

LOCAL NEWS.

The superiority of Indian Tea is attested by its enormously increased consumption in the last few years. In Toronto the firm of Howard Spencer & Co., 61 King Street West, receive special direct shipments from one of the best known tea gardens in India, and as they are the sole importers in Canada, buying direct from that Company, the public can rest on procuring their supplies of tea at first hand. Their advertisement appears in another column.

The regular meeting of the Single Tax Association was held in Richmond Hall on Friday evening last Mr. W. Scott presiding. The following resolution was adopted: "That, whereas the abuse of free speech by certain persons is no reason for its being denied to the community, therefore the City Council should take other measures to check the same. The above speaker in the recent observations by abolishing the practice altogether; that the Council should reconsider the by-law prohibiting public speaking in the park on Sundays, and that they be requested to do so. Resolutions were also passed in favor of the abolition of property qualification for aldermen and the payment of salaries to all holders of that office. A vote of thanks was passed to E. C. Alderman E. A. Macdonald for his persistent efforts to prevent the sale of the street railway for a title of its real worth.

At the meeting of the Joint Committee representing the labor and social reform organizations on Wednesday of last week the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that no abuse of a public right justify the withholding it—therefore the action of the City Council in passing the by-law prohibiting public speaking in the parks is an infringement on public liberty, and a more legitimate method of silencing one obnoxious individual should be found, and we therefore respectfully request the reconsideration of the by-law. A committee consisting of Messrs. Tynes, Banton and Thompson was appointed to urge upon the Provincial government the payment of aldermen in towns and cities, and the abolition of the property qualification for aldermen as the most essential measures of municipal reform.

The regular meeting of the National Association was held on the evening of Thursday, the 23rd inst. President Howell in the chair. An address on "The Outcome of the Present Agitation" was delivered by Mr. F. E. Titus, who thought that a solution of the social problem might be found by the establishment of social communities, in which the principles of Nationalism will be carried out. He read an extract from a descriptive of the Alama community in Iowa, pointing out the physical, mental and moral advantages gained by substituting co-operation for competition. He pointed out that the principle of the "unearned increment" applied to the increased value of the product of human labor, owing to the presence of a large population, as well as to the augmented value of land from the same cause. Individuals suggested that but Nationalists proposed that the community should have the advantage of the increased value of labor products arising from the needs of a large population in place of allowing it to enrich private individuals. The debate which followed was participated in by Messrs. Hepburn, Gordon, Pursey and others.

On Saturday last the Toronto and Hamilton branches of the International Typographical Union and their friends held a very successful picnic at Dundurn Park, Hamilton. The number of those who attended from this city was about 600, who arrived in Hamilton at about 2 p.m. by special train. The Hamilton picnic was in the procession to the grounds, headed by the 15th Battalion band. A splendid programme of games, including sixteen events, was provided, and witnessed with much enthusiasm. In the principal events of the day contested by teams representing the two cities, the honors were carried off by Hamilton. The Hamilton team won the baseball game by a score of 17 to 13, and in the tug war the Ambitious City was also the victor. The participants in the latter contest were Toronto, R. Ramsay, James Hand, W. Hitchin, R. Munn, T. H. Fitzpatrick and another. Hamilton—Joseph Robbins, Wm. Harper, Mr. McStravick, G. Forbes, Mr. Truman and J. Trotman. The Hamilton party left for home about ten o'clock, having had an exceedingly enjoyable time. The committee having charge of the picnic were from Toronto, Messrs. George

W. Dower, J. A. Mayrhofer, Robt. Munn, J. T. Lator, H. Seymour, J. M. Coy, J. John C. McMillan, Geo. Leylin, Vernon Stans, Harry Jackson, John A. Whitnall, Jas. Metcalf, David Wilson, Jas. C. Wain, St. Grant and Cassidy. President F. H. Fitzpatrick, and the Executive Treasurer, Anna Pugh, Secretary from Hamilton, Messrs. R. R. Hinds, Chairman, All. Ross, Treasurer, David Ross, Secretary, J. Schuchter, J. C. Coy, H. Dornmeyer, J. Robbins, S. Truman and J. Forbes.

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LIFE OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD BY COL. J. P. MACPHERSON. Letter from Col. Macpherson in reply to statements which appeared in daily papers of 27th inst. in Life of Sir John A. Macdonald.

To the Editor of THE LABOR ADVOCATE.

Sir, - Referring to an announcement in the daily papers respecting Sir John A. Macdonald's Biography, I desire to say that I am not, in any way, responsible for the advertisements referred to. Lady Macdonald wrote me some weeks ago requesting that nothing should be said that would make Sir John responsible for the opinions expressed, and saying that I was free to publish anything as from myself, writing freely and to my exacting taste, and that she would see the volume would be very successful from every point of view. I have striven to follow the precise instructions on the subject. The first I knew of was having approved the strip-published copy in my own handwriting in Toronto on Tuesday last, when I saw their advertisement in the "Star". I at once wrote you and informed you of the nature of my arrangement with Mr. Earle, and requested that no word should be used which would make me responsible for the contents of any articles that may appear under my name, but my own. I acknowledged my letter and promised an amendment. I also read, excepting each of the succeeding advertisements in terms so strong as to make it impossible for them to be continued. My efforts to control the announcements were not known to Lady Macdonald and Mr. Hugh J. Macdonald. I have the latter copies of all my letters to the printer, and the original letter to the strip-publishing company, expressing regret for the wording of the advertisements, and promising to recall and change them as requested.

