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MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1882. WORKINGMEN AND THE PRANCHISE.

A few plain words on the question of the franchise are suggested by the platform of the workingmen. The franchise we new have serves a treble purpose. It is used (1) in elections for the dominion parliament; (2) in elections for the Ontario legislature ; and (3) in elections for municipal councils. It is quite possible that a franchise suitable for one of these purposes may not be suitit is or not can be easily ascertained by a reference to the principles underlying the right of representation in law-making gether is the abolition of wards and the

Under our present constitution, every man who pays taxes to the dominion ought to have a vote in the election of those who have the management of the money he contributes. The dominion franchise, therefore, ought to be conferred on all who pay taxes, subject to the usual restrictions as to nce, citizenship and society. It ought to be what is usually known as man- his dishonored grave. We might well beood suffrage. At present the dominion parliament prescribes no franchise of its own. It adopts for purposes of dominion elections the franchise prescribed by each Unitarians into both; but that the Roman province for itself, and these franchises are exceedingly varied. In Prince Edward Is-

only to a trifling extent, but as each citizen has a proprietary interest in the public lands and timber, which form our chief ple entitled to some say in the election of those who are to manage his property. Manhood suffrage ought therefore to be the rule also in provincial elections. At present the municipal assessment, in respect of both property and income, is made the basis of he voting privilege for provincial and also for dominion parliamentary elections. That assessment is also the basis of the municipal franchise, the same voters' lists being used for all three purposes. We have just seen that the true idea of the dominion and provincial franchises is manhood suffrage; let us now see in what direction and to what extent reform of the franchise for municipal purposes should be carried.

It is right enough that taxation, whether on property or income, should be made the condition of a vote in municipal elections, The direct taxes we pay are all paid for municipal purposes, and we pay little or none that are not levied directly by means of the assessment roll. On the same general taxation carries with it the right to representation every man who appears on the at \$400 in a city before he can vote, but if | will be traduced-till the archbishop and he is in a town \$300 will suffice, and if in a his flock have been heard from at the polls. rural district \$200. This is equivalent to saying that the small property holders are less intelligent and less trustworthy in a city than in a town or village-which every-

body knows to be unmitigated rubbish. In recent articles on the ward system we municipal franchise. There is no possibility of estimating the amount of a man's stake perty ne holds. The true test, if it could be applied, would be the man's ability to pay his share of the taxes as compared with other men's ability to pay their shares. For instance, one property-holder is assessed should supersede license for money.

says the province should be above deriving a revenue from such a traffic.

"Repression and restraint are better, in season and in practics than prohibition. Permits and bonde the man's ability to pay their shares. Should supersede license for money.

for property on which he is required to pay \$1,000 of taxes; another is assessed at a figure which requires him to pay \$10 of taxes. It may be far easier for the rich man to pay his \$1,000 than for the poor man to pay his \$10,000 than for the poor man to pay his \$10, and it often is easier. In such a case any one can see for himself that the poor man's stake in the community is greater than his rich neighbor's in spite of his smaller assessment. As it costs him more exertion and self-denial to pay what is levied on him, he is more interested in seeing that the civic funds are expended to the best possible advantage. This is so clear as to need no elaboration.

There is no reason why liqor laws should not be as rigidly enforced as excise laws. Permits should be largely decreased in umber, and quite fast enough for the march of public opinion, as forfeitures and business that leave now without confiscation of the law of the law. "The summary jurisdiction of justices of the peace should be transferred to the county jurisdiction of justices of the peace should be transferred to the county jurisdiction of justices of the peace should be transferred to the peace

clear as to need no elaboration. Then if the amount of the taxpayer's inerest in the administration of civic affairs is not capable of being determined by the n direct proportion to his ability to pay the taxes he owes to the corporation, no tax-payer should be prevented from voting? This is one inevitable inference from a consideration of the facts and of the principle anderlying them. Another is that no man should be able to vote more than once as is now done under the ward system. No mat-ter how much property A holds inside the city limits, and no matter where it lies, it is all subject to the same civic administration as the poor man's tenement, the taxes on which cost him many a day's hard toil on the streets or in the artisan's shop. It is scandalous that so invidious a discriminaion against the poor and in favor of the rich should have been allowed to exist so ong. Fortunately the small property holders are numerous enough to bring about reform if they choose to set about it.

