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Retailers and Credit.

The subjoined reference to a recent action by the retail grocers in this city, with respect to the best way to buy, is of more than passing interest to readers of the Advertiser throughout Western Ontario, as well as to the traders in the city. The comments are by the Montreal Journal of Commerce:

The Grocers' Association, of London, Ont., is desirous of co-operating with the association in Montreal in securing better terms, discounts, etc., from the wholesale houses. The terms on groceries, excepting tea, have not been keeping pace with the inducements offered of late for short term payments in other staple lines. That better terms for ten days' dating should be given is the opinion of prominent retailers who have been interviewed. Every measure tending to cash or ten days' transactions should be carefully weighed by wholesale and retail grocers. A substantial difference in price between ten and thirty days' payments, or running accounts, would not only cause all who could to take advantage of the discount or avoid the interest, but would tend in a large measure to prevent the opening up of the numerous small stores that spring into being and out again each season with the regularity of summer weeds. In the weekly list of failures among retail grocers more than two-thirds is composed of persons who began either without sufficient experience, sufficient capital or both. Were they aware before embarking in business that to buy on longer time than ten days would mean a loss of 4 to 7 per cent, such as now obtains in some places on extended credit in men's furnishings, and certain lines of dry-goods, etc., their first reckoning would be to find whether they could buy all their requirements on cash or ten days' terms, for, if not, the loss would deprive them of from the half to one-third of their profits. This would either keep the undesirable trader out, or weed him out if he was in."

There can be no doubt that very many of the bad accounts made in trading arise from mistaken views with regard to purchasing supplies. No business nowadays requires more constant supervision in this regard than that of retailing.

Carscallen's Bad Break.

In the Senate resolutions debate yesterday in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Carscallen, member for Hamilton, diversified his fluid observations by the assertion that the real object of the Liberals in advocating Senate reform was to mutilate the constitution in order the easier to sever British connection and promote annexation. An English school child recently defined a lie to be "an abomination to the Lord, but a very present help in the time of trouble."

Vive la Commune!

The Socialists of this city, Citizen Darch in the chair, have been celebrating the establishment of the Paris Commune in 1871. There were cheers for the Commune, and it was further glorified in an address by Citizen Woodley, of Toronto. The episode which excites the enthusiasm of our Socialist friends was a very stirring one indeed. The Communists rose against a constitutional republican government. They confiscated the possessions of the rich and forced banks and railways to stand and deliver. They massacred the Archbishop of Paris, the President of the Cassation, and about 200 other ecclesiastics and prominent persons. They armed women and children, who fought with fury against the troops of the national government. They released convicts from the prisons. They organized incendiary battalions, and committed some of the stateliest structures in Paris to the flames. Over ten thousand people, innocent and guilty alike, perished in this second reign of terror. Such are some of the features of the glorious Commune.

Vive la Commune! cry our Socialist brethren.

A Tribute to Canadian Poets.

In the current number of Literature, W. D. Howells, the American critic and author, pays an exquisite tribute to the late Archibald Lampman, whose death, he says, "silences the sweetest and clearest voice among those Canadian poets who, by their number, hardly less than by their quality, have given their country literary eminence of late." Mr. Howells links with Lampman the name of Mr. Bliss Carman, Mr. Wilfrid Campbell, Mr. C. D. S. Roberts, Mr. Henry Drummond, Mrs. S. Frances Harrison, Miss Pauline Johnson, Mr. Gilbert Parker and Mr. Duncan Scott. This is a group, he says, which could hardly be matched "among ourselves" for the fresh and distinctive quality of its work.

Mr. Howells maintains that in fiction and other forms of prose, the Americans are without rivals beyond the customs line parting the States from the Provinces. In history, he goes on to say, the Canadians have made creditable but comparatively slight attempts; in criticism they do not count; in other kinds of thinking and writing they have no standing; but in the poetry of the young writers he has named, of whom scarcely any has passed the line of forty, a just judgment must allow Canadians a collective advantage.

