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EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION IN THE CHURCHES.

The restless feeling in the United States which has heretofore been most conspicuous in labor circles is spreading to the churches. If it keeps on growing the old creeds will have troubles of their own to contend with ere long.

A number of leading divines have withdrawn from the Presbyterian church on account of the dogma in the Westminster confession which declared that certain persons are fore-ordained to damnation.

Not long ago an independent Catholic church was launched in Chicago. The progressive Catholics, however, are looking towards Archbishop Ireland as a prelate whose sympathies are most in harmony with advanced American ideas. The stand he took as an American citizen during the Spanish-American war, when the sympathies of Rome were supposed to be with the Spaniards, gave him tremendous prestige in the west and he is generally credited with views of the most liberal and advanced character.

Then, again, the divines of the M. E. church are calling for a revision of their rules regarding dancing, card-playing and theatre-going. They profess to believe in the sinfulness of these just as strongly as of yore but it seems the lay members of the church utterly ignore them. It is claimed, therefore, that they would be better expunged than allowed to remain only to be disregarded.

The Baptists are taking even a stronger stand on the questions, and at Green Bay, Wisconsin a number of families have seceded from the Baptist church because of the enforcing of a rule against attending dances.

From almost every section and in almost every church reports of minor troubles come. All this is accounted for by the assertion that while the world has gone for ward and its ideas broadened the churches have almost stood still. So things religious are now nearing this pass, if denominations will not progress by evolution revolution will be resorted to bring them up to date.

CANADA'S COMMISSIONED MEN OF WAR.

In the House of Commons, an inquiry by Mr. Ellis, (Liberal), St. John, N. B., elicited from Dr. Borden the information that in the active militia of Canada there are 37 captains and 134 lieutenants in the cavalry; 17 captains and 51 lieutenants in the field artillery; 50 captains and 68 lieutenants in the garrison artillery; 4 captains and 120 lieutenants in the engineers; 604 captains and 1,209 lieutenants in the infantry; 22 captains and 25 lieutenants on the medical staff. Thirty-seven officers resigned their commissions and accepted service, as privates in the Canadian contingents now serving in South Africa. Three of these officers were from Prince Edward Island, three from Manitoba, one from British Columbia, two from Quebec, eight from New Brunswick, three from Nova Scotia, 17 from Ontario. The Ontario officers are: Captains Ross, 30th Batt.; Wall, 16th Batt.; Gorman, 27th Batt.; Wallace, 36th Batt.; Garnett, 26th Batt.; Lieutenants Southey, 46th; McCosh, 53rd; Roske, 31st; Warren, G. G. B. G.; Hayward, 3rd Dragoons; Hope, 20th Batt.; Reed, 30th Batt.; Cosby, 48th; Fraser, 40th; Second Lieutenants, Leach, 46th Batt.; Campbell, 30th Batt.; Hulme, 15th.

MR. WHITNEY SHOULD MAKE HIMSELF CLEAR.

Mr. Brown's (North Perth) bill to re-unite the North and South Ridings of Perth for registration purposes was thrown out in committee of the House. The Premier and Mr. Whitney concurred in thinking that it would disturb the arrangement of the legal profession in the County of Perth, and would lead to the introduction of ten or a dozen similar bills next year. It was predicted that committee in counties where there are two registry offices would seek—like the Perth County Council—to close up one of them, and thus obtain a large proportion of the registration fees.

Mr. Whitney and Mr. Ross, we fear, are misjudging the public feeling just now. If for the general convenience two registry offices in a county are necessary the residents themselves of that county are the best ones to judge and should speak through their member. The people are sick of having this province run in the interests of Government officials and private corporations, trusts and railroad companies. We do not know the circumstances concerning the Perth registry offices and do not therefore care to discuss the matter on its merits. But on general principles we want to say that the less frequently Mr. Whitney agrees with the Ross Government on matters of this kind the more the people will like it. Ontario is ripe for a legislative revolutionary policy. It is not going to put Mr. Whitney in and Premier Ross out just for the sake of changing prime ministers. The proprietor of a good Conservative paper, which is a power in another riding in the west, told The Planet recently that if, when the Opposition attained power, they did not rip things up gen-

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erally he would cease to support the party. He is sick of Mowatism, Hardysm and Rossism, and is not prepared to tolerate it any longer, even if mildly decorated with Conservative trimmings by the leaders of the Ontario Opposition.

There are altogether too many officials in the service of the province, and though, in the above individual case Mr. Whitney has agreed with Premier Ross, we hope ere long that he will make it abundantly clear that there will be a seismic disturbance of no small dimensions in official circles when he comes into power.

So far the policy advanced by the Ontario Opposition is not reactionary enough, we believe, to suit the people's taste in the west here.

Marr Phillips, ball player and personator, of Hamilton, goes to jail for one month. Mr. Phillips has found purloining votes somewhat different from stealing bases.

St. Joseph's Island, in new Ontario, is giving a good account of itself in farming profits. The people there are becoming very prosperous. From seventy acres of cleared land W. J. Hamilton obtained 1,400 bushels of grain, corresponding quantities of potatoes, hay, etc., sold ten head of cattle, 19 hogs, over 1,200 pounds of butter, and uncounted dozens of eggs. There ought to be some well-devised scheme of Government to relieve the overcrowded cities by drawing the idle part of the population on to the land now lying waste in Northern Ontario. That would be better than granting more privileges to mining syndicates.

