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A REPLY FROM EDMONTON.

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While everywhere in England the writer found a certain vague horror of Socialism, he discovered in actual operation a system which in America, would be denounced as Socialism—the system of supposessed by the young and growing of the edge.

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denounced as Socialism—the system of municipal ownership and control. He speaks with enthusiasm of the many activities of the municipalities, and he is amazed at the results that the co-operative stores and the cooperative building societies are bringing about.

The tax system in St. John, with all its ramifications, is the result of many men's labors over a long period. It is generally admitted to be cumbersome and unsatisfactory, but, judging by the futility of attempts in the

operative building societies are bringing about.

"Cycling one day," he says, "in the vicinity of Birmingham, I came suddenly into a new and beautiful village. Artistic cottages of four, six and eight rooms, each surrounded by a carpet of green grass, speckled over with flowers and shrubbery, lined with clean, paved, streets, along which also ran rows of ornamental shade trees; an attractive schoolhouse and a public hall, several beautiful churches, playerounds for the children. eral beautiful churches, playgrounds for the children,

Summing up the information obtained during his trip, and contrasting the conditions in Great Britain and the United States, Mr. McGhee reaches the following

"Considering this great advantage that we have over the people in England, together with our vast superiority in productivity of soil, in timber, in mineral deposits, In productivity of soil, in timber, in mineral deposits, water power, and other natural resources, it would be conclusive evidence of something radically wrong with our economic conditions (or at least a prodigious superiority of theirs) if there were not greater opportunities in this country, and the general welfare much better, And yet it is true that it costs more to live in the United States, speaking generally, than it does in England—costs more not only in money but in labor. While wages are higher, when estimated by the ratio of exchange, which is based upon the amount of gold each will purchase, if we estimate it in power to purchase the milestant in the good old proverb "Hasten Slowly."

There has been quite a number of old proverbs exempled to a transfer of the precise of Campbellton as it seeks bravely to face the misfortune which has befallen it. The idlers who were anxious to feed at the public crib have been told that, if they would eat they would have to work; while the woman who refused, at first in her pride, to accept some second-hand garments to cover her nakedness, came to the conclusion that a faded skirt was an improvement on fig leaves. The military tents are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencumbered of yards are now "in situ," after being disencum saries and luxuries of life, English wages are high-

These conclusions are hardly in keeping with the view so often expressed that England is decadent. They are the result of impartial and competent observations by a writer who records things as he sees them. Mr. McGhee's declaration that, having regard to their purchasing power, wages are higher in England than in the United States has the appearance of a tribute to the Free Trade policy to which, according to Mr. Asquith's statement yesterday, Great Britain will continue at least for a time to adhere.

(St. Thomas Times.)

Unreasoning partizanship is one of the most curious

THE SLIGHT DANGER FROM LIGHTNING.

The electric storm of last evening calls to mind investigation has shown how slight is the danger death from lightning. Canadian statistics are not lable, but United States statistics for the year 1908 probably approximately correct for Canada west.

The American census shows that in the year, 30 peo-were killed in American cities, and 139 in American i parts through being struck by lightning. Five as many people died the same day from heat trations, almost twice as many people were frozen ath, twenty-eight times as many people were drown-hile swimming.

Causes never thought of are far more dangerous to men; for instance man runs double the chance of being killed by building material falling into the street as he walks along it, than he does through death by

on this subject, says:—
"There is absolutely no record that I know of where
"a discharge of lightning from the sky struck the side
"of the house and came into an open window or an
"open door. Houses are always struck on the roof and
"generally at the highest point of the roof."

Those who enjoy the disturbance of the elements,
it would seem, may sit at an open window free from
fear, and the great majority who, with the beasts and
birds, and most living things, fear electric storms may
stay there also, and work up their courage by the memory of the assurance of science, that the open window
in a thunder storm is a safer place, so far as lightning
is concerned, than an ordinary walk along a city street
during the finest of weather.

### BROTHERS IN AFFLICTION.

When the sad news reached Canterbury street that the moonlight excursion of the Borden club had taken on the character of an enthusiastic political demonstra tion, something like consternation seems to have falle upon the warders of the citadel of the dredging plunde d. The cynical Times, which only waxes enthusias over "moonshine," and which knows to what exten-onshine" has been the determining factor in any enthuslasm ever manifested by the Young Liberals of this constituency, naturally jumped at the conclusion that the arder of the erators and the enthusiasm of the excursionists were inspired by moonshine, and like another hair-brained Don Quixote mounted its Rocinante of tem

CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA CONTRASTED.