The present iniquitous franchise is some-times defended on the ground that when questions involving increase of taxation come up the poor man's vote is purchasable. There is nothing in the history of this city t least to justify any such charge. Tornto has suffered far more from the schemes of ward politicians, who purchase property n certain localities and then do their utnost to get it improved and made valuable t the city's expense. How many times has this case been repeated : An alderman, either by himself, or as member of a syndicate, becomes interested in a piece of farm or other vacant propery inside, or just outside the city limits. At once the discovery is made that pavements, culverts, sidewalks, public buildings, bridges, etc., are all dearness of hops is assigned as the cause.

whom has only one vote for each alderman, THE MILLENIUM. We were under the impression that the millenium was not very far of, but we had no idea that it was so near as it is. We now learn that the whole christian world with its wealth of sects are to come together and shake hands over Marmion in lieve that high church divines would lay away their creed and their crozier, that Baptists would merge into Methodists, and church with its retinue of nuns and monks and priests and bishops and cardinals, with exceedingly varied. In Prince Edward 1s and priests and bishops and cardinals, with the pope thrown in, would turn Presby terian en masse and mingle in unity with the heretics over the said grave was more than we were led to expect would his father is made a voter in his own right.

In Ontario the province collects taxes and mingle in unity with the heretics over the said grave was more than we were led to expect would happen immediately. It is a lucky thing that bad texts are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and there is manhood suffrage, and in most the property and the property and the province of the others there is a combined property and the province of the others there is a combined property to make a thorough investigation of a certain part of the purpose, being assisted by a junior hand. In order to impress upon the junior the impression of the province collects taxes that the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set affost, and the province collects taxes are now again set afforts. The citated affords purpose, being assisted by a junior hand. In order to impress upon the junior the impression of the province collects taxes are now again set afforts. The citated affords purpose, being assisted by a junior hand. In order to make a thorough investigation. It being necessary to make a thorough investigation. It being necessary to ma never be reached. And if the parson will not of his own free lay by his stole and the priest turn Presbyterian, we may be sure that the event will happen all the same, for there is at this moment a "noble

> praying : That the grey dawn of the morning may fade int the brilliant sunlight of noon, when the words pro-testant, Roman catholic, and Greek shall ne longer e symbols of division in the one grand christia

ninded man" in the Globe newspaper office

or Ephraim envy Judah." Whatever female wrote this, and she is evidently not young, is an acquisition to the race. Here is how she apologizes for the minister's cleverness in to-day prescribing a book and to-morrow forbidding it, after the children had been put to thousands of dollars expense:

Is it not high time in the latter part of thi eteenth century to recognize one of the many sided significance of that greatest martyr-death-of tree."-wholes He looked over ruling scribe and lord of hearts a glimmering desire for the glory of the principle above referred to, therefore, that eternal, could still say, "Father, forgive them, for

She might have thrown in a litany or assessment roll should appear also on the two here, but the omission is we suppose voters' list. If some taxpayers are allowed an oversight. It will be observed that in to vote and others are not, where is the this most crushing reply to the dividing line to be drawn, and on what charge against Mr. Crooks, she principle? If it is not drawn on some also makes further arrangements principle, it must be drawn arbitrarily, and for the millenium. And we may be sure it is surely time we had all arbitrary class | that the arrangement will go on ; that this distinctions eliminated from our political lady will exhibit her St. Vitus dance in her systems. It is said that a man must have scatter-headed style every now and again : a certain amount of stake in the municip- that the "neble man" who gnashes his teeth ality before he can be safely entrusted with in the Globe office over the miserable salary the franchise. Be it 20; then how is the they are paying him will go on praying amount of his stake to be determined? At though he be a freethinker; that Rome will present a man must hold property valued have "many defendars," and that Marmien

A MAN OF IDEAS. D. Wilson Ross who is ont as the servative candidate in South Bruce is a man of opinions and one not afraid to express them. His address to the electors fills two columns of the Hanover Post. He opposes have laid down the correct principle of a the government's course in the boundary

Regarding the liquor and license laws he

UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. other cities have seriously contemplated a wanted in that locality, and there is a So long back as the lager question was made constant system of wire-pulling and log. the subject of several stormy meetings of constant system of wire-pulling and logrolling kept up in order to get as many of
these improvements as possible at the public expense. As we have already pointed
out in the introduction of the frontage
system, has diminished this evil; what is
wanted inorder to get it routed out altogether is the abolition of wards and the
election of aldermen by city voters, each of
whom has only one vote for each alderman.

