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London, Saturday, August 6.

JOHN BRIGHT AND THE FUTURE OF CANADA.

Some of our contemporaries pitch into the late John Bright for making the speech in favor of the establishment of perpetual unity between the two sections of the English-speaking people from which we have quoted. They also berate the ADVERTISER for giving the sentiments space.

John Bright was a good man, and when discussing the welfare of the race he invariably took unassailable ground. He never failed to speak his mind, no matter how unpopular his views for the time being might be. When he joined Cobden in the effort to rid Great Britain of the class "protective" laws that had brought ruin and starvation to many thousands of his fellow-citizens, he was denounced by the landlords and the tuft-hunting press of that day as unpatriotic and as selfish, but he lived to see the corn laws abolished and to receive the plaudits and the sincere thanks of the populace. John Bright raised his voice against the iniquitous decree of the Government of the day that China should be compelled by British ironclads to receive the odious opium drug from India. Who now will say that the war then declared against China was a just attack? That war, as John Bright eloquently pleaded at the time, was a great and an expensive mistake. It was unworthy of a Christian nation. Bright was right.

The occasion of the speech from which we have quoted was a meeting to protest against the anti-American feeling that the jingoes of that day had stirred up. When many of his fellow-statesmen in England believed that slavery would triumph, and that the United States would go to smash; and while there were politicians in Canada that publicly and privately expressed approval of the sentiment, and did their little best to keep the great sore open, John Bright stood unmoved and unmovable in his view that a United America, without slavery, would be best for the States and best for the world. His views were well founded, and that the subsequent history of the country to our south has amply proved. He went further, as may be gathered from the beautiful extract again given herewith:

"I cannot believe that civilization, in its journey with the sun, will sink into endless night in order to gratify the ambition of the leaders of this revolt, who seek to

Wade through slaughter to a throne,
And shut the gates of mercy on mankind.

I have another and a far brighter vision before my gaze. It may be but a vision, but I will cherish it. I see one vast confederation, stretching from the frozen north in unbroken line to the glowing south, and from the wild billows of the Atlantic westward to the calmer water of the Pacific main—and I see one people and one language and one law and one faith, and over all that wide continent the home of freedom and a refuge for the oppressed of every race and of every clime."

The ADVERTISER has been asked if it indorses this dream of the reunion of the Anglo-Saxon race on this continent, which, as the great English tribune points out, would be productive of most important and far-reaching results.

We had thought that the views of the ADVERTISER on the question of the future relations of this country to the nations of the world had already been made sufficiently explicit. Our hope has been that in the future—it may be near, or it may be distant—there will be a reunion of the English-speaking peoples in the old and new worlds, thus healing all schisms and settling all differences that may have arisen in the last century. Call it a confederation, an alliance, or what you will, so long as its intent and fruits shall be concord between the different branches of the race, the promotion of those arts and sciences that make for peace, for freedom and for the development and improvement of the English-speaking people wheresoever found.

Our views on this subject, it is reassuring to know, are held by such progressive statesmen as Lord Rosebery and the Earl of Aberdeen. Is it too much to hope that they may yet be realized?

What an influence for good would such a confederation or alliance be? It would not be founded for military purposes, as is the Triple Alliance on the European continent. It would not exist to maintain expensive armaments and engines of war, and to compel conscription and bring about the troubles of compulsory military service. Such an alliance would exist to promote the moral and material welfare of the English-speaking people, both in the old world and in the new, and would result in a general disarmament, out of sheer necessity, on the part of the nations now armed to the teeth.

The ADVERTISER will do what it can to hasten the day when such a consummation may be reached, and meanwhile it will encourage the freest possible discussion of the future of this country. It will trust its fellow Canadians to resist all attempts to stir up enmity between the three sections of the English-speaking race. Those who do attempt to keep them apart by vexatious trade restrictions and by intemperate language are, as Bright points out, the enemies of their kind.

THERE is an agitation in some of our contemporaries for the discouragement of parachute jumping. It is almost useless to try and discourage a business that invariably ends with a collapse—with a "dull, sickening thud," as the reporters have it.

THE STATE AND THE CHURCHES.

