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A PESSIMIST'S VIEWS.

The following distribe expounded by a writer in the Manchester Guardian, though not written by him while perhaps containing a grain of truth, depicts a wind overburdened with droll though ignominious pessimism:—

"In recent papers I have been describing some of the more obvious vices of Society. I have spoken of its utter irreligiosity, its worship of money, its frantic extravagance, its indifference to all moral issues, its cynical absorption in pleasure and self-indulgence and self-seeking, its impatience of restraint, privacy and decorum. To-day it would be obvious to pursue the odious theme a little further and examine the less conspicuous but even graver evils which lie concealed just below the surface of Society and not seldom appear above it. Such a course should indeed be obvious, but frankly it is impossible. The evils which I have in mind are not of such a character as can be suitably handled in this column. Suggestion and allusion are all that is possible, and suggestion and allusion are not far to seek. In spite of glaring vulgarity and crude exaggeration "The visits of Elizabeth" portrayed a certain aspect in social life; the "English woman's Love-letters" displayed another; a third may be found in "Sir Richard Calmady." And social life contains even darker elements than these and conceals some moral aberrations which English fiction, as yet leaves undescribed. We are living in an age of decadence, and we pretend not to know it. There's not a feature wanting, though I can't mention the worst of them. We are Romans of the worst period, given up to luxury and effeminacy and caring for nothing but money. Courage is so out of the fashion that we boast of cowardice. We care no more for beauty in art, but only for a brutal realism. Sport has lost its manliness and is a matter of pigeons from a trap or a mountain of crushed pheasants to sell to your own tradesman. Religion is coming down to jugglers and table-turning and phrasemongers with brigandage brought, like the rites of Isis, from the East; and as for Patriotism, it is turned on, like beer, at election times or worked like a mechanical doll by wire-pullers. There is not an ounce of manliness in the country; and as for the women, nothing draws your gentle sex like a child hanging by its coonails to the high trapeze or the chance of a wounded pigeon in their laps. If there were a gladiator fight in the Albert Hall next season and the beaten man went down, the women would be ready with their little thumbs; they would want his blood. We have the honor of belonging to one of the most corrupt generations of the human race. To find its equal one must go back to the worst times of the Roman Empire, and look devilish close then. But, for all that, it's uncommonly amusing to live in an age of decadence. You see the funniest sights and you get every conceivable luxury, and you die before the irruption of the barbarians."

No doubt the writer of the foregoing distribe is a close, though by no means a shrewd observer of Society in all its phases. But his attempted bird's eye view of the social world is no doubt gleaned from a certain section of society, while lives and moves to the detriment of the human race, in all the large cities of the world and we might add, in the small ones as well. Yes, it goes without saying that the world to-day, like the world of a thousand years ago, nourishes many vicious men and women—men and women who recognize no duties, but who live to eat and drink, to be smart and to be generally amused, and to have, as the phrase is, a good time. And immediately the germs of graver evils find a congenial lodgment in a soil thus prepared for them by indolence and materialism and self-indulgence. But like the world of a thousand years ago the germs of evil find their advances repelled more often than accepted. And we might pertinently remark that, inasmuch as we have fallen to a degree from the manners of our ancestors, we of today, thanks to civilization, have a more comprehensive idea of right and wrong, of evil and of good. We recognize that we have definite duties to ourselves and to our neighbors and though we live in an age of gold idolatry, we also live in an age of philanthropists. To-day there are more social organizations, and consequently more men and women, devoted to uplifting and purifying the

human race than ever before. Men to-day look after their cottages, purify the water supply, take part in the deliberations of the parish council, and contribute respectfully, if not profusely, to churches, hospitals, libraries, etc. Ladies visit the poor and carry savory messes to the sick and train young servants and teach in Sunday School. But these same men and women also engage in a little beneficial amusement occasionally, such as dancing, pic-nicking and theatre going, but they stop there. They realize and recognize the barrier between amusement and vice. But as we intimated above there are many men and women of supposed respectability who are vicious to a degree, but they are decidedly in the minority. And their existence, tends not to decay the human race, but to show with irresistible signs that no one can decently live a life of unmixd self-indulgence and self-seeking.

AN ENGLISH VIEW OF CANADA.

