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> All's right with the world. -[BROWNING

London, Monday, May 29.

WHAT TIME ARE WE AT? ard time in Canada without any statutory enactment governing the same, a great many illegal acts have doubtless been done by the Canadian people.

When the London license commissioners recently resolved that all barrooms should be closed at 10 p.m., instead of 11 p.m., as formerly, the Licensed Victuallers' Asso-ciation asked the opinion of Mr. Gibbons, Q. C., as to what time governed them. Having obtained the answer that mean sun time was the only legal time, they kept their bars open 25 minutes later than standard time.

A test case was brought before Police Magistrate Parke, and to-day he refused to convict two hotel-keepers summened be-tween 10 p.m. and 10:25 p.m., standard

This decision seems to be based on This decision seems to be based on undoubted authority. In Great Britain as in most, if not all, of the States, the matter has been settled by legislation. In the absence of such legislation it would seem the content of the flar of the state of the sta that solar time must govern. Chief Baron Pollock in an English case before the act was passed there, said in effect: "I cannot assent to the argument that the town council of any place may by their resolution declare that Green-wich or any other time shall be the time of the place-the differences between Greenwich time and real time may be many minutes, and if the town council might determine the time they might make a man born on a different day from that on which he was really born. So if a person is entitled to a bonus from an insurance company on the event of his living to a certain period that must be decided not by the town council adopting Greenwich time, but by the mean time of the place. Neither can the time be altered by a railway com-pany whose railway passes thorough the place, nor by any person who regulates the clock in the town hall."

So Mr. Justice MacLellan, in the North Bruce Dominion election case, says: "It is common knowledge that the time kept by the public clerks in Toronto is standard time, and that standard time is 171 minutes faster than solar time. That being so, the petition (which in this case was filed after 3 o'clock standard time, but before 3 o'clock sun time) was in reality filed before 3 o'clock. There can be no doubt," he says, "that upon a question like this a party has a right to insist in the absence of legisla-

tion that solar time should govern." The police magistrate had no option but to dismiss the cases brought before him as the only time a court of law can recognize is legal time, which is solar time. The matter is one which is within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, and should receive attention at the next session. In the meantime our banks may be closing too soon and a lot of legal complications may arise from the fact that we are all really getting out of bed 25 minutes too have found it out if the licensed victuallers had not been sharp enough to have the law looked up for them, but it is the case never-

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

WILL it be necessary to appoint a comptroller as well as a mayor for this city? William Black's new novel, "The Hand-

some Humes," will begin in the June number of Harper's Magazine.

Does the City Council really mean to get down to business in regard to the electric street railway? The smail at the galop pace has been continued a little too long. has been continued a little too long.

entitled "The First of June" to Harper's

authoress of Uncle Tom's Cabin, is living herschildhood over again cutting out paper doils, singing the old time songs and hymns and nursery ballads. Her health seems to grow better as her mind loses itself.

British Gossip by Cable.

The special cablegrams this week are no minteresting, though the past few days have largely been holidays in political and social circles. One of the most noteworthy events has been Lord Salisbury's pilgrimage to Ulster to stir up his friends there, against the bill granting local self-government to Ireland. The Tory leader's friends received him warmly, but there is no evidence that he has made any converts; on the contrary, the English workingmen, invited over to witness the reception and to investigate for themselves, seem to have returned stronger friends to the Liberal neasure now before Parliament than ever. Lord Salisbury was in Belfast three days, but his speeches are reported to have lacked novelty. The Ministers, on the other hand, have rested during the Whitsuntide holidays, which are now at an end, and Parliament will resume the considera tion of the great measure of and conciliation this week. Only one member of the Cabinet, Prof. Bryce, spoke in public last week. The right honorable gentleman addressed his constituents at Aberdeen. He asserted that the bill for granting local self government to Ireland was a good measure and that the House of Commons would pass it as well as other progressive measures promised in the Liberal programme. Lord Randolph Churchill was put up to reply to Mr. Bryce. He is as audacious as ever in

his criticisms. English Workmen in Ulster. Lord Salisbury has been in Ulster this week, but his visit, after the prolonged exitement which attended Balfour's trip last

week, but his visit, after the prolonged excitement which attended Balfour's trip last month, has been somewhat of an anticlimax. Lord Salisbury, like his nephew, has made speeches, which are now on record, and in all probability he will one day curse the folly which led him to deliver them. There is not one new point in them, and even most of the adjectives and expletives are old friends.

