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—(BROWNING.)

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—(EDWARD EVERETT HALE.)

London, Wednesday, April 4.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is the ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of Toronto.

—Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these columns. Neither the writing nor the publication of anonymous letters can be justified.

—The King of Belgium has bought a bicycle. Is he getting ready to go?

—The most remarkable thing about Mr. Foster's tariff deliverance was its length. Its reductions are decidedly short.

—Waterloo county treats its poor with some consideration. At its house of industry, a chapel for public worship will be erected this summer.

—The only value attaching to the statement that the puny reductions of the new schedule have lightened the burden is the open confession that the tariff is a tax.

—No one who is willing to contribute handsomely to the Conservative election fund need despair of having the tariff fixed suit him. It is easy for the needy ministers to find a "clerical error" if the applicant is of the right stamp.

—The ADVERTISER has pointed out that W. R. Meredith has put himself in a position antagonistic to London's best interests through becoming legal adviser of Toronto, a city that is the rival of London, which Mr. Meredith deserted several years since. Our city contemporary asserts that to state this fact is to fling "ill-natured slurs" at our former fellow townsman. It knows that the charge is not well founded, but it has no other way of meeting the arguments that we have fairly brought against the candidature of the Toronto city solicitor in the self-respecting city of London.

—Dr. Ryerson, M. P. P. for Toronto, has applied to the Legislature for the religious of the temporary officers of the Public Works Department last year. There are certain public men who are never happy unless they are attempting to make believe that they are possessed of consuming zeal for their particular brand of religion. Dr. Ryerson is one of these. He will get his returns, as no one opposed his demand. It is to be hoped that he will be more scrupulous in quoting the details of these returns than he was with regard to the official returns as to the relative cost of maintaining inmates of public institutions. In Dr. Ryerson's hands a little multiplication table is a dangerous thing.

—To tell the truth and nothing but the truth about the London Seat Seal is, in the estimation of the London Free Press, to "fan the fires of political hatred." Our contemporary has defended that outrage again and again, and misrepresented the deeds of its judge editor, and has demanded that Parliament should suppress an investigation of the whole matter. Surely its pursuance of a policy so unwarranted by the facts of which it is cognizant brands it as a fanner of political hatred. Self-respect compels a wronged elector to resist by every legitimate means a great wrong or the attempt to make him believe that it is a great right. Does the Free Press think that we will be deterred from exposing its share in the conspiracy on every occasion when it or any of its coadjutors essays to misrepresent the real facts of the case?

NO POSTAL REFORM.
 It is to be regretted that the Dominion Government has refused to provide for the guarantee that all registered letters sent by mail shall be safely delivered to those to whom they are addressed. In Great Britain, through a simple insurance system, graduated according to the value of the letters sent, is in force, and the sender of a registered letter is relieved of all anxiety as to its safety once it is placed in the hands of the postal officials. The registered letter branch of the service pays well, as did the 1-cent city delivery system before it was stupidly abolished. Let both be brought about, and the people who pay for the work will be much better served. They have a 2-cent letter service in both the United States and Great Britain, but once more the Dominion Postmaster-General announces that Canadians cannot have it. This is to be deplored. There would be little if any loss by bringing our letter postage down to the United States basis.

REDISTRIBUTION.