It was, perhaps, convenient for Mr. Howells to disparage us in some respects, lest he should too deeply wound American sensibilities. In fiction, no American today gives more promise than the Canadian, Gilbert Parker. We might also mention Grant Allan, Robert Barr, and other Canadian literary exiles, but it is true we have not been very prolific in prose. In history, we think of Irving, Motley and Prescott, and dare not challenge comparison with our neighbors. In criticism we have not yet made a name, though Mr. T. Arnold Haltain, of Toronto, is doing some very superior work in American periodicals. The Americans cannot plume themselves much with regard to the present status of criticism of the United States. It flourished a generation ago but, like their poetry, it has became almost a lost art. Mr. Howells himself is the only American critic who can speak with authority in the world of English letters.

To return to the subject, Mr. Howells' appraisement of Canadian poetry is absolutely just. "The poetry in which they excel," he says "is the poetry of a new people in the very delicacy which expresses its protest against crude conditions, its aspirations for the best terms which civilization has to offer literature. It is not the strange, spontaneous product of virgin earth and air, which a simple-hearted English criticism long vainly entreated us to offer as an earnest of our indigeneity. It has been a prime necessity of its existence as that it should refine upon its material, and at its best it has consciously or unconsciously sought to distill a perfume from a new life, or a newly-conditioned life, rather than to offer the world wilding flavors."

This exactly describes the quality of our poetical genius. In its ultra-refinement it shrinks from the rough vigor or our young life and prefers to dwell apart in the contemplation of nature, in her placid sunlit moods. Of Lampman Mr. Howells beautifully says: "Not a scent, or sound, or sight of the Canadian summer was lost upon his quick sense, and one saw how he could not bear to forbid any, in a world finding its way through his music into art for the first time. The stir of leaf, of wing, of foot; the drifting odors of wood, and field, the color of flowers, of skies, of dusty roads and shadowy streams and solitary lakes, all so precociously new, gave his reader the thrill of intense life in the northern solastice."

Europe, like America, seems to be having a hard winter this spring.

Chamberlain attaches about as much value to Kruger's promises as Kruger attaches to Chamberlain's threats.

The Ontario Legislature has passed the Senate reform resolution by a majority of 13. The Opposition may get some satisfaction of that figure.

The most conspicuous feature of Sir Charles Tupper's and Mr. Foster's addresses is the absence of any reference to the Yukon "scandal" which was to wreck the Government.

The duel of the session was fought in the House of Commons yesterday between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. G. E. Foster. Mr. Foster is the only first-class parliamentarian in the Opposition ranks.

The Free Press makes the sapient remark that under our system of indirect taxation one might escape nearly all taxation if he were to dispense with luxuries. Such luxuries as fuel and clothing, for instance!

Lord Curzon calls the bounty system a vicious expedient for selfish interests. The people of Great Britain, who have profited by the sugar bounties of the continent, do not think so. They hold the sensible view that the vicious effects of the system are confined to those who practice it.

The city auditors' report is not very flattering to the financial management of the city in 1898. The council not only swallowed up the large surplus from the preceding year, but left an overdraft of more than $8,000 to be faced this year. The present City Council will have to practice rigid economy to make amends for the extravagance of its predecessor. Unless this is done we shall have a vaster tax rate than has been.

Observations.

The Advertiser has to thank its many friends who occasionally give it pointers, or prompt news items by note or telephone. Thanks! What the present of a brace of partridges, or a couple of trout, is from a sportsman to a friend, that, to The Advertiser staff, is the prompt present of a good news-item.

