

Birmingham's Joe.

Pen-Portrait of the Famous Politician.

Mr. Chamberlain as Sketched by a Friendly Hand.

The rapier is the weapon which is suggested by Mr. Chamberlain's style. As Carlyle said of John Sterling, his momentum depends on velocity of debate rather than on weight of metal. For deftness of attack and defense in debate he has no equal. He is always ready and always to the point. Never is he so effective as when dealing with interruptions; and this has become so well recognized that his opponents prefer to keep silence rather than play into his hands. He lacks the humor and the sunny, genial temperament of Mr. Balfour; he is harder, and does not look so kindly on his opponents; but he is always cool, and scarcely ever says in heat what he does not mean. During one of the most turbulent scenes of the home rule controversy in 1893, he declared he was "as cool as cucumber," and it was evident he spoke the truth, for he played on the passions of the agitated assembly with a skillful hand. But it is not as a mere fencer in debate that Mr. Chamberlain is distinguished. In lucidity of expression and clearness of exposition he has scarcely a match. What he lacks is the inspired fervor, the infinite variety of illustration, possessed by Mr. Gladstone. His quotations from books scarcely do justice to his range of reading. When on the Birmingham Town Council, Mr. Chamberlain was regarded as a man of unusual culture for the commercial, municipal world, and since then he has made much, but his literary illustrations are drawn from a narrow field. His most effective illustrations are drawn from commercial life—a life which he has mastered as few other great politicians have mastered it.

Seldom is Mr. Chamberlain seen in the House of Commons with his hat on his head. When he was in Opposition and had not a private room, he left his hat usually in his locker in the corridor. Each member has a locker, and many members fill the little cubboards with blue books and unanswered letters. You will find them now and again making frantic efforts to clear out the lumber. Mr. Chamberlain's locker was a model of tidiness. You might have seen in it, if you happened to pass when it was open, the owner's hat and a box of cigars, but few documents. It would be inconsistent with Mr. Chamberlain's character to wear his hat in the House. He is a man of business. He comes there not to find an agreeable lounge, but with distinct ambitions to fulfill. He is never in an attitude of indifference, but is always on the watch, studying every branch of Parliamentary business, watching every movement of party. Nor does he ever waste time in the lobby with gossip. He says what he has to say to friend or journalist, or hears what they have to say, with keen eye glancing through the eye-glass, and passes quickly on his way as if he had an important call elsewhere. I have never seen him sleep or heard him laugh. When amused, his lips curve together in a smile.

A personal likeness to Pitt has been detected by admirers of Mr. Chamberlain. The tall, slender figure seen in the statue at the House of Commons, with mobile lips, piercing eyes, and thin nose "turned up," as Romney said, "at all mankind," certainly make one think of the modern statesman who advances up the floor with the "quick and firm step" characteristic of the great Minister of George III. But the resemblance is most complete in the respect of their devotion to the House of Commons. The future biographer of Mr. Chamberlain might almost say of him what Lord Rosebery has said of Pitt: "The objects and amusements that other men seek in a thousand ways were for him all concentrated there. It was his mistress, his stud, his dice-box, his game preserve; it was his ambition, his library, his creed." Mr. Chamberlain gave up business to devote himself to municipal life, and he gradually abandoned municipal life when he entered the wider arena. Apart from public concerns he has few interests. Lord Salisbury pursues science, Mr. Balfour studies philosophy, and Mr. Gladstone cares for many things; but unless the wearing of the orchid indicates a hobby, Mr. Chamberlain's only interest apart from his domestic life, which is closely shielded from the world, is in the great game played at St. Stephen's. Nor does he take any exercise. "I do not cycle," he says; "I do not ride; I do not walk when I can help it; I do not play cricket; I do not play football; I do not play tennis, and I do not even play golf." Think of Mr. Gladstone felling trees, of Lord Rosebery riding for miles before breakfast, of Mr. Balfour cycling, golfing and playing tennis! Mr. Balfour never drives when he can walk; Mr. Chamberlain never walks when he can drive. Seldom or never is Mr. Chamberlain seen walking to or from the House of Commons. It is not in his own carriage, he rides in a hansom with cigar in mouth. He is a hard smoker, and his cigars have as good a reputation as his orchids.—Woman at Work.

