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## A Blue Ruin Preacher in Quebec.

Mr. Bergeron, M. P., almost the only Conservative of eminence remaining in the Dominion House of Commons from Quebec, addressed his constituency the other day on the condition of the country. Mr. Bergeron must have been asleep since the summer of 1896, for he asserts that he can see nothing but ruin for the country, because the Liberals are in power. To preach that the Dominion would go to the dogs if the Liberals were given the reins of government, was a comparatively safe prognostication while Mr. Bergeron's friends were at the helm. But it takes a rash politician like Mr. Bergeron to mount a platform and assert that the Canadian people are in a terrible condition of distress because a new and better condition of affairs has been established. Mr. Bergeron, like Sir Charles Tupper, is as one crying in the wilderness, for there is no one to listen to him, as the people of the Dominion know there is no more prosperous country the world over than Canada today. All the wailing of the disappointed politician, therefore, is in vain.

## The Difficulty of Being Honest.

There is what is called "a financial world," and, according to the testimony of those who live in it, it is not easy being honest there. Apropos of the recent revelations in Great Britain, a writer in the Westminster Review deals with "The Art of Blackmailing." The article is really bigger than the title, as it deals with bribery as well as blackmail in the narrower sense. The writer is a "financial journalist," and seems to have studied the subject from the inside. For the purpose of this article, the press of the great metropolis of the financial world may be divided into two classes. There is the "gutter press," whose agents do the blackmailing. These are despicable, unimpeachable sheets, but they get hold at times of unpleasant facts, and business men sometimes find it worth while to purchase their silence or their flattery at a modest price. The law, however, as it now stands, affords protection against attacks of this kind. If a man's record is clean, he can use the law effectively against any one who would extort "blackmail" from him.

But the same law that condemns the blackmailers should lay hold of the briber, and the "city magnate" who makes persistent efforts to corrupt others, should be made a guest of the Government in that place where there is no turtle soup, and where men can think upon the world in the silence which is solitary and which may be wholesome.

## Two Great Men Contrasted.

The great contrast of the present year was furnished by the passing away of two men, confessedly the two greatest men of the century in the sphere of politics. Gladstone and Bismarck were both great men, who did a great life-work, and endured to a good old age. There is no need to belittle one that we may give greater glory to the other, but it would be vain to deny the great contrast between the two men and their work. In fact, it is an instructive exercise to emphasize and develop this contrast. Gladstone's was in a moral sense a consecrated life; all through he knew nothing of the reckless, rollicking experience, the heavy beer-drinking and duel-fighting, which marked the early career of the burly German statesman. Bismarck was intensely German in his view of the world, while Gladstone was reproached with being, if anything, too cosmopolitan. It is true that Bismarck made no pretence of universal philanthropy, and declared with somewhat cynical frankness that he would not sacrifice a single soldier where German interests were not directly concerned. Gladstone's efforts for Italians and Bulgarians show the humane spirit of the man, which refused to be confined within national bounds.

The work of Bismarck was accomplished through blood and iron. Denmark, Austria and France fell in turn the weight of the German sword. The result was a united German Empire, united in name, if not in spirit. Gladstone's work was wrought through a series of peaceful, bloodless revolutions, which transformed Britain into a real democracy. The great English statesman was not a courtier any more than he was a demagogue, but he commanded the respect of his sovereign as well as the love of the people. The

strong man who ruled Germany so long had a painful close to his career. He ranked under the sense of wrong, and did and said things which would have been tolerated from no other man. Unfortunately, this sad quarrel threw its shadow over the grave. Though not belonging to his people, we regret it, and are glad that no such ill-feeling in any quarter marred "the passing of Gladstone." The motto of one life was that of unity; the other, liberty. These ought not to be regarded as contradictory, but as complimentary conceptions.

While Bismarck built upon a military basis the mighty fabric of the German Empire, Gladstone was charged—unfairly, as we think—with attempting to dismember the British Empire. We cannot now discuss the question of Home Rule for Ireland, but we certainly believe that the real union is a "union of hearts" based on mutual consideration. The union which is to last must give the largest possible measure of liberty. In fact, the great problem of politics is to reconcile unity and liberty, the claims of society and the rights of individuals. As to the effects of the policy of these two great statesmen, we can only mention two points, the treatment of Roman Catholics, and the handling of social problems. Gladstone, though strongly opposed to what he called "Vaticanism," made some of his greatest efforts and suffered some of his heaviest losses in seeking to render fuller justice to the Roman Catholic minority. Bismarck's treatment of the Catholics resulted in creating a solid "center party," which holds the balance of power, and is the most stable faction in German politics.