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Rockefeller—or luckyfeller, as some might say, perhaps mistakenly—may yet become, it is said, a billionaire, that is, a man "possessing" a thousand million dollars. The question arises, is is morally right that any man should possess, as his own, to do what he likes with, a thousand, or even a hundred, million dollars? There are those who say that Rockefeller only administers that money, only keeps it together and at work as capital, as it is impossible for him to use, or even to spend, more than a small fraction of even the interest on the interest. However, he can do what he likes with it, and therefore in the ordinarily accepted sense owns it. Has he morally a right to own so much? I say, no. He owes it mainly, after you take his skill or his "luck" out of consideration, to the industry and necessities of the community. This principle is recognized in the legislation, now general, which takes back in succession duties, a portion of a rich man's wealth to the service of the community. It may be said, On what principle can you allow a man to over-top his still poorer fellows, by owning even $5,000, if you will not allow Rockefeller to over-top other people by owning a billion? My answer is this: I cannot state the exact amount a man should be allowed to own; but clearly, if a man is to be allowed to own a thousand millions, he might equally be entitled to go on until he becomes owner of the entire earth, a proposition which justly raises the choler of the rest of mankind—is, in fact, absurd and unthinkable, but not more so than the idea of any man owning a thousand millions would have been thought a century ago. If the ramifications of the subject could be followed up, I have not the slightest doubt it would be found that Rockefeller has some of your money and mine in his pocket unjustly at this very moment.

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I went to hear Rev. J. W. Pedley preach at the Congregational Church on Sunday evening. There was a large attendance, and it was evident the speaker had the art of making the people listen attentively. There is always in Mr. Pedley, not only raciness and shrewdness of speech, but an element of the unexpected. He is thoroughly democratic, courageous, and modern in ideas.

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The London Times is sarcastic over the "glorious length" of recent Philharmonic Society concerts. Nearly all concerts are too long. They are usually too long, even as the programme stands, but when you add 50 per cent to the length, by process of "encores," the bulk of the audience yawn inwardly. What makes it worse, "encores" usually come from friends of the performers, and ordinarily have little relation to merit. I do not say it is not wise, on the principal of enlightened selfishness, to get all the singing you can for your money, in the case of say a Plunket Greene; but to have to listen to two or three hours of amateur singing—who would not prefer Purgatory, and risk it?

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A good judge, speaking from experience, considers the London Advertiser the best advertising medium in the world, as to results, in its own field.

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The member for London in the Ontario Legislature has been making many friends during his sojourn in Toronto. He is a capital host, according to the correspondent in that city of the Brockville Recorder, who has this to say about a late "function," of which the colonel was the organizer:

"Col. Leys, of London, is one of the brightest and biggest-hearted members of the House, and already he has entertained his friends twice to superb dinners at his quarters in the Iroquois Hotel, where he just runs things. He is a most genial and jolly host, and those fortunate enough to be counted among his friends are happy indeed. I was in it."

To be able to entertain and to know how to do it, are qualifications that the member from London possesses in an eminent degree.

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Two hundred and five people dying by consumption in Ontario in the month of February, seems considerably too many. No doubt the grip, and the general severity of the winter, had to do with the exceptional record. That "sure cure" somebody thinks he has invented, cannot come too soon. Meantime plenty of fresh air, in a moderately dry and even climate seems to be the best preventive. The best time to attack consumption is before you have it, or, rather, before it has you.

SWAM FOR LIFE

Dramatic Escape of a Missionary in China.

Tacoma, Wash., March 22.—The steamer Minshiu Maru brings news that Missionary Parsons, of the China Missionary Society, was attacked by imperial soldiers while en route from Chung King to Paoning.

Parsons left Chung King with an escort of four soldiers provided by the Chinese Government. At one point where they crossed a river they noticed a great number of militiamen of the regular army on the opposite bank. As they were landing, the soldiers started for Parsons with swords and knives. To save himself he jumped into the water and swam into midstream, while his escort ran away. A Chinese gunboat put out from shore and rescued him.

It is reported that the Emperor of Corea has caused a sensation by appearing in a full uniform cut in American fashion. His attendants have also been attired in American style. The emperor, it is stated, has cut off his topknot or short queue, which, from time immemorial, has adorned the top of the Corean emperor's head.

TWO RUNAWAYS

Simcoe Man's Team and Wagon Done For—A Tilsonburn Couple Badly Hurt.