The discussion on the proposal to place all the Churches in Wales and Scotland on an equality, by refusing special State indorsation of the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches, has brought out some funny arguments. One church paper, for instance, argues that if the Episcopal Church is disestablished in Wales, and home rule is granted to the Irish, the Noncomformists in Wales will demand recognition as a State Church, and the Roman Catholic body in Ireland will demand of the Irish Legislature that it be recognized as the State religion, and indorsed accordingly. Little heed need be given to arguments like these. However, one might justly argue that if any denomination is to receive State recognition and to be specially favored, it should be the Church of the majority. Those who are moved to fear of the ascendancy of either Noncomformist or Roman Catholic can well possess their souls in patience. If they will note the tendency of the times they will find that it is in the opposite direction to the establishment of any State Church. If they will pursue their inquiries further it will be proved to them that in the United States and Canada, the Church of England, Methodism, Roman Catholicism, Presbyterianism, and other systems of Christianity all flourish without the aid of State props or discrimination. If in this new democratic world, why not in the motherland? The fearful ones can rest assured that once a State Church is disestablished, "not all the king's horses and all the king's men" can set it up again, and it is just as well that it should be so.

SO FEW people know how to aid in the restoration of the half-drowned to consciousness that the Ottawa Journal suggests that a few minutes' instruction once a week or so as to the best means of reviving an apparently drowned person should be given in the public schools. The idea is a good one. The ADVERTISER knows of at least one London boy who lost his life because his companions did not know what to do with him when they dragged his body out of the river in an unconscious condition. Medical men say and experience has proved that life can be restored to bodies that have been many minutes under water and unconscious for an hour or more after being taken out.

LYING REPORTS ABOUT CANADA.

A serious injury is done to the mechanics and laborers of Canada by the circulation of false information in the old world regarding the condition of the labor market.

On July 1 there was issued from the Emigrants' Information Office, London, Eng., a circular stating that there was on that date "a great demand" for farm labor in Toronto and throughout Canada for men in the building trade. This statement was sent broadcast over the old world, being placed on exhibition in every postoffice in Great Britain and Ireland, and it had the indorsation of High Commissioner Tupper. Nevertheless, it stated a positive untruth, and doubtless influenced many men to come to Canada in hope of receiving steady employment who will be grievously disappointed.

The fact is that in almost every large city in Canada the building trades have been dull this year. In Toronto, as asserted at a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night, mechanics out of work have been forced to take laborers' jobs on street railway construction, and some have been compelled to accept charity. One of the delegates suggested "that to prove the falsity of the High Commissioner's information a meeting of the unemployed be called. It would not be accommodated by the largest public hall in the city." The indictment against the false circular issuers is further strengthened by the knowledge that 26 members of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners have left Toronto for the States during the week, while 55 have drawn their clearance cards during summer and left for the same place. It is for enticing old world mechanics to come to Canada and still further crowd the labor market that Canadian wage-earners keep Tupper in London in a palatial residence, pay his taxes and give him $10,000 a year and pickings! Surely the farce has lasted long enough.

Some one writes to a leading English newspaper and asks "What has become of Edison's phonograph?" The writer proceeds to say this is "one of the most mysterious disappearances of modern times. A few years ago it was announced that the famous American inventor had perfected this instrument, and some public experiments that were given certainly seemed to support this view. A simple little apparatus, costing not more than a sovereign to make, was made to reproduce indefinitely any sound, even to a grand instrumental performance that had taken place in another hemisphere. Where is a phonograph to be bought?" With phonographs singing popular songs, with banjo or orchestral accompaniment, playing Wagner and Gilmore selections by orchestras and brass bands, and discussing politics in every corner store in the country, and with many hundreds of phonographs, each doing the work of half a dozen stenographers in offices all over the country, one simply stands aghast at the mediæval state of British civilization, for if the people were ready for the Wizard's wonders the supply would surely be there.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

The anti-Jewish crusade in France is all the more illiberal because of the fact that the existing French republic was founded by a Jew, Gambetta, who was the pupil of another Jew, Cremieux.