Was Grant in Canada? President Arthur is believed to be the first the limits of a foreign country during his the limits of a foreign country during his term of office. It is understeed that his yacht crossed the dividing line into Canada last week through an ominous passage known as Lost Channel. Several gentlemen informed a World reporter that Gen. Grant when president called into the port of Toronto on a steamboat when going down the lake. Who saw him?

A Fiendish Outrage. In one of the city banks the other day an event happened which is deemed worty of portance of the work he was about enter-ing on, the senior informed him that an anonymous letter had been received by the bank authorities containing information of the surreptitious deposit of a quantity of dynamite, and that it was fer the purpose of dynamite, and that it was fer the purpose of ferreting out the dynamite that they had been selected. The horror of the junior clerk was only equalled by the apparent bravery of his co-worker, as with lighted candle he proceeded fearlessly to investigate the mysteries. Fear, indeed, so worked on the junior's imagination as to cause him to see suspicious packages in the most innocent looking books and parcels. When shortly afterwards the manager came in to inquire afterwards the manager came in to inquire the result he was not a little taken aback by the question of the junior as to the exact locality the dynamite was supposed to be in.
And now it is only necessary to say "dynamite" to that youth to make the rash individual an "uninsurable risk."

WORLD BALLADS.

AF IDYL OF THE SILLY—BY THE BARD OF PULPTOWER. Utter, my soul, the song of the Mail and its Sa

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A boy foiled two burglars at Johnston, R. I. They had stelen \$1500 in a box from a house, and were making off when

ormerly a Nurse in the Toronto Hospita and a Ladies Haid on the Armenta-Her friends in Hagland. Mr. Wm. F. Brayne of 249 Wilton

Lorrette, near Quebec, a week ago to-day. This will effectually clear up the mystery

sheainess, one unqualined justice, within a few miles of the county town, has done sufficient of this work to condemn the whole system.

"Grand juries are secret irresponsible bodies, composed of untrained men, on whom are imposed difficult judicial duties, the result being that they act as a screen to locally infuential criminals. By far the greater number of criminals are now tried, and justice is better administered without than with the interrention of grand juries.

"County councils half as large as the provincial legislature are amonalous lacts. A committee of five members, balloted for at the beginning of the year by the reeves and deputies elect, would do the work better.

"The credit system, the bane of trade, should be discouraged by legislation, credit contracts should be reduced to writing, with the terms and extent of credits stated. The holders of promissory notes should have as speedy a remedy as landlords and morting agrees, and as their part of the risk, they should be deprived of costs. A system under which the debtor is often ruined without costs and the creditor gets nothing, is essentially barbarous. The whole tendies on the design of the credit or gets nothing, is essentially barbarous. The whole tendies of the credit or gets nothing, is essentially barbarous. The whole tendies of the credit or gets nothing, it is departed the rooms over me, and she started for England on Friday previous to the day of her death from the United States have been introduced here in a degenerate form. An aspirant by intrigue gets his friends to muster, or self-constituted leaders meet and nominate a candidate or victim, as the case may be.

INORE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

HALIPAX, Oct. 7—At a meeting of brewers held here yesterday it was decided, on account of the socarity of hops, to raise the price of ale as follows: 1st quality to 45c per imperial gallon, equal to 37d wine measure; 2nd quality to 37d per imperial gallon, equal to 37d wine measure; 2nd quality to 37d per imperial gallon, equal to 37d wine meas

There was a night when you and I Looked up from where we lay, When we were children, and the sky Was not so far away.

We looked toward the deep dark blu Beyond our window bars, And into all our dreaming drew The spirit of the stars.

We did not see the world asleep— We were already there! We did not find the way so steep To climb that starry stair.

And faint at first and fitfully, Then sweet and shrill and nea We heard the eternal harmony, That only angels hear. And many a hue of many a gem We found for you to wear, And many a shining diadem To bind about your hair.

We saw beneath us faint and if The little cloudlets strewn, And I became a wandering star And you became my moon.

Ah! Have you found our starry skies?
Where are you all the years?
Ch, mood of many memories!
Oh, star of many tears!

The supreme court of Pennsysvania holds that a ticket is not invalidated, as a title to ride, by having been purchased from a person not an authorized agent of the railrood; nor can a theatre manager legally refuse admission on a ticket because it has passed through the hands of a speculator. Stipulations to the contrary, as printed on tickets are of no account.

columns and upon the marbled courts and galleries of the Mehemit Ali mosque which is the chapel of the fortress.