Much more interesting are the accounts given of the visit to Ulster made at Whitsun by some north of England workingmen at the invitation of the Belfast 'Unionist' committee. It was thought that, if judiciously handled, these honest fellows might be sent back strong anti-Home Rulers, but the experiment has proved a ghastly failure from the Tory point of view. The humble visitors went about among the people, talked with Nationalists, as well as with 'Unionist,'' snd buttonholed all sorts and conditions of men. The result was that before they left Belfast they publicly declared that they were stronger Home Rulers than ever. Their views were epitomized later in the course of an interview which one of them gave to a Newcastle Leader reporter on his return home:

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"Of course," he said, "there is a strong feeling in Belfast against home rule, but before we went we knew we would find that. There is, however, a strong feeling among large sections of the people in its favor, and our visit has shown us that even much-talked-of-Belfast is not nearly so unanimous as many of the Tories would have us believe. The approach of home rule hasn't staggered business so much as we were told it had.

"The establishment of a Parliament in Dublin will not, from what I could learn, cause much of a rush in the bankruptey courts, and I can't help thinking that there is a good deal of winking of the eye on the part of those who say it will.

"The doings at the breakfast on Monday morning were sickening. We were entertained to a first-class meal by the Unionists,' and a nice scene it was. There were four or five of us sitting together, with a Tory at each end of the party all the time dinning into our ears what he thought would be the outcome of home rule, and seeming to say that we would never get such a meal as that again unless we came to his side. It was enough to make the food stick in a man's throat. Of course, you don't like to tell a man that you think he has a good deal of bigotry in him, and are opposed to him all round, when you are eatiff his bread; but that one experience was enough for some of us." The Ulster Tories are not likely to repeat this disastrous experiment.

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The Princess of Wales. The Princess of Wales has gone to Sand-She will make her first public

appearance in London since the death of her son, the Duke of Clarence, nearly her son, the Duke of Clarence, nearly eighteen months ago, on June 6, when she will attend with her husband the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Museum of Ancient Weapons in Whitehall. The ecremony will be followed by a bazar in aid of military charities, in which the Princess will sell fancy articles made by soldiers of the household cavalry. A half score of princes and princesses, including the betrothed couple, will be there, so that the affair will be one of the finest shows of the unusually brilliant season.

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Royal Wedding Gossip.

Mr. Gladstone has thought it desirable to contradict the report that Parliament will be asked to vote an additional allowance for the Duke of York on his marriage. ance for the Duke of York on his marriage. The rumor was palpably absurd, seeing that less than four years ago the House of Commons, with a view to putting a stop to the undignified custom of sending round the royal begging hat on the slightest pretext, passed "The Prince of Wales's Children Act," which assigned to the trustees of the Prince the annual sum of £36,000, with which to provide dowries for his daughters and salaries for his sons. It was a very comfortable arrangement for the Prince of Wales, and there can be no reasonable excuse for asking more for the Duke of York. But the Prince's friends are saying that he is not required by the act to provide for Under the heading "The Preferential Duty Idiocy" The Sheffield Independent of British-Canadian." The Independent's sorrespondent says:

"A letter has been published in Canadian papers from Sir Charles Tupper, high commissioner for this Dominion in London, to Mr. Casimer Dickson of Toronto, wherein it is averred that 'there is a growing feeling in Britain' in fuvor of so far renewing the old corn laws by the imposition of preferential duty in favor of the colonies. As this is news to me I had no knowledge of, may I ask you kindly to put a footnote to this communication and affirm or deny the truth of this extraordinary statement?"

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The editor's footnete reads: "With Sir Charles Tupper the wish is father to the thought. The few protectionists we have thought. The few protectionists we have dare not avow their views in the House of pute the number of subscriptions proposed, or actually in progress, having in view presents to the bride or bridegroom, or

both. Municipal bodies, the city of London at their head, companies, societies, clubs, the maidens of England, the mothers of England, the counties, or some of them, under the lead of their lords lieutenant, the parishioners of the royal village of Kew, the royal tradesmen, the royal household-these are but a few of the many who are raising funds for wedding gifts. The list of individual givers includes nearly everybody who knows either the Duke of York or Princess May. or Princess May.

Too Much Landlordism, A report has been current that Mr. Wil-liam Waldorf Astor has been in treaty for the biggest deer forest in Scotland, but it the biggest deer forest in Scotland, but it lacks confirmation and is probably untrue. This is not an auspicious time for buying Scotch sporting estates, seeing that a royal commission is now investigating the land system in Scotland, with a view, not openly avowed but very well understood, of making drastic alterations in it, in the interests of farmers and cotters. The commission has been at work nearly five months and has collected a mars of information, all tending to prove that certain parts of that country are being literally depopulated in order to make room for deer, landlords receiving much larger rentals than when their estates were divided into farms which supported industrious men and women. Such a system is so obviously opposed to public polity that it will not be allowed to exist much longer whatever government may be in power. Next month the commission will probably visit the district in which Mr. Winans holds autocratic sway, and in which, it is alleged, the depopulation process has been carried on in a manner almost ferocious in its utter disregard of the rights and privileges of the unfortunate people.

