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God's in His heaven.

All's right with the world.

—BROWNING.

London, Tuesday, April 12.

Geo. T. Blackstock will not give his

consent to be nominated as a candidate for

the vacant Toronto seat in the Legislature.

He says he cannot afford the time needed

for the duties.

Welland Dominion election writ has been

issued. Nomination takes place on the

22nd, and polling on the 29th. The Liberal

and trade freedom candidate is James

Lowell, of Niagara Falls, and the Conserva-

tive and trade restriction nominee is Mr.

James Lawson, of Thorold.

The Hahnemann Society of the Homo-

pathic Hospital College, Cleveland, has

issued, in neat pamphlet form, a full report

of the address delivered before that society

on Feb. 4, last, by Ch. T. Campbell,

M.D., of this city, president of the

Institute of Homopathy, Ontario. Dr.

Campbell had for his subject the

"Personality of Hahnemann," a theme

which his ripened experience as a physician

and as a warm admirer of his great

exemplar rendered him able to handle in an

attractive manner. The address will re-

pay a careful perusal.

In the Legislature Mr. Meredith strongly

opposed the right of women to become

solicitors under the guidance of the Law

Society. Premier Mowat, on the other

hand, warmly championed the conferring

on the Law Society of all the powers

necessary to admit of the reform being

personally in favor of the change. The

Law Society will doubtless proceed to give

women students the same opportunity as

men. If they do not the Legislature will

no doubt see that justice is done.

It is a remarkable fact that despite the

taxes by which British products are met at

United States ports, the neighboring re-

public takes a greater value of British im-

ports than any other foreign country. This

fact goes a long way to show why British

Governments are so anxious to maintain

the most cordial relations with our neigh-

bors. It further demonstrates the im-

mense purchasing capacity of the United

States. The people there are the best buy-

ers in the world. These two facts are worthy

of note by Canadians who, in spite of

tariff walls, are closely identified with the

United States both in blood relationship

and in trading necessities. If Great Britain

desires the goodwill and the trade of the

States, so does Canada, and to a much

greater extent, as all must admit. What

this country needs is a Government in

power that really wishes to have more in-

timate trade relations with our neighbors;

not a set of men who are subsidized by

interested combines to raise imaginary lions

in the path.

A New York preacher told a public

meeting the other day that he had never

been naturalized because he regarded the

city as too wicked for him to participate in

its public affairs. It is just such sayings

as this and the legitimate result of their

utterance that afford most substantial con-

fidence to wrongdoers. No man is too good

to take an intelligent interest in public affairs.

No honest man can afford to stand by and

let his dishonest neighbor do as he pleases.

No man is justified in remaining away

from the polls because the majority

of those who vote may countenance

wrongdoing. Patriotism may even re-

quire sacrifices for the promotion of prin-

ciples. But surely the patriot will make

them. To what a pass would the world's

affairs attain if it were to be conceded that

the triumph of wickedness in high places

should be sufficient warrant for the with-

drawal of all honest men from participation

in the management of public affairs. Such

a view of duty is certain to not in accord

with the teachings of Scripture.

The daughters of deans of the Church

of England appear to have a predilection

for the stage. For to the Dean of Jersey

were indebted for Mrs. Langtry, while

now the daughter of no less a personage

than the Dean of Westminster has orga-

nized a regular dramatic company, of which

she is the star, and which devotes itself to

producing and acting plays for the enter-

tainment of the poor. It is a relief, how-

ever, to learn that the dean's wife exer-

cises a strict censorship over the plays

selected. Mrs. Wood, the dean's other

married daughter, is the authoress of "A

Village Tragedy," which on its appearance

attracted the attention of Mr. Gladstone,

and enjoyed a considerable run.

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS DONE.

To-day the Ontario Legislature rose, after

a sitting extending for just two months,

and after transacting much important public

business. No fewer than 175 measures were

introduced, of which 50 were private bills.

Among the more important general mea-

sures were the bills consolidating the

municipal and assessment law, which,

owing to the many amendments adopted in

the course of a few years, probably required

simplification more than any other measure

on the statute book. Thirty-three of the

bills introduced had for their object the

amendment of the municipal and assessment

law, but there is a growing indisposition to

pass such measures unless their usefulness

is strongly demonstrated, and most of

them were hoisted. One important change

made in the Municipal Act, however, was

the repeal of the clause enabling municipa-

lities to give money bonuses to factories.

The election laws, the mining laws, the

laws relating to the compensation of work-

men in certain instances were also con-

solidated.

Moral legislation occupied the attention

of the Legislature to a considerable extent.

A local option law, once passed, cannot be

repealed till it has had a three years' trial.

A proposal to sell liquor in dining

cars was strongly opposed and finally with-

drawn. Druggists must in future register

all sales of liquor, no matter how small the

quantities. After 1st July next, it will be

illegal for any one to sell or give tobacco to

persons under eighteen years of age.

The changes in the insurance laws, for

the further protection of the public, are in

the right direction. The Legislature has

the power to supervise insurance contracts

and it has taken full advantage of it.

Under the new law, legitimate insurance

enterprises have nothing to fear; but those

of doubtful advantage need not expect pro-

tection.

What is known as the succession tax was

welcomed as a most acceptable agency for

increasing the Provincial revenue. Under

it, the Province will collect 5 per cent. on

all bequests over \$10,000 made by anyone

to a person who is not a near relative; 25

per cent. on all bequests over \$100,000, and

5 per cent. on all over \$200,000 made by

one member of a family to another. Money

bequeathed for charitable purposes will not

be taxed.

The first step towards the better pro-

tection of fish and game with a view to

their increase was taken. A bill was passed

providing that a proportion of the fees

collected by Provincial officials should go

into the public purse. The grand jury was

reduced from 24 to 13—a highly beneficial

change. Bees are to be better protected, so

are birds of rivers and natural gas, and

fruits in milk are to be prevented. The

town of Windsor is incorporated as a city,

and Rat Portage, Sudbury, Mattawa, Fort

William and Thessalon, all in Northwestern

Ontario, are advanced to the dignity of

towns. Legislation looking to a reduction