Simcoe, March 22.—While Mr. Martin Smith, who lives about one mile from Nixon, was driving home with his team, after delivering a load of wood here, he met with an accident which cost him a team of horses and a wagon. He reached the railway crossing, near the Bethlehem Church, about half past nine on Friday night, when he noticed the headlight of an engine, and in going to turn around, his team became frightened, and plunged onto the track, and a terrible smash was the result. Mr. Smith jumped in the nick of time, sustaining some slight cuts and bruises on his head as a result, but the wagon was a total wreck, and both horses were killed. A Grand Trunk freight train did the damage.

Tilsonburg, March 22.—A serious runaway accident took place Sunday afternoon. Mr. Wm. McCallom was driving a pair of high-spirited horses, belonging to the livery of J. H. Matthews, and had driven up Broadway street for some distance, when turning around the staple on the end of the neck-yoke was pulled out, allowing the pole to fall. Mr. McCallom and the young lady who accompanied him were thrown from the cutter, but escaped without serious injury. The horses were both injured, one of them being penetrated, just above the heart by a snag, which, it is feared, may have entered a vital part.

2,000 SMALLPOX VICTIMS.

Dallas, Texas, March 22.—The city of Laredo, down on the Mexican border, is suffering from an epidemic of smallpox. No such extreme suffering has ever been known in a Texas community. The place has about 8,000 population, and fully 2,000 cases of smallpox have been under treatment since the disease started early this year. There have been approximately 200 deaths. There are now nearly 500 cases in improvised hospitals and pest houses.

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Resolution to Reform Dominion Senate Carried, 48 to 35.

Toronto, March 21.—Several bills were read a third time, and passed, including the London Y. M. C. A. incorporation bill.

The debate on the senate reform resolutions was then resumed. Mr. Carscallen (Hamilton) moved that the following be added to Mr. Whitney's amendment: "And this house deprecates any change in the constitution of the Dominion Senate, by which the equilibrium between the several provinces of the Dominion, as established by the British North America act, may be disturbed." He contended that such change should be first submitted to the people; that the change would remove a needed check; he favored a limited term; wondered why it would not do to have the provincial legislatures suggest names, by nomination, who could be appointed by the Dominion Government. He concluded by saying the Liberals wanted to mutilate the constitution in order more easily to carry out the severance of British connection and effect annexation!

Mr. Graham (Liberal, Brockville) reprobated the power of the senate to block the will of the people. He would prefer abolition, but at the least reform was imperative. The senate was out of harmony with democratic institutions. In its present form it was a relic of effete Toryism. The question had been discussed at the last general election, and the country was ripe for the resolution moved by Mr. Hardy. It was simply out of the question that Mackenzie Bowell, though in opposition, should practically hold the reins of power through the senate.

Mr. Powell (Conservative, Ottawa) endeavored to show that the senate was not so very partisan. He believed the provinces, other than Ontario, and especially Quebec, were opposed to the proposed reform. Mr. Lumsden (Liberal, Ottawa) thought the only trouble with the resolution was it did not go far enough. Mr. Lucas (Conservative) opposed the main resolution.

A division was taken at 12:45, when Mr. Carscallen's amendment was lost by 35 to 48. The original resolution, moved by the attorney-general in favor of senate reform, was then carried on the same division.

A GOVERNMENT MEASURE.

