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will probably work mischief in the enforcement of the Act. This is especially true with regard to the discretionary powers allowed to medical men and druggists. Still the crucial test was on the wine and beer question, and on this the prohibitionists triumphed. If the promoters of the Act can so enforce its provisions in the counties which have adopted it, during the next few years, as to practically demonstrate that prohibition can be made to prohibit, their future course will be comparatively easy.

The answer of Sir John A. Macdonald to a question in regard to the protection of the Fisheries, gives ground for hope that the renewal of reciprocal trade relations with the United States is at least amongst the possibilities. The fact that the negotiations in respect to both the fisheries and trade relations has to be conducted through the British Colonial office, and that, as a matter of etiquette, no information can be given to Parliament but with the consent of that office, is likely to make itself uncomfortably clear during the next few months. It is not to be expected that in such matters the views and interests of Imperial statesmen will always coincide with those of Canadian representatives, nor have the former always shown that degree either of tact, or of local information, that is needful in such transactions. If any hitch should occur in the pending negotiations that could be regarded as in any respect due to the Home authorities, an argument would be put into the hands of the advocates of Canadian independence which they would not be slow to turn to account.

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The World.

Lord Salisbury, if he really decides to take the reins of Government in England, will find himself in a most trying situation. He will have to lead that rather unmanageable body, the Commons, in the face of a hostile majority. He will almost inevitably have to choose between two ugly horns of a very bad dilemma in framing an Irish policy. His own opposition utterances and those of some of his colleagues, notably Lord Randolph Churchill, will return to harass his foreign office and make his relations with Russia particularly delicate. It seems almost reckless, under the circumstances, to think of making Lord Churchill Secretary for India, unless war is actually invited; though it is hardly credible that Russia could have sent such an ultimatum as that alleged in the despatches. Not for many long years has the political situation in England been so interesting or so critical.

Those who look to prohibition as the only practical way of escape from the evils of the liquor traffic will be glad that the Scott Act has escaped with, comparatively, so little mutilation. Some of the Senate's amendments which were allowed to stand

The School.

The *Chicago Current* thinks the number of 18,061 young women, now studying in various colleges in the United States, decidedly too small, and it is undoubtedly right. The population of the United States is about twelve times that of Canada. One-twelfth of 18,061 is 1,505. Has Canada 1,505 female students receiving a College or University training? Has it half the number?

One of the changes made in the School Act of last session which will be of special interest to teachers, is that making it compulsory on trustees to pay teacher's salaries quarterly, and authorizing them to borrow money, if necessary, for that purpose. Another provision which should be carefully noted by trustees, makes it the duty of inspectors to withhold the grants where the Act and Departmental Regulations are not complied with. Trustees, will therefore, find it necessary to see that teachers are promptly paid, and school buildings kept in thorough repair.

The question of University-Federation has been pretty thoroughly discussed at the various conferences of the Methodist Church. At the London, Guelph and Niagara Conferences resolutions were passed approving of the scheme, but at Toronto the vote was unfavourable. It is clear, since the unequivocal refusal of the friends of Queen's to come into the