The question of merchants giving their clerks a half-holiday during the summer months is being discussed in various towns and cities. It is an idea which has much to commend it. The difficulty seems to be, however, in getting all to agree to it and, even if all are willing, to unite on a certain day. There is another aspect of the case, too. If a certain class of merchants agree to close on a certain afternoon and other classes do not, when people come in from the country it is rather disappointing to them to find that they can do business some places and not in others. If a mutual, all-round agreement can be come to it will do the clerks and employers both good to have a half-day's recreation once a week during the warm weather.

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Here is a chase not only of true merit rewarded, but of thirteen being a lucky number.

Reforms are often long delayed, but it comes at last. — The Globe.
Stranger still, reforms in this country never emanate from Reformers. Sir Oliver Mowat, for instance, blocked this province's progress at every stage. In practice he was so conservative that the little advance made during his reign had to be gobbled out of him.

Canadians have a gift of seeing things, but the worst case of over-wrought imagination is attributing the Welland Canal dynamiting to a Fenian plot. — Detroit Tribune.

The canal was dynamited. The crime was committed, apparently by American strangers. Now, you know so much about the matter, why did they do it?

THE FINE OLD SMITH FAMILY.

Pittsburg Chronicle.
Professor Mafferty, of London, England, says that he has made one of the most astonishing genealogical discoveries of the age, namely, that the pedigree of the Smith family can be traced back to the time of Ptolemy III. and that a Smith, possibly the first of the line, was a saloonkeeper in Alexandria 2127 years ago. Now, who will do as much for the Joneses?

"BOBS" IRISHMEN IN KHAKI.

Me own brave "Bobs" av Kandahur, Iz what they are tellin' thrue, sur. That all av yez are Irishmin.

In khaki at the front.
Wid Kitchener av Khartoum,
Klery av Killarney,
Frinch, an' Killykinny,
In khaki at the front.

Kelcher sez, "Hole McDonald,
General White, an' Dundonald,
Are all av the Scotch-Irishmin."
In khaki at the front.

"An' sez he, 'them kraals an' kopjes,
Kaps an' tranches, fill'd wid Kroonjes,
Are mate for all sich Irishmin."
In khaki at the front.

Wid Kitchener av Khartoum,
Klery av Killarney,
Frinch, an' Killykinny,
In khaki at the front.

"An' sez he, sez Kelcher,
That Powell, d' ye mind, an' Buller
Are both, bodad, rale Irishmin."
In khaki at the front.

"An' all them bould Kamdians,
Kooljals, an' Kastraliens,
He sez, 'begor! they're Irishmin."
In khaki at the front.

Wid Kitchener av Khartoum,
Klery av Killarney,
Frinch, an' Killykinny,
In khaki at the front.

"Och, thin!" sez I to Kelcher,
"Be hiven an' it's hell wid Kruger,
Forinist thin kind av Irishmin."
In khaki at the front.

Wid Kitchener av Khartoum,
Klery av Killarney,
Frinch, an' Killykinny,
In khaki at the front.

"Drumrairie, Ont. — Logan Weir.

I ALL SORTS.

A Louisville man has a little house dog that chews chewing gum like a human being.

The acollin-harp was the invention, it is believed, of Athanasius Kircher, who lived in the seventeenth century. A five-year-old Philadelphia boy fell out of a third-story window and his life was saved by lighting on a man wearing a silk hat.

A book published in Japan 1,000 years ago notes that at that time good silk was already produced in twenty-five provinces of that country.

Rarely indeed is a wealthy man seen at his wife's dinner table. He usually dines in a part of the house remote from that occupied by his connubial partner.

A Delaware farmer recently purchased a horse which had been in the Spanish-American war, and on being clipped several shot were found imbedded in its flesh.

A Kansas man not long ago shot a dog by accident, and in showing the owner how it was done, he shot him, and later, in showing the coroner how he had shot the man, he shot the coroner.

A rare and beautiful sight was recently witnessed at Mt. Vesuvius during a snow-storm. The volcano was in eruption and three streams of red-hot lava were sent spouting through the snow.

The young Duchess of Marlborough and several young ladies of much wealth and rank are going in for falconry. It is an expensive form of sport, an ordinary hawk costing as much as \$500 and requiring quite an outlay for maintenance and training.

A Perkins (O. T.) bachelor started to Joplin, Mo., not long ago with a wagon load of peanuts and on the way he met a widow with seven children. It was a case of first sight love, and, marrying her the next day, he carried a wagon load of family back home with him.

The 10,000 Indians, Cherokees, Creeks and Delawares, who have voluntarily gone from Oklahoma to Mexico to establish a reservation, declare they are actuated by a desire to get as far away as possible from the white man's civilization. They have about \$425,000 and expect further additions after they have organized their settlement.

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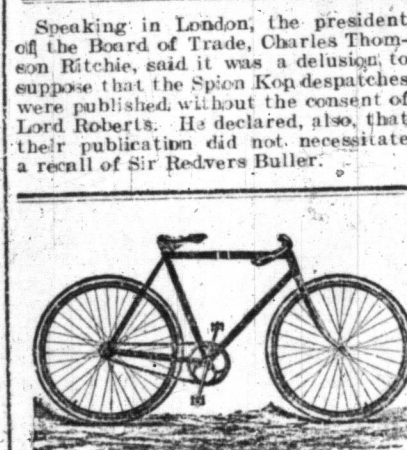
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