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A New York pharmacist has a novel fly trap in his store window. It is run by a little electric motor and gathers in the flies with great celerity and absolute certainty. A piece of strong brown paper, about four inches wide and fifteen inches long, is fastened in a continuous band around two rollers, which are kept revolving at a slow rate by the motor. The band is slightly smeared with a sweet substance. Two-thirds of the length of the band is freely exposed, but at the other roller it runs under a wire cone and then against a brush. The flies alight on the slowly moving band and unsuspectingly remain there sipping the sweets until brushed off, when they fly up into the cone, from which they can find no exit. The cone is a species of fly trap, quite a common device, but the electric motor does not leave it to the flies to get into the trap, but railroads them to destruction. The way it catches flies is a caution.

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Apropos of Mr. Gladstone's visit to Midlothian, mention is made of the large number of reporters who followed him from place to place in carriages. A large number of them hailed from London, though the majority were connected in one way or another with the leading Edinburgh and Glasgow dailies. The reporters on these papers have earned a reputation for accuracy and speed second to that of no other place in the world. Their custom in reporting an important speech is to take it in two minutes', or, as sometimes happens, one minute turns, an arrangement by which five or six reporters following each other in rotation, and alternately taking notes and writing out, keep up close to a speaker, and have the whole speech written out a few minutes after its delivery has been completed. As each page or two are transcribed they are sent off to the telegraph office, and within a quarter of an hour after a speaker sits down, whether it is in a country town in Midlothian or in Aberdeen or Inverness that he is speaking, his speech is generally in type in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and also in the case of Mr. Gladstone and other prominent statesmen, in London.

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Another cherished idol has been dragged from its high pedestal, and another inspiring heroine of song and story humbled in the dust of discredit and repudiation. "Jessie of Lucknow," the Highland lassie who, in the sorely-besieged city during the Indian mutiny, heard the pibroch of her clan afar off above the din of battle and long before any others could be made to hear it, and who cheered her companions just on the point of surrender, to renewed exertions by her thrilling exclamation: "The Campbells are comin'! Oh, dinna ye hear it? dinna ye hear it?" is proved by the Scots themselves to be simply a pleasant myth. The matter has been thoroughly investigated and testimony from many of the survivors of the famous siege has been taken. It is proved that there was no such person as Jessie Brown in the Residency, and that, anyway, it was impossible to hear the bagpipes at the discance declared. Nothing but the roaring of guns could be heard anywhere in the city, and the pipes of the Highlanders were only heard long after the city was practically relieved, and when the pipers were nearing the Bailey guard gate. More than this, the story has been traced to its origin in a little romance written by a French governess at Jersey for the use of her pupils, and followed through its journeyings until it reached the London Times on Dec. 12, 1857. It is sad and a shame, but Jessie has been sent to join William Tell and the other dethroned gods and goddesses, and the Scots gave her up finally and publicly a couple of weeks ago.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

[Toronto Telegram.]

London's corporation employes held their picnic last Saturday, but Toronto's corporation employes hold theirs every lawful a.m. and p.m.

"German Syrup"

Here is an incident from the South—Mississippi, written in April, 1890, just after the Grippe had visited that country. "I am a farmer, one of those who have to rise early and work late. At the beginning of last Winter I was on a trip to the City of Vicksburg, Miss., where I got well drenched in a shower of rain. I went home and was soon after seized with a dry, hacking cough. This grew worse every day, until I had to seek relief. I consulted Dr. Dixon who has since died, and he told me to get a bottle of Boschee's German Syrup. Meantime my cough grew worse and worse and then the Grippe came along and I caught that also very severely. My condition then compelled me to do something. I got two bottles of German Syrup. I began using them, and before taking much of the second bottle, I was entirely clear of the Cough that had hung to me so long, the Grippe, and all its bad effects. I felt tip-top and have felt that way ever since." PETER J. BRIALS, Jr., Cayuga, Hines Co., Miss.

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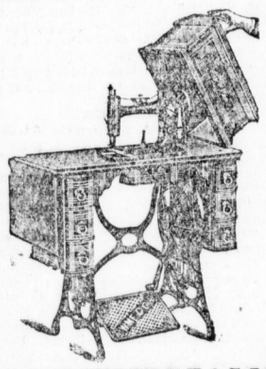

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