"What an American learned in England," is the subject of an instructive article by Mr. Zach McGhee in the current number of the World's Work. Mr. McGhee gives an interesting comparison of food prices, very much to the advantage of the Old Country, and his experiences of the extent to which the co-operative system has been successfully adopted, were apparently an eye-opener.

Mr. McGhee, during part of his trip, stopped at Burnley, a thriving manufacturing centre, and found that he was paying considerably less for his board than the sum he was accustomed to pay in America. Inquiry of his landlady, who did the marketing, explained the reason.

"She buys," he says, "fourteen pounds of the best American flour for 2s.; in America she would have to pay 3s. for the same flour. She buys 25 pounds of the best grade of granulated sugar for the equivalent of a dollar; if she lived in Louisiana, Michigan, or Idaho, where this sugar grows, she could get no more than from fourteen to styles nearest."

A PEDLY FROM FOMONTON.

eral beautiful churches, playgrounds for the children, pleasure grounds, for all were there.

The village was not finished. New houses were being built, new streets opened and payed, new trees, shrubbery, and flowers set out here and there. Trades men, clerks, factory operatives, professional men, and others had left the crowded, noisy, smoke-begrined streets of Birmingham and come out into this pure whole some air of the country. Some enterprising real estate company or some wealthy capitalist is doing a good business, I thought; or else some philanthropist is doing a great charity work among his fellow men. Not at all, it was a co-operative society, and every penny of what we would term "profit" was considered a loss and turned back into the pockets of those who paid rent in excess of its actual cost."

Relations between the Mayor of Hamilton and the editor of the Hamilton Herald appear to be a trific editor of the Hamilton Herald appear

### **CURRENT COMMENT**

(Quebec Chronicle.)

The announcement that the cruiser Niobe, which was to have arrived in Canada last month, has been transferred to a division of the British fleet until further orders, suggests that there may have been a hitch in the Canadian government's arrangements.

(London Free Press.)

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our slave-life seems an easy task, Sometimes I think I'd like to trace The thoughts behind your rigid face wonder if it is a mask?

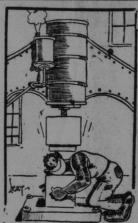
THE FOLLY OF PRIDE

They are amusing fellows who are oroud of things which are not in our lower. A man says: I am better than ou, for I possess much land, and you are wasting with hunger. Another ays: I am of consular rank; another: have curly hair. But a horse does not say to a horse: I am superior to ou, for I possess much fodder and ouch barley, and my bits are of gold, and my harness is embroidered; but us says: I am swifter than you. And every animal is better or worse from the own merit or his own badness. Is here, then, no virtue in man only, and must we look to our hair and our idotes, and to our ancestors?

—Epictetus.

### Good Stories

A story is told of two old antagonists who met on a Scotch golf course
every Saturday aftermoon.
On one occasion when they were all
'square' at the seventeenth and the
oser of the previous week had just
played his third in the shape of a
nice approach to the green, last week's
winner came up to his ball with grim
purpose. He had an easy pitch to the
green, but a number of young sheep
were unconcernedly browsing along
the edge.



I'll do."
Saying which, he placed his "frac

Benham:—"You'll have to get a smaller hat, my dear."

Mrs. Benham:—"What for?"
Benham:—"I have been notified by the Street Department that when you stand in the doorway, with your hat on, it extends over the verandah line."

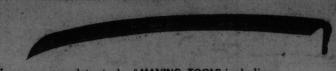
Madde:—"How long do you think that we shall be engaged?" Reginald:—"I have money enough to last about six months."

Wife:-"John, do you ever bet on the races?"
Husband:—"Once in a while; the gin other day I bet a fellow that there were more Italians in this country than Poles."

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A cash deposit must accompany each bid, the amount being as stated in the specification.

A sample of the kind of asphalt proposed to be used and an assayer's certificate of the analysis thereof must accompany each tender.

The city does not bind itself to accept the lowes; or any tender.

All tenders must be addressed to the Common Clerk, Room No. 3, City Hall, who will receive bids until noon of Tuesday, July 26th instant.

No bids will be cansidered unless on the form supplied from the Engineer's office.

WM. MURDOCH.

City Engineer.

ADAM P. MACINTYRE,

Comptroller.

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