

## BUSINESS AND LABOR NOTES.

Building operations are expected to be more than usually active in Ottawa this season.

An agreement has been reached in Marblehead, Massachusetts, which is hoped to put an end to the lockout of fourteen hundred workmen.

Boys employed at the Albion coal mines, Nova Scotia, have struck for more pay, and an advance is asked for at neighboring collieries.

Improvement in general business is reported from leading centres in the United States as continuing, the Pacific coast in particular being in the enjoyment of unwonted prosperity.

A vast combination is said to have been formed by oil capitalists of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Chicago, to buy up all the petroleum above ground and hold it for one dollar fifty cents a barrel.

The Halifax Steam Navigation Company, with a capital of three hundred thousand dollars, to run a monthly steamer each way between Great Britain and the ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John, New Brunswick, is projected in Halifax with good prospects.

A panic has occurred in Chicago through the failure of the speculating firm of McGeoch, Everingham & Co., the heaviest dealers in lard and provisions on the Chicago Board. Their losses are over a million dollars, and they have pulled down a large number of concerns with them.

The seventeen year locusts have appeared in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Wheat and corn crops have been greatly improved in Virginia and North Carolina by recent rains. Chicago calculations indicate for oats this season the enormous yield of a hundred million bushels.

A contract has been signed between Mr. Munderloh, German Consul in Montreal, and the Dominion Government, the latter agreeing to pay a subsidy of two thousand dollars a trip to a steamship line making twelve round trips annually, between Antwerp, Belgium, and Montreal in summer, and Antwerp and Portland, Maine, in winter, calling at Halifax.

## TEMPERANCE ITEMS.

Licenses have been refused on the Island Park by the Commissioners of Toronto. It would be well if public pleasure grounds everywhere were prohibited to the baneful business. There can be no pleasure for decent people where it is given free course.

The Town Council of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, has taken the responsibility of enforcing the Canada Temperance Act within the corporation. A bad state of affairs had arisen there during the delay occasioned, first, by the pending of the question of the constitutionality of the Act, and, secondly, by the discussion of the question as to whom should be responsible for its enforcement when it had been confirmed by the highest court in the British Empire. Without the legal machinery in operation illicit selling grew to great proportions, accompanied by every species of evil that the traffic produces. Since the decision of the Council referred to has been given, the liquor dealers have raised a thousand dollars to contest the legality of the town authorities undertaking the enforcement of the Act. Nothing but desperation could induce the trade to invite another judicial rebuff in the matter of the Act in question, which, if we do not greatly mistake, it is almost certain to receive.

## THE WEEK.

ALL THE STRENGTH of Madagascar is being concentrated at the capital, where a determined stand will be made against France.

SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, formerly Governor of Vancouver's Island and lately Governor of Queensland, Australia, is dead.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT is projecting a grand celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the continent of America.

"LADY CUYLER," a trotter on the Montross track, New York, has made the unprecedented time of a mile in one minute five and three-quarter seconds.

FOLLOWING THE ENGLISH SYSTEM, sixteen marksmen from each field battery in Ontario will assemble at Toronto from the fourth to the eighth of September for practice.

SULLIVAN, a BOSTON BOXER, seems to have turned his knowledge of the "manly art" to account in thrashing his wife, as she has sworn out a warrant against him for that pastime.

JAMES E. TOMPKINS, belonging to Kingston, Ontario, has just been released from the Erie Penitentiary, New York, where he was imprisoned for a robbery of which he is now found innocent.

COMMODORE WALTER, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, announces permission to any number of American naval officers awaiting orders to enter the naval service of China pending hostilities between that nation and France.

THE CANADIAN LACROSSE PLAYING and emigration expedition is meeting with brilliant success in the United Kingdom. A splendid exhibition of the game was given in London the other day, which was viewed by an immense crowd.

NORMAN L. MUNRO, a New York publisher, has sued James Gordon Bennett, owner of the New York Herald, for a hundred thousand dollars' damages for having broken up his family and destroyed his home by slanders published in that paper.

AT THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Press Fund, in London, Mr. Hugh Childers, Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke of the great progress of the press in America, giving as an instance the publishing of the entire revised New Testament in one issue of a Chicago paper.

A FAMILY NAMED SLADE in Hartford, Connecticut, have unearthed an ancient Crown deed to the estates that form part of the site of the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Though the property is worth millions, the deed being over a hundred years old must now be worthless except as a relic.

AT THE CLOSING SESSION of the American Medical Association in Cleveland, a resolution was offered by Surgeon-General Kellar and referred to the hygiene committee, declaring that cremation, or disposing of the bodies of the dead by burning, will be a sanitary necessity in the near future.

THE TRACK OF THE MAIN LINE of the Canadian Pacific Railway is now laid as far west as Medicine Hat, on the South Saskatchewan River, six hundred and sixty miles west of Winnipeg. A new time-table has been issued, scheduling trains from Port Arthur, Lake Superior, to Medicine Hat, one thousand and ninety-five miles.

CORNWALL, Ontario, ratepayers have by a majority of six approved a by-law to raise twenty-five thousand dollars for a new Protestant school-house.

SIR ALEXANDER GALT will not take a seat in the Dominion Cabinet, but will devote his whole attention to the settlement of his lands and the development of his coal claims in the North-West.

