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WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1888

OTAWA'S OPPORTUNITY The contest for the local legislature O tawa has assumed a triangular shape The free and intelligent men of both parties are thoroughly disgusted with the manner in which elections at the capital have been | whisky." manipulated in and for the interests of con tract-jobbers and incapable but rabidly partizan men. Tired of compac's, arrange ments and bargains by which their vote have been "worked" and sold, they have at last become aroused to action, deter mined to crush the wire pullers and their jumping-jacks. An independent candidate has been brought out in the person of Mr.

Frank M. McDougall, Mr. McDougall is a typical young Canadian, rising above the partizan and sectional strife by which battered politicians insult and degrade the electorate, and coming out bold y for the unrestrained freedom of the

people. He says : The greund's upon which I seek your voter The trues upon which I seek your votes are that I deprecate the introduction of federal politics and the passon of party strife into the provincial elections, and believe your representative should be free to support desirable and oppose undesirable legislation, without being hampered by party allogings. I also are expressed to the party allegiance. I also am opposed to the practice of nominating candidates at party conventions, and believe that results are

battle of right and freedom as against the machine and partizanship.

Ottawa has a grand opportunity to redeem itself and we are glad to learn that the prospects of its doing so are encouraging and hopeful.

ALLEGED STARTLING REVELATIONS. The revelations of the last week or two at Dublin, concerning the murder of Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke, are very generally called startling: and revelations still more startling are said to be coming at an early day. It may be worth while to en-

tions can properly be called startling. driver of the car must have known of the that, with all the exertions made by the large detective force at the disposal of the murderers had been found, as far as the the front. public were aware of. That they should be found, and the crime proved against them, should not be counted surprising at all, in

Where, then, does the surprise and the startling effect really come in ? This answer must be made, not in the fact of an appabeen presented before a court of first enquiry; for that everybody must have expected, supposing that the murderers were ever to be found and convicted at all. Where it does come in, however, or may yet come in, lies in the connection that may be established between them and others in the matter. We are startled, or are to be startled, not at finding a few men accused as having been the actual murderers or conspirators concerned, but at the revelations concerning other parties suspected of being accessories both before and after the fact. The discovery of the parties more immediately concerned need not be counted very startling at all; the startling effect is in connection with the accessories to the crime, as yet unknown to the public.

any civilized country.

"TOO MUCH WHISKY." Our republican neighbors have a great but it is not one of either license or prohition. The facts are substantially these: During some few years past American distillers have been producing a great deal more whisky than the market would take, if he does not act before it is too late. A and every year the overstock of the article has been increasing. The first cost of whisky is not much, probably not over twenty cents per gallon for spirit of the therewould be no very excessive overproduc- White men, Indians, idlers and all, together

will be confiscated. Now, the distilleries, and to keep on making at the small official notice was published, to the effect that the time allowed for a vast quantity of whisky now in bond to remain so had expired, and that, failing immediate paynent of the duties, the law would be strictly uforced. The talk is that if it he enforced at this time, not only will many distilling firms go to the wall, but quite a number of national banks will have to close their

likely to be attempted after all. As an example of the extravagant length to which overproduction has been carried, we may take the case of Kentucky, From 1872 to 1879, the production of that state was five to ten million gallons a year. In 1880 it was 15,911,279 gallons; in 1881, 31,869,047 gallens; and in 1882, 30,386,-456 gallons. As the American papers are now saying, this is emphatically "too much

toors. The scheme of exporting to Canada

and keeping it in bond on this side the

border has been mooted, but does not seen

It appears that Sir John Macdonald will have to intervene in the matter of lotteries. Mr. Mowat has tailed to do his duty in the premises, and up to the present moment has shown no disposition to move. Failing him, the people will naturally turn their eyes to Ottaws. Something must be done and that quickly, for the plague is spreading. Yesterday we published a despatch from Ottaws, stating that the hitherto noble society of St. Andrew in that city were going to disgrace their nobility by promoting a gambling scheme. The prospectus is already out for a similar affair projected by the orangemen of Belleville, and now the foresters of Winnipeg, Man., have under consideration a gift enterprise." What do these so-called nevolent societies mean? Do they think that it is right to break a most stringen and righteous law of their country in orde that they may have paratial halls to meet in? Love of their native or adopted country should be sufficiently powerful, if nothing

bia. Mr. Walford goes so far as to say that if such work was passed on an English United States, or any other railway, and an accident occurred, the contractors would be held for manslaughter. The work has been done under the auspices of the government, and, therefore, Sir Charles Tupper and his associates will be held immediately