Though at the time of writing the promised measure of redistribution of seats has not been brought down in the Ontario Legislature, the impression seems to exist that outside one or two neighborhoods there will not be any changes in the boundaries. Toronto has been promised four members instead of three as now, and this change will necessitate some alterations. It is not probable that the four will be elected as the three members now are by the voters of the whole city. The more likely change will be to divide the city into single constituencies. Hamilton, which has now a population approaching 50,000, will in all probability be divided into two and be given an additional member. This is rendered possible by the absorption of the suburb of East Hamilton, with a population of several thousands. As a consequence South Wentworth is left with a population considerably less than the average of rural constituencies, as is also North Wentworth. If it could be so arranged, the public interests would be served by so lumping the present three constituencies of Hamilton, North and South Wentworth, with a total population of a little more than 75,000, that the number of members would be still three, while Hamilton would be given such prestige as a two-member city commands. It would be easy, for example, to provide for the consolidation of Wentworth into one constituency. Then Hamilton could be divided into two, and East Hamilton could be made to embrace the suburban townships of Barton and Saltfleet to effect the necessary balance. This practically would give Hamilton two members, while not increasing the number of members in the House, and is therefore commendable. It is not advisable to increase the membership, but rather to keep its reduction in view, and if any general scheme of redistribution were entered on now, it would be advisable to consider the doubling up of certain small constituencies in the east. Were there any changes to be made in this locality we would recommend as a substantial two-member constituency London city, with London West and Westminster township added, forming the three Middlesex constituencies now existing into two full-sized divisions with between 40,000 and 50,000 of a population between them. London and Westminster would be a striking title for the new constituency, would it not?

TRUE AND FALSE ECONOMY.

If sessions of the Legislature should be held only once in two years merely because of the expense, why meet so frequently? Would not once every three years, or even every four years, do? Then why hold county council sessions every half year, thus entailing more expense? Would not a meeting once every year, or every two years, result in a saving? Of course, none of the other business concerns in the Province hold yearly meetings for stock-taking. The bank directors can do as they please for two years! The loan society shareholders know nothing of what their managers are doing except every two years! Joint stock companies of all kinds are kept in the dark regarding the doings of their directors for 24 months at a time. By no means. A yearly accounting is demanded in every instance. The proposition that the Legislature should only once every two years find out what its directors—the Government of the day—had been doing is a tribute of esteem to the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat, for, we take it, that it is the splendid record which it has made which lends hope to the advocates of a partial return of autocratic, semi-responsible administration.

But where would the taxpayers be, as we have before now asked, if a gang such as sought to get control of the Administration a few years ago, by the expenditure of bribery money among a few needy members, should succeed at some future time? Why, before the two years' interregnum in legislative oversight ended, the rascals might get away with millions of public property, in one shape or other. We believe in the old adage that "short reckonings make good friends," and, we may add, tend to keep governments in the path of rectitude when tempted.

Abolish the Senate, and save money by getting rid of that barnacle. Dismiss or curtail the mounted police. Cease spending several hundreds of thousands of dollars to revise Dominion voters' lists when the municipal lists are at hand, and can be used for nothing. Prevent any man from drawing tribute from the people by force of law, unless the money goes into the public treasury, and is spent for necessary public purposes. Dismiss every superfluous Government official. Refrain from paying the hard-earned taxes of Canadian workers to subsidize professional philanthropists to flood Canada with waifs and strays who ought to be the care of the privileged ones in the old world. Cut down the Dominion Ministry, and save many thousands of dollars a year. But do not be led away with the idea that a slackening of the responsibility of the Provincial Government, by giving carte blanche to the Ministers for two years at a time, is in the public interest.

—When Millionaire Sage thrust Clerk Laidlaw in front of him to protect him from the bomb explosion the poor clerk realized that he had money behind him for the first time. He has just been awarded \$25,000 damages from Sage. Millionaires are not always ready to recognize self-sacrificing efforts on the part of their employees.

LORD ROSEBERY'S DEMOCRACY.

"A satisfied reformer is a dangerous being," remarked Lord Rosebery, Britain's new Liberal Premier, at the great mass meeting in St. James' Hall, London, the other day. The neat expression was cheered by the populace, who apparently were at one with the Prime Minister in believing that there can be no standstill—that we must go forward or retrograde. The meeting was held under the auspices of the great municipal body, the London County Council, of which Lord Rosebery has for some time been chairman. By the way, the Premier presented himself to the meeting, "not as a hereditary legislator, but as a member for a constituency as populous, as democratic, as thoroughly working-class, as any that is represented in the House of Commons." Lord Rosebery referred to the fact that he represented East Finsbury in the county council, and the cheering that followed his reference to the subject shows how popular he is among his constituents. If the House of Lords is abolished, or reformed so as to enable its members to be put in nomination as candidates for the House of Commons, we believe there is not a radical constituency that would not be willing to elect the Premier as its representative. He has often expressed the wish that such a consummation could be brought about.