Mr. Astor is certainly more usefully engaged in London giving profitable work to newspaper reporters, and turning his big mansion in Charlton House terrace to various graceful and charitable purposes. On June 22 there will be a grand concert at the now well-known house in aid of the depleated exchequer of the Invalid Children's Ald Association. Princess May has promised to attend the concert, and all the artistic lions and lionesses in London will be there, with Signor Tosti as master of the revels. The presence of the betrothed Princess, within a week or so of her marriage, will suffice to fill the house from cellar to garret.

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The Liverpool papers say that the pas senger bookings by most transatlantic lines have enormously increased of late. The entire accommodation of the Majestic. entire accommodation of the Majestic, which will sail on next Wednesday, has long been appropriated, and other first-class steamers will, it is expected, be fully booked for all outward trips during June, July and August. The American line is also said to be doing well, and there are distinct signs of a boom in the Southampton route as far as passenger traffic is concerned; but a dead set is being made against that port as a mail route by champions of Queenstown and Liverpool.

To Care for Habitual Drunkards.

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The official draughtsman in the Home Secretary's office is hard at work upon a bill for the compulsory saving of habitual drunkards, The bill, it seems, is being drawn on the lines of the lunacy acts, which in itself is a deadly insult to every self-respecting inebriate; and it is alleged that a dipsomaniac is to be defined as a hard drinker "whose conduct is such as to satisfy the magistrate that he is at times not responsible for his actions, owing to the influence of drink." The definition is sweeping enough to make a good many men feel exceedingly uncomfortable, and to spoil the effect of the semi-official assurance published to-day, that the bill "will give ample safeguards against abuse."

Lord and Lady Aberdeen. drawn on the lines of the lunacy acts,

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The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen arrived at Queenstown on Saturday from America. Adeputation welcomed them, and the mayor of Cork presented them with an address, to which the Earl made an appropriate reply, in the course of which he said that he and the Countess were extremely proud of the Irish village at the Chicago Fair. They will sail for Quebec in September. arrived at Queenstown on Saturday from

Surrounded by Icebergs. The British bark Gosford, Captain Mc-Williams, at Liverpool from San Francisco, reports that in latitude 51° south, longiude 49° west, she was surrounded by tude 49° west, she was surrounded by a large number of gigantic icebergs. It was believed that the bergs extended a long distance across the South Atlantic and northward. Captain McWilliams warns the captains of vessels bound round Cape Horn to Pacific ports to keep a course westward from the cape to latitude 45° south.

The Duchess Leaves Jail. sent to prison for six weeks, was released to-day. She has had rather a good time in jail in her beautifully furnished room there,

Twelve-year-old Queen Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands, is seriously ill in East sumptive, and that there is little hope for her recovery. Her death would open a dynastic question in Holland, and all sorts of complications threaten to ensue, as she is the last of her line. Switzerland. It is said that she is con-

Cholera. Cholera made no progress last week, so

Choiers made no progress has week so far as reports go, south of France. Scaport Cette announces four or five cases, and there are the usual scattering reports from Russia, but nothing alarming is near at Another Piano Prodigy. Another infant piano prodigy, Freida Simonson, makes her debut next week. She is only 8 years old and is said to be able to do everything in her line. This makes the fourth this season.

The French have been much irritated by the news from Siam, which has come mainly from England. Sunday afternoon the Under from England. Sunday attendors an-nounced that he had received a dispatch stating that the French force besieged at Khong has been relieved and the Siamese defeated with considerable loss.

The Longest Speech Yet. Sir Charles Russell has easily beaten Mu Carter as a long distance speaker before the Bering Sea Court in Paris, having covered eight days already, with one more to follow on Thesday and several more later. The British counsel will occupy at least two more weeks. Sir Charles Russell, in the American Lane, London.

can view, has confined himself to attacking and has not defended the British position

on any principles.

Crops in Russia.

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The latest returns received at the Ministry of Finance, St. Petersburg, concerning the crops, indicate that the winter wheat crop is satisfactory in the Northern Caucasus, along the Don and its affluents, on the lower and middle Volga, and in the central provinces of what is known as the central provinces of what is known as the black earth region, where the famine was felt most severely in 1891. In several provinces of the north, northwest, south provinces of the north, northwest, south and extreme southeast the conditions are unsatisfactory. Elsewhere the condition of the crops is middling. So far the condition of the spring wheat crop has been reported as excellent. Russian crop reports from unofficial sources are extremely conflicting, but it is believed that more than three-fourths of the winter-sown wheat has been lost. Rape has been almost completely destroyed and rye has been seriously damaged. There is a great dearth of fodder for cattle. If the weather remains fine the crops in southwestern Russia probably will not be more than 30 or 40 per cent. under the average.

It is reported 5,000 residents of Pasto Renador, Panama, are suffering from influenza. One-fourth of the cases proved

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