responsible for anything that occurs. Mr. Goldwin Smith delivers an address this evening in St. Andrew's hall, nominally in the interests of Mr. Carter, but really quire in what sense precisely these revela- as an opponent to factionism. When Mr. Leys is down for 500. You have so Smith assumed for himself the nom de ably demonstrated the esentially dishonest From the first it was evident that these plume of "Bystander," he chose the most and injurious character of these land-grabmurders of two public men of mark were appropriate of all titles. He is a bystander. bing concerns that it is superfluous to do result of conspiracy. It was certainly known | Cool, unimpassioned, a liberal and close | more than point out the fact that these mer that immediately after the murders four men reasoner, and one of the foremost scholars are of the number who seek to fill their were driven off in a car from the spot where of the day, he stands aloof from the petty the deed was done, and further, that the strife of partyism, and doubtless sees with regret, the extreme lengths to which our crime. Swords and knives are not apt to political leaders go and the degradation to kill anybody, unless used by human hands. which our representative party papers sub-All the circumstances favoured the belief that there had been, not only murder, Smith will appear on the platform to-night, but conipiracy to murder. Unless but as a well-wisher of the province and of on this supposition the boldness of the country. He desires to see the tone of the crime and its very sudden our public discussions improved. As a byand successful accomplishment, might in stander, he knows our weakness and he deed appear unaccountable. What has approbably feels that when the opportunity peared rather surprising has been the fact offers to crush even in the slightest degree the dragon of factionism, it is the duty of every broad-minded man who has any regard government, no clue to the discovery of the for the welfare of the country to step to

The methods of "Gen." Booth of the salvation army are illustrated by the following performance, which took place recently at Plymouth, England: A rough-looking. bulky man stepped forward in a dilapidated jersey and trousers to correspond, and related the blessings he had received as a rently strong case against a few men having result of his conversion. Suddenly, before materially. He is not himself known the audience, the man loosened two or three strings, kicked off the jersey and trousers. and stood confessed in the smart uniform of the army -trim, orderly and respectable. The transformation had a wonderful effect chance of gain; so that he is naturally less careful than if the funds were his own. upon the audience. There was at first a

> Mr. Mowat speaks in favor of Mr. John Levs in East Toronto this evening. We trust that some elector will put the question straight to him-do you intend to do your best to suppress the lottery mania? Mr. Mowat must not only answer that question straightforwardly, but must also explain why he has so far neglected his plain duty, or stand convicted as a man too timid to act when a mere handful of yotes might be at stake. We say might, because we feel that Mr. Mowat would gain more than he could possibly lose. His conduct in the premises

made is not a fit person to make them. The Yale Sentinel says : "Mr. Marcus ordinary retail strength. But the Smith is reported at Ortawa as saying there excise duty of a dollar per gallon are 7000 men at railway work in British makes a heavy addition, and, if this had to Columbia. None knows better than he be paid cash-down at the time of inspection does how misleading is that statement.

prove that." Neither Mr. Smith nor Sir Charles Tupper must think that, because British Columbia is so far away, he can imlost sight of that British Columbia is a part actual cost of production. Recently an of Canada, and while such is the case the people here will demand as strict an account of duties performed there as in any other

"It is perceived what prominence I give permanent schools of instructions," is he eloquent manner in which Major-General Luard expresses himself in his official report. The militia department should supply the gallant general with an English

Being neither stalwart nor half-breed, but hard-shelled independent, we were not concerned as to whether the Reformers would or would not nominate a candidate in West Toronto. We, however, thought that in deciding not to make a 'nomination they had made a shrewd move. They knew that if the contest came down to a regular party fight the chances were against them. In other words, they made a virtue out of something very like necessity. But the talwarts were not satisfied and yesterday allowed Mr. H. E. Hamilton, an ex-alder man for the ward of St. John, to be nominated. We do not think that Mr. Hamilton will be elected, but are rather of opinion that his running will secure the defeat of Mr. J. W. Carter, and the election of Alderman Clarke.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

(To the Editor of The World.) SIR: In compliance with your hints to torrespondents, and on the eve of the Ontario elections, I beg to ask if Mr. Mowat or his party will explain why they contribute large sums of public money to the Toronto university and other colleges, and then leave it in the hands of a council which the public holds no direct control over, to dictate to us whether our daughters shall or shall not be admitted to all or any of the branches of university education; or if Mr. Mowat or party will pledge themselves to take suffi- freely. cient of that five millions surplus capital accumulated in the Ontario treasury and es-