NOT A POOR MAN'S TARIFF.

(Toronto News.)

Foster's budget involves a tax of 30 per cent on foreign-made sewing machines. This is a fairly high price to pay for the privilege of maintaining factories in which 151 hands are employed.

It would be better to abolish industries that can only be maintained by a protective tax of 30 to 50 per cent, and add the operatives employed in them to the pension list.

The duty on velveteens, worn by people in moderate circumstances, has been increased from 20 to 30 per cent, while that on silk velvets, worn by the rich, remains as it was before.

THE REVISED TARIFF.

(Canada Farmers' Sun, Official Organ of the Patrons of Industry.)

The tariff has been revised and an effort has been made to create an impression that action has been taken in the interests of farmers. God help the farmers if they can get no more relief than is indicated by the figures presented by Minister Foster.

The best showing is made in agricultural implements, on which the duty has been reduced from 35 per cent to 20 per cent. "Look what a grand reduction has been made to satisfy the farmers," say the men who are still clinging to the protection fraud.

In 1878 a 20 per cent tariff was regarded so exorbitant that Premier Mackenzie refused to adopt it, and that which is deemed to be exorbitant then is equally unreasonable now. Moreover, the tax on implements is much lower than the average tariff on other articles, and there is this further consideration, that the manufacturers of implements are in some measure compensated by lower duties on the raw material used in their construction.

The question to be considered is the effect of the change. Implements are imported largely in Manitoba and to some extent the purchasers there will be relieved. But very few implements have been imported in Ontario and Quebec, and quite a few will be imported under the new figures as under the old, the tariff being still prohibitory. The farmers are as completely in the hands of the manufacturers to-day as they were a week ago.

The subject is a large one, but in no particular case it is shown that such relief has been given as has been desired by farmers. Coal oil is still heavily protected and so on all along the line. Goods from Great Britain are also protected in the wrong way. The Patrons' desire that we should enjoy free trade with free trade countries, only luxuries being taxed for revenue purposes, has not been regarded with any degree of favor.

The mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse.



When my little girl was one month old, she had a scab form on her face. It kept spreading until she was completely covered from head to foot. Then she had boils. She had forty on her head at one time, and more on her body. When six months old she did not weigh seven pounds, a pound and a half less than at birth. Then her skin started to dry up and got so bad she could not shut her eyes to sleep, but laid with them half open. About this time, at the earnest request of friends, I started using the CUTICURA REMEDIES, and in one month she was completely cured. The doctor and drug bills were over one hundred dollars, the Cuticura bill was not more than five dollars. My child is now two years old, strong, healthy and large as any child of her age (see photo.) and it is all owing to CUTICURA. Yours with a Mother's Blessing, MRS. GEO. H. TUCKER, JR., 335 Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

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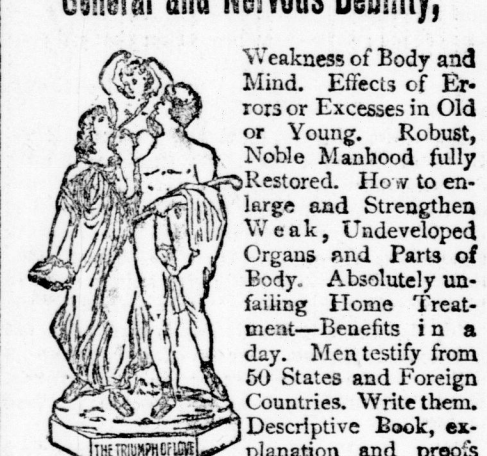
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