LAST WEEK A SERIES OF FESTIVITIES took place in Birmingham, England, commemorative of the services of the Right Honorable John Bright, as representative of that town in Parliament for over a quarter of a century. Mr. Bright received over a hundred and fifty addresses of congratulation from various Liberal associations. He delivered an address on Tuesday to an audience of over two thousand persons, in which he reviewed the events of the past fifty years, laying stress upon the enormous advantages conferred on the country by the repeal of the Corn Laws, which ended the taxing of the necessaries of life, it is to be hoped forever, in the United Kingdom. Mr. Bright expressed his belief that the next presidential election in the United States would be fought out upon the question of free trade. At a banquet tendered the venerable statesman on Thursday evening, Lord Granville, Foreign Secretary, said, referring to Mr. Bright's remarks concerning America:—"In the official position which I hold I am peculiarly alive to the very kind and fit language expressed by Mr. Bright and others as to the friendly character of the United States, and in promotion of the excellent relations which, without doubt, more now than at any previous time exist between native born Americans and the English people." In the House of Commons Sir Stafford Northcote called attention to what he charged was a breach of privilege committed by Mr. Bright, in saying in one of his speeches at the celebration that "Tory obstructionists in alliance with the Irish rebels were doing their utmost to make it impossible for the House to do any work." Mr. Bright, while admitting that his choice of language might not have been the best, defended the sentiments expressed, and the House voted down the resolution declaring his words a breach of privilege. During the discussion there were some extremely acrimonious passages between Irish members and others.

## GLEANINGS OF THOUGHT.

All objects lose by too familiar view. Forgetting a wrong is a mild revenge.

Frugality is good if liberality be joined with it.

The best things, when corrupted, become the worst.

It is good to rectify our natures, but not to force them.

Frugality is a fair fortune, and industry a good estate.

Every one of our actions will be rewarded or punished.

Those who hope for no other life are dead even for this.

Doing justice to worthy qualities is a credit to our judgment.

One general mark of an impostor is that he outdoes the original.

It is not calling your neighbor names that settles a question.—*D'Israeli*.

It is in all things a profitable wisdom to know when we have done enough.

He that is ashamed to be seen in a mean condition, would be proud of a splendid one.

The greatest victories and the sweetest enjoyments are reached through suffering.

Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but the truth.—*Matthew Henry*.

Old truths are always new to us if they come with the smell of heaven upon them.—*Bunyan*.

Genius at first is nothing more than a great capacity for receiving discipline.—*George Eliot*.

There are none that fall so unpitied as those that have raised themselves upon the spoils of the public.

In the affairs of life activity is to be preferred to dignity, and practical energy and despatch to premeditated composure and reserve.

One proffering to show Themistocles the art of memory he answered, he had much rather he would teach him that of forgetfulness.

All qualities are catching, as well as diseases; and the mind is at least as much, if not a great deal more, liable to infection, than the body.

They who live under a tyranny, and have learned to admire its power as sacred and divine, are deluded as much in their religion as in their morals.

Our happiness depends less upon the art of pleasing than upon a uniform disposition to please. The difference is that which exists between ceremony and sincerity.

Censure and criticism never hurt anybody. If false, they cannot harm you, unless you are wanting in character; and if true, they show a man his weak points, and forewarn him against failure and trouble.

If the truth could be generally appreciated that a life of labor is, in its highest form, a life of pleasure, that not only is it sweetened by the hope of recompense, but by the actual delight of exerting the powers to the utmost, and of seeing the work grow and improve under our hands, there would be a transformation in our industries. The joy of excellence once tasted would not willingly be resigned, and poor inefficient work would be at a discount, not merely in the price it could command, but in the actual pleasure of performance.

## LAUGHING GAS.

Always cling to an argument; unless you happen to fall in the river, and then cling to anything you can lay your hands on.

"Yes," she said, "I'm glad warm weather is here. Warm weather makes my husband sleepy in the evenings, and when he's asleep he isn't growling."

Tit for tat: A. Is the Baron at home? B. No, he sends word to you that he has just gone out. A. Good! Give the baron my compliments, and say that I didn't call.—*Fliegende Blätter*.

"Sanded strawberries" is a new game which is played at the table when the strawberries have been properly prepared for the palate. The game is to guess whether the sand came with the berries or the sugar.—*Philadelphia News*.

"Doctor," said a wealthy patient to his physician, "I want you to be thorough and strike at the root of the disease." "Well, I will," said the doctor, as he lifted his cane and brought it down hard enough to break into pieces a bottle and glass that stood upon the sideboard.

A youngster of a dozen years went to pass the Whitsuntide holidays with his grandmother in the country. In the evening when they sat down to dinner the grandmother cried: "Oh my! There are thirteen of us!" "Don't be worried, grandmother," cried the youngster, "I will eat for two!"

Old gentleman in a beer garden near the railway depot, waiting for his wife to arrive on the next train, complaining to himself—"Here I have already drunk six glasses of Pilsener, and (looking at his watch) the train will not be here for one hour to come. This will compel me to drink six more glasses. It's terrible. What an expensive wife I have got!"—*Fliegende Blätter*.

Hook one day walking in the Strand with a friend had his attention directed to a very pompous gentleman, who strutted along as if the street was his own. Instantly leaving his companion, Hook went up to the stranger and said, "I beg your pardon, sir, but pray, may I ask, are you anybody in particular?" Before the astonished magnifico could collect himself so as to reply, Hook passed on.