VOTE DOWN THE LAND-GRABBERS

(To the Editor of the World.) SIR : Apart altogether from the question as to whether the wage-workers of East Toronto should send one of their own class to the legislature there is a strong reason why neither Hon. A. Morris nor Mr. John Leys should receive the support of patriotic men. In the list of shareholders in the duke of Manchester's colonization company which you published some time ago Mr. Morris appears as holding 1,000 shares and pockets at the expense of the settler and import British landlordism into the North west. This of itself should be sufficient to condemn them. The Trades and Labor council are entitled to our thanks for putting into the field a man for whom genuine reformers can consistently cast their ballots, with Every workingman, every sympathizer with the cause of labor, and every hater of injus-tice, robbery and oppression should vote for Heakes and vote down the land-grabbers! EAST TORONTO REFORMER.

SPECULATING BANK MANAGER.

(To the Editor of The World.) SIR : In these days of speculation and its attendant dangers it would seem as if managers of banks at least should keep out of the vortex of the stock market, but such is 230 King Street East not the case.

It is known to the writer that a manage in an outside town of a branch of a bank, having its headquarters in this city, is, heavy speculator, and that he is now long on a large block of stocks bought far above present prices, and is so situated that any serious decline must embarrass him very these transactions, but he puts up, the marigns and another man does the business, sharing the profits but not the losses. To the former it is a somewhat serious business while to the latter it involves no loss but a upon the audience. There was at first a This has been going on for some time with nurmur of surprise and then a chorus of varied success, but the load is now becom-"halleluj hs" from all parts of the buildsoon there will be mourning in at least one

THE FREE LIBRARY.

(To the Editor of The Toronto World ) Sin: I wish through your columns give a hint to the tree library board. During the incumbency of the late librarian of the legislative assembly a large number of volumes of first-class fiction accumulated. They are in an excellent state of preservation-thanks to their being very whisky question on their hands just now, by proving himself equal to the position, little read. The present policy of the library committee appears to be to make the possibly lose. His conduct in the premises has, we know already, lost him a measure of sympathy, and it will lose him still more if he does not act before it is too late. A man who is afraid to enforce laws already male is not a fit person to make them. library not coming strictly within the category of works of reference. MILES.

I might also add that the Great Germa Remedy, St. Jacob's Oi', has proved serviceable for animals as well as for man. It has done wonders—never disappointing, says Mr. IS. H. Dimiok, chemist, Ypsilant', Mich,

OTTAWA, Feb. 30 .- In looking over trade returns for the last f the following entry:

paratively little of his money. over the ocean and brought into the domin-ion free of duty. Only such articles as meat and fish are bought here, presumably for the research meat and fish are bought here, presumably for the reason that these could not be imported in as fresh a condition as the vice-regal taste demands. His excellency buys his groceries, etc., from a London co-operation of the profits of that they can supply as well as the shopkeeper of London. The marquis' style of doin business is severely centrasted with that of

Every horse owner caring the least for his tock believes in St. Jacob's Oil.

A Printer's Adventure Monday morning, at a very early hour, a Hamilton Spectator compositor was going home, wondering why it is that people who write long letters for publication are invariably the worst penmen in the country, he was startled at an appearance on the side-walk before him. A figure in white ap-proached rapidly, and with noiseless steps. The compositor's hair didn't rise, because The compositor's hair didn't rise, because he parted company with it shortly after his marriage, and his head is not now much more shaggy than a billiard ball. But he felt perturbed within. He was possessed of a desire to fly; but his feet were apparently rooted to the ground and he couldn't budge. The ghost came nearer and nearer, and the compositor's feet grew heavier and heavier, and although the mercury was toying with zero, he perspired freely. Presently the ghost's noiseless pro-

Presently the ghost's no gress brought him near enough for the compositor to make him out. The spook turned out to be a lad of 14. sans boots, desired by manipulation which are contrary to the popular voice, and it is only rarely that "the michine" does not prevail.

These words have a sterling ring and must command themselves to all sensible and unbiased people. Belonging to an able family, and himself a rising barrister, Mr. McDougall is a young man of more than ordinary ability, eloquence and promise, and his hundreds of friends in Toronto and Western Ontario will be delighted to know that he has so early come to the front to fight the battle of right and freedom as against the home, where he found that the somnam'u-list had walked out of the house without disturbing the family and had spring-looked

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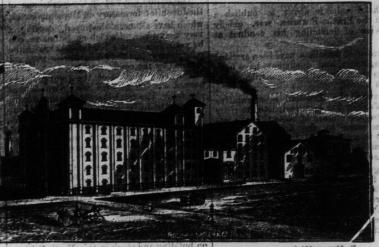
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