No Mental Telegraphy About This.

This article was written just after the appearance in Harper's Magazine of an article by Mark Twain, entitled "Mental Telegraphy." Now (September, 1895), he adds three or four instances of coincidences (?) similar to those mentioned in his previous article. Two of the four instances—that of receiving a proposal for a series of "antipodean" lectures, and an honorary membership in a club—seem not unlikely to have emanated from the accounts of the author's personal affairs which the papers have recently contained. A coincidence of the same type (although a more obvious one) I can record with reference to the present topic. Being off on a cycling tour, I stopped at a library two evenings ago, in a New Hampshire town, to consult an atlas of the roads. Not finding it I went to the periodical files and took up the current number of Harper's, scanned the table of contents, and naturally read Mark Twain's article. I decided at once to write to the editor of Scribner's Magazine, and inquire whether it would not be an opportune moment to publish my paper, and whether he would like to have me add a paragraph referring to the recent article. Today, arriving at Boston and intending to write my letter of inquiry at once, I found a letter from the editor containing the very same thoughts. Surely there is nothing demanding an explanation in this; and fortunately telepathy has no claim here, because the letter (repeatedly forwarded) was written ten days ago. I am also tempted to add my regrets that I have not emphasized more strongly the falsity of the position that because certain facts seem inexplicable by ordinary methods, therefore they

go to prove the truth of so essentially unphysiological an hypothesis as that of thought-transference. It is quite possible to invent half a dozen hypotheses which would equally well explain the facts. But perhaps this is clear without specific statement.—From "The Logic of Mental Telegraphy," by Prof. Joseph Jastrow, in the November Scribner's.

HOW BRITAIN GAINS.

Buying Must Take Place if Selling Is to Be Profitable.

To the Editor of the "Advertiser": If the common sense view that a moment's thought will convince the least astute to be correct, viz., that our people are more injured by any effort on the part of our Government to stop them purchasing from other nations than they can be injured by any effort the governments of other countries make to prevent their people buying from us, was well advertised—the absurd twaddle dished up at a meeting in your city the other day about reserving the Canadian market for such countries as ceased trying to prevent their own people buying from us would cease to have any effect on the public mind.

If business people would but think a moment, they would observe that in the ordinary course of trade they are seldom, if ever, forced to buy, but on the other hand, forced sales are a daily occurrence. As international trade is in the nature of a forced sale (in the same sense that a farmer in order to make any profitable use of his surplus products is forced to exchange them for something he does not produce), it stands to reason that the people who are to the greatest extent prevented from taking advantage of these forced sales must be the greatest losers; hence we find the people most highly protected (the modern means Governments take to prevent their people buying from other nations in times of peace; in war times our enemies do the same thing for us by blockading our ports) suffer the most from trade depression.

Compare Victoria, Australia (protected with New South Wales (free trade); the United States with Canada, Holland, with France. It is constantly asserted that "protection" keeps the money in the country. It is as directly the opposite tendency, for money flows to the point where business is most active; hence we find that the money of the world is gradually but surely flowing to England, where no special Governmental effort is made to keep it there or draw it there. But her people enjoy the privilege of taking full advantage of the bargains other nations have to offer, untrammelled by any impertinent interference of their Government. Hence we find after a few years' application of free trade in England, half the surplus products of all the world land on her shores each year along with most of the gold. It is this system and the country that adopted it that your late visitors seek to deride, and who are unstinted in their praise of the system of restriction that, applied to the corner grocer jealous of his neighbor, would so surely ruin him—as it has brought ruin on all nations that have tried it.

H. WASHINGTON.
Ottawa, Nov. 6, 1895.

A DECLARATION UNDER OATH.

The Record of a Very Remarkable Case in Hamilton.