The work was commenced in the dark days of '73-'74, when it was thought that Sir John's sun had forever set. I then proposed to him to write the story of his life up to that time. He concurred, and gave me letters to the proprietors of the "Ontario Free Press" and the "Kingston Free Press" other papers, asking for the use of their old files, and to the late Dr. Todd's collection. I liberally received the use of such books as might require. Mr. Hugh

Macdonald also made search through the house in Toronto for papers that might be of assistance, and wrote me that he could not find any of an earlier date than '40, but if I had any idea of who in Toronto was likely to have them and would let him know, he would try and borrow them, for he would like to see the work. I had no intention to revise my manuscript, but he came back to power before I had accomplished much, a afterwards the demands upon his time were too great to admit of it. Of the first part sent to him I wrote me on Dec. 11, 1879. I really have not had time to read your manuscript. I have done so, and think highly of it. I shall read it on Sunday. I shall look up the newspaper and send them. At another time he wrote me: "It is my busiest time in the year, and I cannot go into the reading of your MS. till I get to the middle." The two hundred and fifty pages were submitted to Mr. Hugh Macdonald, who wrote me that he had read it carefully several times, and as to the introduction was concerned did not think that I could improve it in any way, and that, in other respects, he could honestly congratulate me on the success of my work, and concluded with a hope that I would bring the biography to a successful conclusion. Some months ago I again saw Sir John about the work, and expressed my regret that he had not read it. He promised to do so, and I had part of it run off on a typewriter. This he read, and corrected some clerical errors in his well-known handwriting. Part was also submitted to Sir John's brother-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Williamson, of Queen's College, who has written me that I may rely upon his warm recommendation, both from what he has read of the manuscript, and what he knows of my ability. I also submitted part of the work to the criticism of Mr. George Johnson, a devoted Scotchman, and who is good enough to say that it appears to him well-executed both as to matter and style. Finally, the preface to the book, which gives a full statement of how I came to write it, and of what I considered to be my obligations to Mr. Hugh Macdonald, who considers that in his acquaintance with the facts and entirely free from objection. I am sorry that the publishers, under the spur of a keen rivalry with another book, should have omitted the facts and all the more so, as it has for-erred Lady Macdonald to come out of her seclusion to reply to them. At the same time, I think that, knowing what step I had taken, the matter might have been left in my hands. People of the world understand the true value of attached advertisements, and that it is to the book itself they must look for information; whilst, as to a continuation as your column contains will be interpreted as covering a fear of responsibility for which I must be denied it advance.

My work is but a humble tribute of love and admiration to one whom I have known from my infancy, and represents fully my own conception of his career, and I assume the whole responsibility for the opinions it contains. I have written "fully, freely and as from myself," and I therefore have no hesitation in accepting Lady Macdonald's kindly expressed hope "that the volume will be successful from every point of view."

Yours sincerely, J. P. MACPHERSON.

McKENDRY'S 202 YONGE STREET.

6 Doors north of Queen

THE JULY CLEARING SALE AT 202

is going sweeping along, we are exchanging goods for the smallest coin imaginable. Not a thing in the store but is marching at quick step to the tune of reduced rates. This is truly a working people's store, your price enables you to dress your wife and children as neatly and as well as those who have the good fortune to be capitalists and we would just as soon have your trade as any in the world. When we work in business at the old stand, the working people flocked to our place of business, and because we have moved to larger and more elegantly appointed premises, it must not be supposed that we shall neglect the old customers. In our large purchases we study to get the best there is for the least money. How we succeed you can best tell by trading here a few times.

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LIFE OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

BY HIS BROTHER, Lieut.-Col. J. P. MACPHERSON, M.A., A.D.C.

The Only Authentic Record of the Career of Canada's Greatest Premier

Read this letter. Sir John A. Macdonald to Col. Macpherson.

My dear Sir,
I have not read Colburn's "Story of the 'Pauvre Diable' of the 'Humble Shuffler' to see what he had to say on these points. I shall read it as soon as I can. I should think it an amount to publish. I do not mind giving him any information, as I had such a lot to say on the subject. I am sorry that the publishers, under the spur of a keen rivalry with another book, should have omitted the facts and all the more so, as it has for-erred Lady Macdonald to come out of her seclusion to reply to them. At the same time, I think that, knowing what step I had taken, the matter might have been left in my hands. People of the world understand the true value of attached advertisements, and that it is to the book itself they must look for information; whilst, as to a continuation as your column contains will be interpreted as covering a fear of responsibility for which I must be denied it advance.

The work will shortly be issued by the Earle Publishing House of St. John, N.B., and will be a marvel of the Printers' and Bookbinders' Art. It will be copiously illustrated, including two Steel Portraits of Sir John. The work will be complete in two volumes in four styles of binding. Lovers of Canada's "Grand Old Man" will do well to remember that this work was

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A. & R. FLEMING COAL & WOOD WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

HEAD OFFICE: 191 QUEEN ST. WEST, TELEPHONE 2434.

Office & Yard: 124, 126 and 128 Edward St. Telephone 1193. Branch Office: 788 Yonge St. Telephone 3086.

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IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR LAUNDRY WORK - Try the - PARISIAN 67 ADELAIDE STREET WEST, Telephone 1127.

Col. Macpherson has been engaged upon this work during the last twelve years with the concurrence of Sir John, and thus will be a complete and authentic statement; in fact, it will be a most complete and authentic statement of Sir John's life.

There is a so-called life of Sir John A. Macdonald in the hands of agents which was written years ago and which has been pronounced "romanticized and perverted." Regarding this work, the authorized extracts from the "Life of Sir John" are given.