will not follow their religious leaders in political affairs.

These parsons have done prohibition no sort of good in Centre Bruce. The province knows now that Dr. Stewart was the prohibition candidate, that prohibition preachers took the stump for him and that he was defeated in a Liberal riding. What inference will the province draw from these facts? The device was faulty in conception and could not be justified by success not to speak of being exonerated in defeat.

AN OPTIMISTIC SONG.

After the roses wither,
Leaving the thorns alone,
Be glad for the thorns recalling
The roses that redly shone.
After the silences haunt us,
Holding us over-long,
Hear, in the echoes of silence,
Strains of an old sweet song.

After the clouds swing lower,
After the light is done,
See in the gloomy shadows
Promise of golden sun.
Rich in the hour of sadness
Cometh the rare alloy—
Memory's wonderful pictures
Showing our one-time joy.

What if the gloom of midnight
Bringeth a dream forlorn?
Out of the clinging darkness
Springeth the rosy morn.
What if the roses wither,
Leaving the thorny stem?
Think of the glowing roses!
Let us be glad for them!

—Baltimore American.
Mrs. Gotham—I am surprised, John, to hear you say a good word for that elevated railroad corporation.
Mr. Gotham—Why, so?
Because you are always saying something awful about them when you get home.

Yes, but I stand up for them nearly every night coming home.

You're keeping bachelor's hall, I understand?
Temporarily, yes.

What kind of a success are you making of it?
Well, there is only one thing I can say in answer to that.

What?
It's a mighty good thing my wife doesn't know the details.

The verdict is not always just in the court of public opinion.

The New Baby

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Township Councils

DOVER COUNCIL.

The council met pursuant to adjournment at the Town Hall, March 2nd. The members were all present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. John Grant, county councillor, addressed the council in reference to the matter of the free ferry across the River Thames, and also spoke of other matters of interest.

A petition was read signed by Moise Caron and other ratepayers on the Rivard drain, asking to have the said repaired.

Moved by Crawford and Boyer, that the reeve and Mr. King be appointed a committee to make arrangements for running a free ferry across the River Thames between Dover and to confer with any representative from Raleigh Township Council on the matter with power.—Carried.

Moved by Lewis and King, that Roderick McKenzie be paid \$1.00 for pathmasters' returns.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Crawford, that the account of Coltart & Wilson, \$3, be paid for framing the Township drainage map.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and King, that the grievance of Alexander Emery re cutting across the 10th concession road at lot 14, be referred to Mr. Lewis with power.—Carried.

Moved by King and Lewis, that George Crawford be paid \$2.33 for two sheep killed by dogs, being two-thirds value, as per inspector.—Carried.

Moved by King and Boyer, that \$1.77 postage account be paid.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Crawford, that Gregory G. Carron, Secretary-Treasurer of S. S. No. 1, be paid \$4.00 for use of school house as polling station for voting on Liquor Act, 1902.—Carried.

Moved by King and Lewis, that a grant of \$25 be made to assist in erecting a telephone line into the village of Pain Court. The order to be made in favor of Primeau and Bourdeau. The condition on which this grant is made, is that, if the said proposed telephone line is not completed, then this grant of \$25 shall be refunded to the Township.—Carried.

Moved by Lewis and Boyer, that the matter of locating the 16th concession road allowance from the Bear Line westerly to the Winter Line, and the Winter Line from the 14th concession northerly to the 16th concession road, be referred to the reeve to employ A. McDonald, D. L. S., to do the work and report to the council.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and King, that Alexis Robert be paid \$4.00 for wood for the hall and 50 cents for repairing the shed.—Carried.

Moved by Lewis and King, that the matter of selling trees on the 15th concession road at lot 16 be referred to Mr. Crawford with power.—Carried.

Moved by Crawford and Boyer, that the matter of selling a tree on the Winter Line at lot 12 in the 15th concession be referred to Mr. Lewis with power.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Crawford, that James Chartrand be refunded \$2 dog tax, having disposed of the animal shortly after being assessed.—Carried.

Moved by Crawford and Lewis, that the account of the Public General Hospital, \$14.25, for the keep of Jos. Collins, be paid.—Carried.

Moved by King and Crawford, that the petition of Moire Carron and other ratepayers on the Rivard drain, asking to have said drain repaired from the head thereof westerly as far as the engineer in charge may deem necessary, be entertained and the matter be referred to A. McDonald to examine the drain and report.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Lewis, that the time for the collectors to make their returns be extended till next meeting of council.—Carried.