County of Wentworth, to wit: I, Thomas Emil Sterling, of the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, clerk, do solemnly declare:

1. That I live at 96 John street north, in the city of Hamilton. I am seventeen years of age, son of Thomas Sterling, motorman on the Hamilton Street Railway.
2. About fifteen months ago I was attacked with chronic rheumatism. The doctors who attended me said that it would be hard to get rid of. I took about twelve bottles of the doctor's medicine, and four different kinds of patent medicine, and none of which did me any good whatever. I suffered great pain and was unable to do any work whatever.
3. On the 8th April, 1895, I started taking the medicine (Kootenay Cure) which Mr. S. S. Ryckman, M.P., gave me.
4. The rheumatism was in my right arm and in my right shoulder, and in my back, and in both my legs.
5. I have used five bottles, and I am now entirely cured, and have gained ten pounds in my weight.
6. My general health has also wonderfully improved since I commenced taking this medicine. I had hives all over my body for three months before taking the medicine, and they have now completely disappeared, and my health has never been better than it is now. It is a grand tonic.
7. The attack of rheumatism which I had was so severe that my feet and legs were so weak and painful that I could not walk without stumbling.
8. I am now able to work without any injurious effect. I believe Kootenay Cure is one of the greatest medicines in the world today for rheumatism and to build up the system.
9. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing this to be true, and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act, 1893. (Signed) THOMAS EMIL STERLING.

Declared before me at the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, this 25th day of October, 1895.
(Signed) E. D. CAHILL,
Notary Public.

DURRANT'S SENTENCE.
San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9.—Sentence of Theodore Durrant has been postponed two weeks.

THE SALOON-KEEPER HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Adrian, Mich., Nov. 9.—In 1893 the husband of Emma Ford, of Tecumseh, died in a drunken debauch at Jackson. Mrs. Ford sued Jacob Cheever, a saloon-keeper, of Tecumseh, for selling liquor to an habitual drunkard, getting a verdict of \$1,500. The case was appealed and the Supreme Court sent it back for a retrial.
The jury has now awarded Mrs. Ford \$2,500 damages. It is stated that the retrial case will again be appealed by Saloon-keeper Cheever.

WHAT THE DRUMMERS SWEAR BY.
Commercial travelers and other men constantly exposed to the vagaries of the weather often get so chilled that a serious cold is the result, which may linger for months, and cause no end of trouble and doctors' bills. A little precaution would make such chills well nigh impossible. For even a moderately thin coat, if lined with Fibre Chamol, makes a protection which no biting or raw wind can penetrate, while its porous nature and light weight make even long, frosty drives possible without being burdened by the weight of one's wraps. Extra extra expense in making up clothing with Fibre Chamol, so that the delight of being warmed in by it from the cold should be tested by everyone.

Wobbling.

Remarkably Sharp Turns of Corners at Ottawa.

Back-Downs Without Number Chronicled This Year.

The wobbles that afflict the Ministry are, in the language of the orthodox wedding notice, "numerous and costly," but the latter quality is an evidence of the patient forbearance rather than the generosity of those who attend to the financing.

The decision to go to the country before their official life had come to a close was evinced by a general preparation for a campaign. But just as the disgruntled were ready to demand the settlement of last election's balances the campaign was called off and an unexpected session occurred.

An order-in-Council was passed during the session giving the Canadian Pacific Railway Company an extra \$100,000 a year. After its passage the Ministry denied in the House having done so, but owned up after the adjournment.

They prohibited the mixture of smutted wheat with No. 1 Manitoba hard. They then permitted it; next they denied having done so, and finally, if the word may be used, prohibited it. These most wobbly acts all within a month made a remarkable time record, but not equal to the resignation and return of the Minister of Justice, a wobble performed easily within 38 hours.

The fixed car inspection fee for grain at 60 cents and reduced it again to 40 cents.

For several years they tried to appoint the member for Cardwell to the Minister of Agriculture, but wobbled at the opening of the constituency till the member opened it for them.

While the Premier was offering a Supreme Court judgeship to Mr. Angus some other members of his Cabinet appointed Mr. Girouard.

The Ministry decided to cut down the pay of the militia, but a deputation caused a wobble of unusual proportions.

The tariff revision was a grand series of wobbles, during which the Minister of Finance amused the country by explaining that everything he attempted was a clerical error.

They started out to devise a system with a free breakfast table attachment, but finished with a tax on sugar designed to effect the greatest increase in cost with the least revenue.
The Minister of the Interior issued a "remedial order" and issued a mild second edition, yet they caused the Cabinet Ministers in favor of remedial legislation to resign, and the member most strongly opposed to it to retain his office.