Mr. Hammond, engineer and genera manager of an important Brazilian railroad bears strong testimony to the value of coffe as a preventive against miasmatic fevers He instances the case of Father Vaughan who, on a journey through a most un-healthy country from Panama to the River Platte, considered that he owed his health to taking strong coffee, and mentions that since the natives in pestilent districts in Ecuador have taken to drinking it the death rate has fallen considerably.

rate has fallen considerably.

The latest bit of legal sensational news is that Sergeant Ballantine has been asked to go out to Egypt to defend Arabi Pasha. As the learned sergeant is now in his sixty-eighth year, he would certainly exhibit great enterprise if he went to the land of the sphinx to plead on behalf of the Egyptian leader. It will be remembered that some years ago this distinguished English barrister went out to India to defend the Guicowar of Baroda, and received on that occasion an enormous fee for his services, a large portion of which he dropped at Monaco on his jway home. co on his way home.

Once on a time a Dutchman and Frenchman were traveling in Pennsylvani where their horse lost a shoe. They drove up to a blacksmith's shop, and no one being in they proceeded to the house to inquire. The Frenchman rapped and called out, "Is de smitty wittin?" "Sthand back," says Hans; "let me spheak. Isli der blacksmit's shop en der house?"

A Lucky Colored Cook. JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 7.—Dr. Bennett, a prominent citizen, who recently died, left a will bequeathing \$50,000 to his colored cook, calling her his wife, and his other relatives he cut off without a cent.

Grand Oddfellows' Demonstration Boston, Oct. 7.—A grand demonstration of oddfellows of the United States, Canada and the West Indies took place here today. A large number of lodges were in line, with numerous bands. The display was excellent. Funds for the Irish Land League

New York, Oct. 7.—The editor of the Irish World has cabled the treasurer of the land league \$17,000, making a total of \$340,200 remitted by the Irish World. It now closes the fund for the reason that there is no lenger a land league in existence.

Judge Lynch Hanging Outlaws. Louisville, Oct. 7.—In Caldwall county the vigilantes in the past few weeks have hanged five members of the Campbell gang of outlaws, including a woman.

More Almshouse Swindling. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.—Henry Myers, flour dealer, was arrested to-day and held in \$5,000 bail, charged with conspiring with Phipps, ex superintendent of the almshouse and ex storekeeper, to cheat and defraud the

tion here, and what is puzzling most of us is that it should follow the lead of the Mail in Formerly a Nurse in the Toronto Hospital and a Ladies' Hald on the Armenia the friends in Hagiand.

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Mr. Wm. F. Brayne of 240 Wilton avenue, Toronto, has contributed the following information regarding the identity of the young Enghsh woman found dead at the contributed the following and the property of the young Enghsh woman found dead at the contributed to the contributed the following the property of the young Enghsh woman found dead at the contributed the following the property of the young Enghsh woman found dead at the contributed the property of the pro

Washington, Oct. 7—At the agricultural department yesterday Mrs. J. D. O'Connell, wife of the chief of the stationery, pay and property department of the stationery, pay assaulted a young widow, whom she charged had alienated her husband's affections. The widow denies that she ever before heard of O'Connell, and the latter declares that the widow is a stranger to him. It is said Mrs. O'Connell's mind is unsettled.

COALFIELD. Va, Oct. 7—The grove shaft of the Midlothian mines, in which thirty-two men lost their lives last February, has been partially re-opened and the bodies of two colored miners were recovered to-day. They were not recognizable except by their clothing. Two other bodies are in sight but cannot yet be reached on account of the debris. The work will be continued until the twenty-five bodies still in the mine are recovered. The company then proposes to resume operations.

Handy Andy Romance in Real Life. Baltimone, Oct. 7—Arnault Williams, a young millionaire who mysteriously disappeared last spring upon the eve of marriage to a prominent society belle, has occasioned a great sensation by his sudden reappearance and a private marriage last night.

During the five years preceding 1881 murders in France numbered 340. Most occurred in the south. Eighty-four per cent of the priminals are males, 30 per cent can't read or write, and 4 per cent have had



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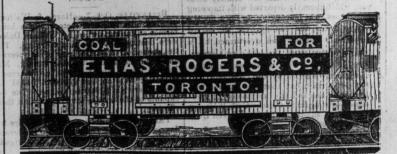
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