The attorney-general today introduced in the legislature an omnibus measure. The manhood suffrage registration act is amended by requiring prospective voters to swear to their different places of residences during the three months previous to registration. It enables the district judge to act in the revision of the voters' list in the districts where there is no stipendiary magistrate, and declares that the government shall have power to appoint more than one local master in a county or union of counties, and provides that in case of the illness or absence of a local master, a judge or junior judge, or deputy judge of the county may act as local master. It declares that moneys vester in a minor or guardian ad litem shall be deemed to be vested in them in trust for her Majesty, and authorizes the investment of court funds in municipal debentures. It provides that any person who has been a practicing barrister may be appointed a county judge if he is of seven years' standing at the bar of Ontario, and that a person who has been a practicing solicitor for ten years before becoming a barrister may be appointed if after five years' standing at the bar of Ontario, and enables a judge to be appointed in counties where two or more languages are in common use, where he is conversant with more than one language, if he is of seven years' standing at the bar. It prohibits the use of affidavits in the division court, if sworn before a solicitor or agent of the party on whose behalf the affidavit is made. It provides for substitution of service of a division court process, and enables the division court judge to order a nonsuit or dismiss the action, or to direct the jury to answer questions of fact submitted to them. It declares that no submission or reference to arbitration shall be revoked by the death of any party thereto. It declares that the giving of a mortgage or bill of sale on any part of the estate of a judgment debtor, after the receipt of the execution by the sheriff, shall not prevent subsequent execution creditors filing their claim under the creditors' relief act, or sharing in the distribution of the moneys realized by the sheriff under the first execution, the amount of the encumbrance to be deducted pro rata from the amount which would otherwise be payable to the subsequent creditors. It declares that where the office of a clerk or deputy clerk, or a district court and registrar of deeds are held by the same person, the judge of the district shall be one of the selectors of juries. It enables the lieutenant-governor in council to direct the times at which the division court shall be held in unorganized territories. It confirms certain marriages performed by persons who were not residents of Ontario. It enables the person with whom trust moneys have been deposited or into whose hands trust moneys have come, to pay the money into court where the trustee has been absent from the province for a year, and is not likely to return at an early date. It declares that a person shall not be disqualified from being elected a member of the council, of a corporation, or of a public, separate or high school board by reason of his being a proprietor of a paper which publishes advertisements called for by bylaws.

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When an excited messenger comes dashing in with glorious news of victory from a great field of battle nobody wonders at his enthusiasm. It is contagious. Every man who hears the grand tidings is ready to swing his hat and cheer and pass along the splendid story to his nearest neighbor. When a man has been through a terrible battle with sickness and at last has gained a glorious victory his first impulse is to tell the good news to others. He wants every man and woman of his acquaintance to know about the splendid remedy that brought him back from sickness and discouragement to sound and perfect health.

"I had rheumatism for three months," says Mr. James E. Crampton, of Sharpsburg, Washington Co., Md., in a recent letter to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. "I couldn't walk at all. I was in business in Baltimore. I tried the best doctors I could get but they did me no good. I took three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it cured me sound.

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Vernon, Mich., March 22. — Mrs. Mary Thorpe, of Venice township, walked into the court room at Corunna, at 11:45 a.m., and when she left 15 minutes later she carried a decree for divorce from her husband, Thomas Thorpe, on the ground of extreme cruelty and drunkenness.

When County Clerk Bliss appeared at his office for the afternoon work Mary was waiting for him. She soon had in her possession the little piece of paper which was to carry happiness into the heart of herself and one Arthur Hopson, of Hazelton. The wedding took place the same day.

AGAINST SUNDAY TRAINS.

Washington, March 22.—Frank P. Sargent, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, appeared before the industrial commission at Washington and presented a report prepared by masters of the various brotherhoods, and signed by Chiefs Arthur, of the engineers, Sargent, of the firemen, Clark, of the conductors, Morrissey, of the trainmen, and Powell, of the telegraphers. It covered points involved in the relationship of employes to the transportation companies, and contains a statement of a scale of wages paid to railroad men in all branches of the service. There were complains on the long hours required of telegraphers and yardmen, but it was said that no fault could be found by trainmen in this respect. The chiefs united in recommending that the practice of running trains on Sunday should be abolished.

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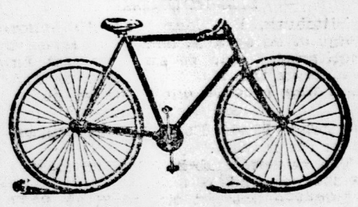

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