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The License Question.

From Le Monde, Conseratrice, Montreal

Centralization as exhibited in the domain of license law is a step toward a legislative union...

All the provinces are bound to resist the encroachment of the central power. If they continue to deprive us of our rights...

Prior to 1835 no attempt was made to legislate on the question of license in the province of Quebec...

Such is the opinion of one of the most prominent papers on the conservative side in the province of Quebec...

First, that the majority of opinion so far is in favor of the provincial view.

Second, that a still greater number of the people of the confederation think that if the control of licenses and the liquor trade is not given into the hands of the provinces...

As Le Monde points out, there is no benefit in a uniform law in this particular; nay, more, the social benefits seem to look the other way.

Sir John Macdonald is bound by every principle of justice, by the mere fact that he is the intruder, so to speak, in the case...

An Anti-British League. From Berlin we hear that the German ministerial organs associate the alliance of Russia, Germany and Austria with the coming league of continental powers against the maritime and commercial supremacy of England...

The Chicago Times calls Sir Richard Cartwright leader of the dominion opposition. Then what is Mr. Blake?

Early arrangements should be made for the reception of the members of the British association for the advancement of science, who will after their meeting at Montreal from Aug. 27 to Sept. 3, find their way to a body in this city, and hence go west to spy out the land in that section where of late English capital has been mostly finding a field for investment...

Possibly this may prove to be one of those cable despatches that are published only to be shortly contradicted. There may be no political alliance against England on the eastern coast, though her present monopoly of war business in Egypt might suggest that France must be feeling more or less excluded...

Britain's insular position is at the bottom of it all. Marlborough won fame on Belgian battle fields, as also did Frederic of Prussia in Central Europe. Napoleon immortalized himself at Marengo and Austerlitz, and remained master of the field at Jena and Friedland. Wellington was the victor after a long struggle in Spain, and finally brought peace to Europe by defeating Napoleon at Waterloo...

The Globe said it was forty years old yesterday. We thought the old lady was at least ninety-five.

The story, which has never yet been told in print, of how Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, crossed the Atlantic, and where he spent his time from the night of April 14 until he was shot on the morning of April 26, will be contributed to the April Century by George Alfred Townsend.

The Toronto presbytery has joined Archbishop Lynch in his still hunt against the freemasons and oddfellows.

Provision Co-Operation. To the Editor of The World. Sir: As intimated in my last letter, I now write you again to urge on you a conclusion your scheme of a provision co-operation association. In all undertakings of the kind mentioned the first thing to be attained is public confidence; this can only

be done by having those acting for the association do everything on the most open and secure basis. A capital of \$10,000 in 20,000 shares of \$5 each, to be called up as required, ought to be sufficient. Let the charter be so framed as to prohibit dealing in anything but what is known as farmers' produce...

Let some one in whom the public has confidence prepare subscribers' books, put them into the hands of persons in the different parts of the city, appoint some trusted bank to receive the subscriptions, get a few active business men, along with some workmen and a farmer, to form the first board, incorporate the association, and appoint a manager capable and active and well posted, pay him a reasonable salary, select a building near the market for the central store, not near the corner of Yonge and Queen as you suggest, and start...

Then apply to the farmers to take stock and give their support. Who will be first and give their support? ALEXANDER.

To Hon. Edward Blake, M.P.—Letter No. 5.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: In my last letter I pointed out to you the great injustice which is done to the church of England and the other religious bodies in the dominion with respect to the marriage laws, and I referred to the fact that a few weeks ago a Methodist minister was fined \$200 for marrying a couple without a license, while Dr. Lynch and the Roman clergy are openly doing this thing every day. Will the Methodist body quietly sit still and see this gross piece of injustice...

As yet the public should not be misled by the reports of the press, which are full of the most untrue and exaggerated statements. The fact is, that the Romanists have been carrying on a most successful and systematic campaign against the rights of the Romanists, and it is only by the aid of the British crown that they have been able to do this.

At Bethany, Pa., recently, Thos. Avery, while showing snow out of his yard, discovered buried in the snow a hen which he had seen every body in Ontario ought to hold up both hands for it. But the snow was ordered by statute to be administered here, and the hen was buried in the snow.

All the old editions, newspapers, wrappings and scraps of paper, which accumulated in the treasury department at Washington, are being sent to the States, and are called the waste paper room. All this refuse is sorted out by men and women and sold to one firm in New York and another in Boston, and it is sold at a handsome little sum.

The potato speculators of Schenectady, Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties report a glut in the New York market. Thousands of bushels and car-loads shipped by them the past few months, are now rotting in the streets, and are being used for fuel.

Henry James' new novelette, which is to begin in the May Century, belongs to the International series, the scene shifting from London to New York and back to London. The heroine, the heroine, after whom the story takes its name, is the daughter of an English nobleman, who has been seduced by a young and rich American physician.

