

tive record is a very insignificant one. Otherwise, it was a rather exciting session owing to the development of differences among the supporters of the party in power, which will before long wreck the Thompson administration.

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EVIDENCES continue to multiply that the Chicago World's Fair will be a very good place to stay away from this summer. Even if cholera, or some other frightful epidemic, does not break out—as it probably will—dangers to life and limb are likely to be numerous, as the arrangements made for the accommodation of the expected throngs of visitors put a premium on disasters on a large scale. According to the *New York Herald* 279 temporary hotels, containing 33,945 rooms, are in course of erection. As they will nearly all be torn down after the Fair is over, their construction is of the



HE WAS SAFE.

"Young man, do you know that every drink you take is one more nail in your coffin?"

"Oh, that's all right. I've requested that I be cremated, and my remains put in a jar."

flimsiest possible description, and there will be great danger of fire or collapse. All kinds of schemes are being worked for obtaining money in advance on the promise of accommodation, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been gathered in by the speculators. There is no more rapacious set of sharpers anywhere in the world than in Chicago, and as all the hungry rascality of the continent is likely to draw to a head there during the Fair, the visitors will doubtless be swindled and plundered in every direction. The chances are that the whole business will end in disaster and disappointment.

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WHEN Oliver Mowat was created a knight, in order to tickle his senile vanity, there were not wanting partizan apologists who belied their convictions and the traditions of the Liberal party by pleading in mitigation that the conferring of the title, at least did no harm to



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anybody. Subsequent events show the falsity of this argument. It has already done an infinite deal of harm. It has altered the tone of the administration considerably for the worse, and forced the Grits, instead of being the champions of Democracy and progress, to become defenders of mediævalism and reactionary ideas. As an evidence of this we see the absurd and senseless display of military pageantry at the opening of the Provincial session, which had been abandoned in deference to the growing intelligence of the public, now resumed in connection with the inauguration of the new Parliament buildings. Furthermore, the affair was made the occasion of a gubernatorial reception in which only the favored few could participate. The whole thing savors of the spirit of caste, aristocracy and mediævalism, and is clearly due to the gratification of Premier Mowat's snobbish whim. It is a pity there is not enough of manliness in the party to resent this dragging of their professed principles in the mud to please a vain, conceited old man, who ought to be thinking of other things than strutting about in antiquated frippery to receive the servile homage of snobs.

TO MR. MCCARTHY.

GO it Dalton, my son,
When you once have begun
A reform in our matters financial,
It will help matters much
If you advocate such
A reform as is really substantial.

Though spoken or written,
Free trade with Great Britain
Is a policy not to be sneezed at;
You soon will discover
Free trade the world over,
Is one we should be better pleased at.

G.C.

PARTICULAR ABOUT TRIFLES.

BINNICK—"Their original quarrel was over a woman."

CYNIC—"I knew it was some such trifle as that."



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