At the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce last month Mr. R. A. Lister gave an address on "Canada: Its Commercial, Agricultural and General Importance to the Empire." Mr. Lister referred to the fact that Canada imports from the United States far more than from Great Britain and explained it by the difference in business methods, and greater suitability of American goods. There are other reasons—proximity and similarity in modes of life, business, farming, manufacturing, railroading, etc. A good trade, however, is done in British goods, among which he mentions woollens and cutlery, and thinks there is a good opening for British hydraulic and other machinery for engineering work. Mr. Lister followed with an account of the resources and industries of Canada, with which he is deeply impressed.

Mr. Lister referred to the noble precedent established by the present Canadian Government, under the able guidance of Sir Wilfred Laurier, in granting unsolicited a preferential tariff of no less than 33 1-3 per cent on all the manufacturers of the United Kingdom sent to the Dominion of Canada. I cannot emphasize sufficiently the importance of this gracious act on the part of Canada, and it is giving the country a well deserved, yet a substantial, advantage over our greatest competitors, viz., the United States and Germany, as in the case of either of these countries shipped goods upon which the duty amounted to £300, the British Manufacturer would have a rebate of £100. This, on the heavy class of goods, with a quick turnover, represents a fair profit. He expressed regret that Australia had not followed the lead of Canada in this respect.

It seems that Hon. J. B. Snowball is the universal choice for New Brunswick's next Lieutenant Governor. The press throughout the province and the Dominion at large are strongly in favor of the appointment and it is now the universal opinion that the Hon. gentleman will be favored with the appointment.

Stop the Blight

It is a sad thing to see fine fruit trees spoiled by the blight. You can always tell them from the rest. They never do well afterwards but stay small and sickly.

It is worse to see a blight strike children. Good health is the natural right of children. But some of them don't get their rights. While the rest grow big and strong one stays small and weak.

Scott's Emulsion can stop that blight. There is no reason why such a child should stay small. Scott's Emulsion is a medicine with lots of strength in it—the kind of strength that makes things grow.

Scott's Emulsion makes children grow, makes them eat, makes them sleep, makes them play. Give the weak child a chance. Scott's Emulsion will make it catch up with the rest.

This picture represents the Trade Mark of Scott's Emulsion and is on the wrapper of every bottle. Send for free sample. SCOTT & BOWNE, TORONTO, CANADA. 30c and 50c. all druggists.

HOLIDAY PRICES.

We have received a complete stock of goods for holiday trade which we are offering at prices which defy competition where quality of goods is considered.

The following are a few articles with prices which we are offering.

- Standard Granulated Sugar 20 lbs for 1 00
Extra C. Sugar, very light 22 " " 1 00
Best Valencia Raisins 3 " " 25
Best Cleaned Currants 3 " " 25
Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel 15c. per lb.
Corn Starch 6c. " package
Good Tea 20c. " lb.
Coffee, ground while you wait 25c. "
Soda 3c and 5c per lb
Cream Tartar 25c. per lb.
Royal Baking Powder 15c. per lb.
Desiccated Coconut 25c. per lb.
Large bottle, Flavoring Extracts 10c. " bottle
Powdered Sugar 8c. " lb.
Mixed Nuts 2 lbs for 25.
Assorted Jams 8c. per lb.
Maple Syrup in fancy bottles 15c. " bottle.
Choice Apples 10c. " doz.
Figs 35c. " pail
Cranberries 15c. " lb.
Onions 4c. " gal.
Biscuits 8 lbs for 25c.
Mixed Cakes 20c. per gal.
Cheese 2 " " "
Soap 8 " " "
Corn, Peas and Tomatoes 3 cans "
Worcester Sauce 2 bottles "

- Extra Choice Porto Rico Molasses 40c. per gal.
Fruit Syrups 10 & 20 per bid
Apple Cider 20c. per gal.
Choice Butter 22c. " lb.
Geese, Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, William's Hams, Bacon and Pork, Sausages, Mince Meat in pails, and one pound packages, Plum Pudding in cans, Pure Lard and Finnis Haddies.

The above prices are for SPOT CASH only. We have also a full line of Ganong Bros. famous Chocolates in bulk and fancy boxes, as well as an assortment of their fancy Creams and Buttercreams.