The occupants of the reading room of the British house of commons on the evening of Feb. 28 were somewhat alarmed by the electric light going out without the least warning. The whole place was thrown into total darkness, and honorable members are said to have "rushed from the room under the impression that something dreadful was to happen."

The Dutch papers mention the discovery of a new A. pesseur who was confined to his bed by a sharp attack was stung by a bee, and almost immediately he felt better and next day he was able to get up. Lady Harberton, the heroine, thought he would try the same remedy, and, having induced a bee to sting him on the cheek, she was cured.

A house in Syracuse, N.Y., is occupied by 150 Italians, each of whom pays 5 cents a day, or \$1.50 a month for his lodging. All board themselves. At the present time the house is almost exclusively occupied by a single family day usually sufficing for a man. They wrap themselves in their arms, and sit down on the floor, and huddle together like so many hogs.

A deserter was arraigned in a London police court, the other day, when it appeared that he had been in the army for 14 years, and had served in the Crimea, the Boer war, a bombardier, and three gunners, stationed at St. Helena, afterwards to sea in a boat, the chance of being picked up by some passing ship, and after enduring many hardships they were picked up by the whaler.

Despite the closeness with which artificial flowers resemble natural blossoms, fashion in England, some time ago decreed that ladies should not wear artificial flowers, as well as their walls with natural flowers. Now artificial flowers are again in vogue in London, but those which fashion favors are those which resemble the real thing, and the clove-like perfume of the carnation has been closely imitated by the chemists.

Some interesting statistics regarding the Italian lottery have been published in the Stampa. The sum of money won in 1883 amounted to a total of no less than \$4,900,000 francs, with, at the same time, a profit to the state of 27,415,153 francs. During the twelve months the number of tickets sold was 228,022,059, at a total expenditure of 71,826,068 francs. The number of winning tickets was 1,822,063. Forty-four of these tickets were for sums above 1000 francs each, the two highest amounts won having been 79,800 francs by a person at Turin, and 50,000 francs by another at Naples.

FINANCE AND TRADE. Toronto, Wednesday, March 5. Eastern Township farmers are still holding their heads for higher prices. St. Paul and Minneapolis millers are working to keep up the price of wheat in the face of a declining market.

The New York stock market was very dull, with narrow ranges of imagination. A cable to Cox & Worts quotes Hudson Bay at 25 1/2, and Northwest Land at 26 1/2. Commerce was very strong in Montreal to day.

The local stock market presents no new feature of interest.

Toronto Stock Exchange. Montreal Sales—Ontario, 25 1/2 at 104, 25-50 at 103, 25-50 at 102, 25-50 at 101, 25-50 at 100, 25-50 at 99, 25-50 at 98, 25-50 at 97, 25-50 at 96, 25-50 at 95, 25-50 at 94, 25-50 at 93, 25-50 at 92, 25-50 at 91, 25-50 at 90, 25-50 at 89, 25-50 at 88, 25-50 at 87, 25-50 at 86, 25-50 at 85, 25-50 at 84, 25-50 at 83, 25-50 at 82, 25-50 at 81, 25-50 at 80, 25-50 at 79, 25-50 at 78, 25-50 at 77, 25-50 at 76, 25-50 at 75, 25-50 at 74, 25-50 at 73, 25-50 at 72, 25-50 at 71, 25-50 at 70, 25-50 at 69, 25-50 at 68, 25-50 at 67, 25-50 at 66, 25-50 at 65, 25-50 at 64, 25-50 at 63, 25-50 at 62, 25-50 at 61, 25-50 at 60, 25-50 at 59, 25-50 at 58, 25-50 at 57, 25-50 at 56, 25-50 at 55, 25-50 at 54, 25-50 at 53, 25-50 at 52, 25-50 at 51, 25-50 at 50, 25-50 at 49, 25-50 at 48, 25-50 at 47, 25-50 at 46, 25-50 at 45, 25-50 at 44, 25-50 at 43, 25-50 at 42, 25-50 at 41, 25-50 at 40, 25-50 at 39, 25-50 at 38, 25-50 at 37, 25-50 at 36, 25-50 at 35, 25-50 at 34, 25-50 at 33, 25-50 at 32, 25-50 at 31, 25-50 at 30, 25-50 at 29, 25-50 at 28, 25-50 at 27, 25-50 at 26, 25-50 at 25, 25-50 at 24, 25-50 at 23, 25-50 at 22, 25-50 at 21, 25-50 at 20, 25-50 at 19, 25-50 at 18, 25-50 at 17, 25-50 at 16, 25-50 at 15, 25-50 at 14, 25-50 at 13, 25-50 at 12, 25-50 at 11, 25-50 at 10, 25-50 at 9, 25-50 at 8, 25-50 at 7, 25-50 at 6, 25-50 at 5, 25-50 at 4, 25-50 at 3, 25-50 at 2, 25-50 at 1.

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