The remedial legislation which Gladstone was so largely connected with the demands of Chartism, and robbed Socialism of its attractions, so that nowhere is Socialism politically so weak as in England. Bismarck's protective policy and coercive legislation have increased the Socialist party in Germany, so that, if represented according to its members, it would have about 100 deputies. Truly they were both great men—but their careers, how different!

## Tobacco Growing at the Coast.

In the matter of tobacco growing, Western Ontario will have to look to its laurels. Since the duties were changed by the present Administration at Ottawa, there has been a great development in tobacco growing, not only in this Province, but in British Columbia. Of the tobacco grown in British Columbia, Dr. Fletcher, Dominion entomologist, who has recently returned from a trip to the Pacific coast, says that it is better than any other Canadian tobacco that he has ever seen or used. It is of a fine class, and is cultivated and manufactured extensively. In tobacco growing, therefore, as well as in fruit culture, the far West bids fair to be a formidable rival of the East. This is a great country, and to its natural resources there seems to be scarcely a limit.

## Life in the Northern Zone.

Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner in Great Britain, never loses a chance to say a good word for the Dominion, in which he spent over half a century of his life. His remarks recently at the launching of a new vessel for the trade between Canada and England were most appropriate. Some of the speakers had referred to the cold that sometimes prevails in Canada, as if it were a normal condition of affairs. Lord Strathcona rejoined that the cold weather which Canadians are called upon to endure is decidedly exhilarating. It is a dry cold, and one has to look at the thermometer oftentimes to tell that it is freezing. The High Commissioner added that he had suffered more in the North of England—far more in Edinburgh on a cold, raw morning in March or April—than he ever did in North America. Those of our readers who have lived in both atmospheres can indorse the testimony of Lord Strathcona.

The Canadian climate is one in which the best of men and women, of live stock and of food products, is produced. What better testimony to its adaptability to the wants of the human race can be given? We have never pined for residence in any of the perpetually warm and enervating climates of the South. "We are the men of the Northern zone," and we ought to be proud of our heritage, for no better country is open for the habitation of man today.

## Combination to be Desired.

[Springfield, Mass., Republican.] It is a pity that the czar, along with his horror of war, hasn't the personal energy and masterfulness of the German emperor, and it is also a pity that the German emperor, along with his masterfulness and energy, hasn't the czar's horror of war.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY.

## An Outstretched Hand.

[From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.] Manila means "a little hand." And who would be so hard-hearted as to decline it?

## Merely a Blank.

[From the Washington Star.] General Blanco is expected to remove all explosives from the neighborhood of Havana with the exception of his own harmless rhetoric.

## Steps in the Right Direction.

[Kansas City Star.] In the absence of any present possibility of altogether abolishing protective tariffs the believers in free trade welcome every movement to establish trade reciprocity treaties, recognizing that every one of them is a distinct step toward taking off all the restraints on trade and an unconscious acknowledgment by protective tariff advocates of the benefits of unhampered commerce between the nations as well as between the states.

## Military Drill in Seneca.

[Canadian Baptist.]

Let us not be misunderstood. We are not inquiring into the morality of modern warfare or of military tactics. We are not denying that it is "sweet and glorious to die for one's country" upon occasion. We are not disputing the desirability of having a small body of well-trained citizen soldiers, prepared to meet any band of marauders that might threaten us from within or without. We are merely questioning whether the military drill is the right kind of training for school children; whether the military ideals it sets up are the best ideals for the worship of the youthful imagination; whether the motives, sentiments and impulses to which it appeals are those which it is desirable to foster in the breasts of our boys. Surely the subject is worthy of some serious thought on the part of parents at the beginning of the school year.

## Roderick Hu and Fitzjames.

[Events.]