Don't fail to see our line of CROCKERYWARE. The most complete in Town and at prices to suit the times. Visit our branch store, when looking for toys and fancy goods. Next door to Post Office. For particulars see extra advertisement.

GEO. STABLES.

MORRISON'S For The Holidays.

Everything that is New and Fashionable in Holiday Goods. We have just opened up a large assortment of Holiday goods which we are offering at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES. Style and quality considered. These goods have been purchased with care and are all of the best quality.

FURNITURE.

What would make a more suitable X'mas present than a nice piece of Furniture. We have the largest stock on the Miramichi to choose from. A fine line of chairs, tables, sofas, etc., at all prices to suit all purchasers.

FANCY GOODS.

In fancy goods we have a choice selection which will suit the tastes and purses of all. Many expensive lines have been marked away down.

X'MAS TOYS.

A whole host of them from 1 cent to \$5 each. You can surely find something in this line for any member of your family. Dolls, birds, animals, carts, drums, trumps, mechanical toys, in great variety and at prices that speak for themselves.

OUR GENERAL STOCK.

Our store is also filled from door to door with a tremendous stock of dry goods, Ladies Coats, mens furnishings, Boots and shoes, Fur coats, Fur caps and mits, etc, and among these are many articles of wear that would make suitable X'mas presents.

When doing your shopping do not fail to call and inspect one stock which we are sure you will find one of the largest and most select in Town.

D. MORRISON

Newcastle, Dec. 30th, 1901.

SPECIAL X'MAS SALE AT THE CHEAP CASH STORE.

PRICES REDUCED. In order to clear some lines previous to stock taking.

Mens and Boys, Ulsters, Overcoats, Reefers, Jumpers and Homespun Pants. Don't fail to see our stock of these before buying elsewhere, quality and price are their leading features. Satisfaction GUARANTEED.

Bargains in mens Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Ties, Braces, Gloves, etc., etc. Some lines selling at half price to clear.

Also a large stock of Jewelry consisting of Rings, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Souvenir Brooches and Hatpins, Fancy Hairpins, Bracelets, etc., etc. Suitable for X'mas presents at prices to suit everyone.

The Cheap Cash Store. JAMES BROWN, NEWCASTLE.

RUSSELL'S COAL and WOOD YARD.

Chartered to arrive soon. Three cargoes best Acadian and Old Mine Sydney steam and house Coal.

Also Albion Mine Blacksmith's Coal. Order booked for delivery at lowest possible prices in town or outlying district John Russell & Co., Newcastle.

Oct. 8th, 1901.

IF YOU NEED AN OVERCOAT OR SUIT

At a bargain, we have three brown overcoat lengths of cloth and a fine black, blue, and grey len th. We are making them p from \$13.00 to \$15.00 to clear. Lined blue or black Serge, Velvet collars and Mohair sleeve lining. Don't pay \$10.00 or \$12.00 for a hand-me-down when you can get a first class one for this small sum. Remember these are cut away down—used to be from \$15.00 to \$18.00.

We have some reduced suits—you ought to see them. McMURDO & CO.

The King The Queen The Duchess of Devonshire The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal and The Union Advocate.

A REMARKABLE OFFER.

Here is the best offer ever made in this community. By a very excellent arrangement made with the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal we are enabled to offer THE ADVOCATE and that great Family Paper, the Family Herald and Weekly Star, for one year for the small sum of \$1.80 and include to each subscriber three beautiful premium pictures, of which the following is a brief description.

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No portrait of the King and Consort taken at the second or succeeding sittings can have one fraction of the value of the first. These go down to history. THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE.—The Renowned Gainsborough Picture. Sold at auction sale in London twenty-five years ago for £10,000, stolen by clever thieves, hidden for over twenty-four years and delivered to its owner on payment of \$25,000 reward and since sold to Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan for \$75,000.

This, in brief, is the history of one of the premium pictures, which by a clever stroke of enterprise, the publishers of the Family Herald have secured for their subscribers. The picture is 22x28 in ten colors, and reproduces line for line, color for color with the original. Copies of the reproduction are now sold in New York City, Montreal, and Toronto for \$12 each, and this is the picture Family Herald subscribers are going to get absolutely free together with the pictures of the King and Queen.

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