They promised half a score of Senatorships two years or more ago, but have wobbled out of filling their promises.

The Sault Ste. Marie Canal plans were the subject of a wobble immediately after the contracts were let, with the usual result.

The Ministers sent Messrs. Connolly and McGreevy to jail, but were afraid to keep them there during a short session.

They promised Mr. W. B. Scarth the Lieutenant-Governorship of Manitoba, and gave the position to Mr. J. C. Patterson.

A fishing plant on Georgian Bay was seized, and a commission of inquiry found what was intended to be found. A backdown has been effected by the appointment of another commissioner.

The Ministry started to move the observatory from Toronto to Ottawa and left it where it was.

The spirited immigration policy ended in a wobble.
An officer of the New Westminster Penitentiary was dismissed for cause, reinstated, and then transferred to another institution.

The Ministry was forced out of the Cabinet by the men who are coaxing him to come back again.

They decided not to ratify the French treaty in its present form, and afterwards did so.

They sent a trade commissioner to the West Indies, who was never heard of afterwards. West Indies trade has since fallen off.

It is said that the Premier has difficulty in unlocking his back owing to the impulse to turn the key backward before the bolt has moved far enough, but this is doubtless a mere fiction.

It would be unfair to omit that in building the Lacrosse bridge the one unchanging policy has been maintained.—Toronto Globe.

The Death Rate From Heart Failure.
It hardly needs a census to impress people with the great increase in the death rate from heart failure. Evidence meets us every day, at almost every point—some citizen or friend dying constantly of this cause. On the peculiarly effective virtues of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart be too well made known when death is so near with thousands? It is a medicine that gives instant relief from any affection of the heart, and even in cases that medical science has pronounced incurable it cures. It is a most wonderful heart specific, never failing in success.

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Prof. Huxley's biography is being prepared by his son, Mr. Leonard Huxley.

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DAMAGED BY FIRE.

A Montreal Cold Storage Warehouse Injured to the Extent of \$50,000, or \$100,000.

Montreal, Nov. 9.—Hill's cold storage warehouse on William street caught fire yesterday. The damage was mostly caused by water, and amounted to \$50,000 or \$100,000. Every company belonging to the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association is interested. Insurance \$303,530.

Midland, Ont., Nov. 9.—The Georgian Bay box factory, one of the largest in Ontario, was burned Thursday night. Loss \$7,000; insurance, \$5,000. Cause of fire unknown. If frost holds off long the factory will be rebuilt this year. About twenty hands were employed at the time of the fire.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS.

Dates on Which They Will Be Held in the Vicinity of London.

Appended is a list of the meetings of Farmers' Institutes to be held in this vicinity during the coming institute season:

Brucefield, Jan. 7; Exeter, Jan. 8; Parkhill, Jan. 9; Wyoming, Jan. 10; Inwood, Jan. 11; Bruden, Jan. 13; Inwood, Jan. 14; Napier, Jan. 15; Coldstream, Jan. 16; St. Marys, Jan. 17 and 18; Thorndale, Jan. 20; Dorchester Station, Jan. 21; Ingersoll, Jan. 22; Embro, Jan. 23; Innerkip, Jan. 24.

At these meetings Prof. J. H. Pantton and A. H. Christian, of the Guelph O. A. C., will speak.

Prof. George Harcourt, of St. Ann's; Wm. Rennie, O. A. C., Guelph, and D. Z. Gibson, Willow Grove, will speak at Glenora on Jan. 7, West Lorne on Jan. 17, Shedd on Jan. 18 and Norwich on Jan. 27.

SUICIDE OF MRS. CLEVELAND'S UNCLE.

Jackson, Mich., Nov. 9.—John W. Cadman, uncle by marriage of President Cleveland's wife, and a high Government official, who shot himself in Chicago last Saturday, died yesterday morning. It is believed he was partly insane.

ARRESTED FOR THE LARCENY OF A HOUSE.

Perry, Oklahoma, Nov. 9.—Peter Long, a farmer living near Perry, was arrested and taken before the probate judge and bound over under \$500 bonds for stealing a residence in Perry belonging to W. H. Stack, of Kansas City. Stack had left the house in Long's care, and he moved it five miles. Long had started to skip when he was arrested.

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