The report comes from British Columbia that Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper is going to follow in Joe Martin's footsteps and go in for local politics in the Pacific Province. He is to become leader of the Conservative party, which the Hon. Joseph W. will command the Liberals, and these two stalwarts are to graft Dominion issues on the present provincial system, and to run things as they are run down east. It is no longer to be a no-party fight, but an out-and-out political struggle, with marked lines. It is further stated that Lieutenant-Governor McInnes will dissolve Parliament and let them at it on an early day, so that we are not likely to be kept long in suspense wondering what will come of it. Sir Charles must take a dismal view of the prospects of his party in the Federal arena, when he is deserting to the provincial field. He has evidently sized up the situation, and come to the conclusion that there is no immediate hope of defeating the Laurier Government.

## LIGHT AND SHADE.

## Walks On Their Feet.

And when the tired working girl comes into the crowded car, Those sordid men who sit in seats Unconscious of her presence are. But their specious little subterfuge This shiftless damsel scorned: These sordid men actually have no hearts! But luckily they've corns.

—Detroit Journal.

## A War Incident.

One of the many pathetic incidents of the late war is found in a paragraph of "Deaths Not Previously Reported," and reads: "Harvey Atkins, Company 1, Second Massachusetts Infantry, died July 21." In medical records they do not say "homesickness," they say "nostalgia," and thereby attain the chief end of records, which is technicality, not pathos. But underneath the medical term is the pitiful fact that soldiers actually die of heart-breaking, mortal homesickness.

## Collaboration in Eating.

Little Darling: "That was a white sugar almond cake, Mr. Squamish." "Duce no like it?" Crusty Old Bachelor (who is trying hard to swallow the dainty in question): "Very much in deed, thank you." Little Darling: "It was a pretty pink once."

## A Pretty Good World.

This world's a pretty good sort of world. Taking it all together, In spite of the grief and sorrow we meet, There are friends to love and hopes to cheer, And pieces of compensation For every ache for those who make The best of the situation.

There are quiet nooks for lovers of books, With nature in happy union; There are cool retreats from the noon-tide heats Where souls may have sweet communion.

And if there's a spot where the sun shines not, There's a way to a lamp to light it, And if there's a wrong we know ere long That the God above will right it.

So it is not for us to make a fuss Because of life's sad mischances, Nor to wear ourselves out to bring about A change in our circumstances.

For this world's a pretty good sort of world, And He to whom we are debtor Appoints our place and supplies the need To help us make it better.

—Josephine Pollard.

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## THE RAILWAYS

Trans-Atlantic Steamship Arrangements—Decision Affecting the C. P. R.

Grand Trunk Changes—Manager Hays Big Salary.

The inter-state commerce commission, in the Canadian Pacific passenger rate case, has decided that the Canadian Pacific is not entitled to the differential passenger rates contended for.

A Montreal press dispatch says: Mr. Charles M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk system, has got \$10,000 increase of salary. It is understood that Mr. Hays entered upon his work as general manager of the Grand Trunk at a salary of \$25,000, and he gets \$10,000 more as receiver of the Vermont Central, thus making, with the Grand Trunk's extra \$10,000, a total salary of \$45,000.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has completed its trans-Atlantic steamship arrangements for the coming winter. It is stated that a new steamship line will be run in connection with the G. T. R., which is making a strong bid for a large share of the western grain carrying trade by providing greater ocean facilities for transport of the great harvest of the west. The Allan, Elder-Dempster, Thomson and American also have connection with the Grand Trunk.

A circular was issued Thursday by Mr. F. H. Fitzhugh, superintendent of the middle district of the Grand Trunk Railway, to the effect that Roadmaster J. Piper, of Toronto, would be transferred to the 20th district, which comprises the Brantford and London branches and 21st district, comprising Harrisburg and Guelph. Mr. Piper's headquarters will be at Brantford. He will be succeeded in Toronto by Mr. Charles O'Dell, Mr. P. Earl, formerly roadmaster at Brantford, has resigned.

The inter-state commerce commission in the Canadian Pacific passenger rate case, decided that the Canadian Pacific is not entitled to the differential passenger rates contended for. The decision says: "The commission holds that the claim made in behalf of the American roads, that no Canadian road is entitled to a differential under any American line on any American business, is probably untenable, even though the standpoint of the American roads, as some Canadian roads, notably the Grand Trunk, work in connection with American lines, and the public interest in the reduced rates caused by competition is not to be ignored." The commission, however, states that it has no power to allow or disallow the differential in dispute, but would consider it extremely fortunate if the conclusions reached should be made the basis of an early adjustment.

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