J. WELSH, Clerk.

Dickens and the Lost Boots.

Broadstairs was a favorite haunt of Charles Dickens. Broadstairs in Kent is a favorite place of resort for excursionists and holiday-makers still, and whenever Dickens was out of town with London and wanted a little change, he used to hurry down to Broadstairs for a few days. The place seemed to have great attractions for him, and an old woman who still remembers his relation with Dickens, which will be new to most readers.

To give it in the old lady's own words will, perhaps, be most interesting: "When I was a girl," she says, "of about ten years of age, during a dreary winter I was sent by my parents, who were very poor, to Ramsgate to buy myself a pair of strong winter boots. On my way home the cold was intense, and, holding the parcel close to me, I found, when nearly at my journey's end, that the boots had slipped out of the parcel, and that I only held the brown paper in my hands. With my heart in my mouth, I ran back by the way I had come, and, meeting a man whom I had passed some time previously, asked him if he had seen the boots, and he answered very gruffly:—'No!'"

"Continuing my search I met a man in a dogcart, who inquired what was the hurry. I told him of my loss. After telling him all my story, he told me to jump up with him, and soon we overtook the man whom I had met before. My good Samaritan interrogated him very closely, and eventually it turned out that he had picked up the boots. Charles Dickens, for it was he who had befriended me, then said to him—

"If you had been an honest man I should have rewarded you; but as you are not, a good horse-whipping is what you deserve!" "He then turned to me and asked if I had heard of Charles Dickens, to which I answered:—'No.' Then, smiling upon me, he said—

"You will hear of Charles Dickens one of these days, and you will then be able to tell how he did a kind action once in his life."

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HOUSEY'S RAPIDS IS IN LINE

George C. Chalker Tells What Dodd's Kidney Pills did for Him.

Took Him From His Bed, Made Him A Well Man, Able and Willing to do a Fair Day's Work.

Housey's Rapids, Ont., March 9.—(Special).—As every city, town and village in Canada seems to be giving evidence as to the wonderful cures resulting from Dodd's Kidney Pills, there is no reason Housey's Rapids should not be in line. People there have kidney troubles just the same as elsewhere, and like others they have used Dodd's Kidney Pills and been cured.

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"Then I was induced to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and you see the result. It only took six boxes to cure me completely."

And Mr. Chalker is only one of many in this neighborhood who charge their good health up to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Gave Herself Away.

The gentlemen were still in the dining-room, and the ladies in the drawing-room were discussing husbands and their shortcomings. "Well," said Mrs. Fusslove, cheerfully, "I've nothing to complain of, for my husband neither drinks nor gambles, nor goes to his club."

"But does he smoke?" enquired one of the other ladies. "Not very much; that is to say, he enjoys a cigar after a really good dinner; but he hasn't smoked now for more than three months."

And Mrs. Fusslove is still innocently wondering why they all roared with laughter so loud that the men came up from the dining-room to see what the joke was.

"Cawkins always takes his whole family out with him in his automobile whenever he goes." "What for?" "He is afraid if he doesn't he might run over some of them by mistake."—N.Y. "Life."

"Rather absent-minded, isn't he?" "Extremely so. Why, the other night when he got home he knew there was something he wanted to do but he couldn't remember what it was until he had sat up over an hour trying to think."

"Did he finally remember it?" "Yes, he discovered that he had wanted to go to bed early."—Philadelphia "Press."

A Neat Booklet on Patents

We have received from Messrs. Marion & Marion, Patent Attorneys, of Montreal, an admirable compendium of condensed information on the subject of Patents and everyday statistical data. This little book, entitled "Invention," is just the proper size for the vest pocket, 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 in., is bound in handsome celluloid covers, and contains not only quadrille-ruled blank pages for memoranda, but also 28 pages of interesting printed matter, including quite a surprising amount of novel and useful information not heretofore published. Among the items of information contained in this compact little volume are graphically illustrated tables showing the growth of the United States and Canadian Patent Offices, Geographical Distribution of United States and Canadian Patentees among the different countries, the Inventiveness of Canadian Patentees, the Comparative Inventiveness of the United States and Canada, the World's Greatest Inventors, and legal markings of patented articles, in addition to the very full and useful description of the mode of patent and trade mark procedure, and the extensive equipment of Messrs. Marion & Marion for their work. A full schedule of costs is also given, and a highly interesting list of some of the fields of invention in which they have obtained patents.

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