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—[BROWNING.]

London, Thursday, August 17.

A LONDON township farmer has erected a dog house. Would it not be well to celebrate this splendid proof of the efficacy of high taxation as an aid to the farmer?

RECENT Dominion Government regulations have had the effect of throwing whisky making into the hands of one or two rich firms. This is probably the reason why the Governor General refers to Mr. Paterson, Minister of Militia, as "Hiram Walker's hired man."

ASTRONOMERS say that the peculiar position of the moon is the cause of late hot, dry weather, and that it arises from the fact that there are only two eclipses this year. This is very interesting, as is also the further intelligence that a similar experience—in eclipses—will not again occur for 100 years.

THE Queen of England recently knighted a negro in the order of St. Michael and St. George; and France has named the star of a grand officer of the Legion of Honor on the breast of the negro Gen. Dodds, commander of Dahomey. Give the colored man a chance and he will get along.

CANADA'S mercantile marine has steadily decreased since 1878, when the "protective" system of taxation was resolved on. Our shipping interests were tolerably stable till then, but each recurring year since the blighting influence of the trade restricting policy is shown in the decreased number of vessels owned and operated by Canadians.

THE Ottawa Citizen says:

"An absurd outcry against clerical domination is being raised in Toronto because some Protestant ministers have appeared on the platform during the discussions on Sunday cars. Does a man lose his rights as a citizen when he enters the church?"

Certainly not! Besides, a clergyman, by virtue of his position, must be regarded as a special authority on all questions where the moral welfare of the community may be at stake.

IN NINETY-NINE cases out of a hundred the woman who leaves her husband and goes off with another man is deserted before a month is over. This fact is emphasized by the experience of a former resident of London West, chronicled in our local columns to-day. Even apart from the moral aspect of the misconduct, it should be apparent to every tempted one that the pursuance of such a course is sure to bring disaster to the woman.

A CONTEMPORARY suggests that Dr. Montague is likely to be taken into the Dominion Government because he has been travelling around the country in one of the Government palace cars at public expense. That is by no means sound reasoning. If travelling around the country, without expense, and in Government-provided palace cars, is a passport to Cabinet office, a revolution in the Government must be contemplated, as Dr. Rourke, Alex. McKim, Mr. Masson and other M. P.s. have recently been jambourising around in Government cars, and have even been provided with the services of civil servants free of all charge.

THE San Francisco Examiner shows how easily the Referendum could be applied to settle the money question in the United States. In Switzerland there would be no trouble about such a question as that of the repeal of the Sherman silver coinage law. Whatever the legislative body might do there would be 50,000 voters to sign a petition for the submission of the matter to the people. It would be put to a vote and the people would decide it. Then every body would be satisfied. There would be no chance to say that a conspiracy of bankers had induced legislators to betray their trust. If the people burned their own fingers they would be the sufferers. They would correct the mistake next time, and no lasting harm would be done.

SENATOR FRANK SMITH has returned to his home from Chicago. The Senator is an enthusiastic supporter of the Sunday street cars, and incidentally he gives Chicago a testimonial for sobriety. Despite the fact that it has miles of saloons standing side by side, Mr. Smith asserts that he saw no drunkenness during his stay. The saloon district of Chicago, indeed, is rated as a sort of paradise by the Senator. Those who read what Mr. Smith says on this subject, however, must bear in mind that the men interested in the perpetuation and extension of the sale of intoxicants rarely confess to seeing any evil results from the traffic. For example, the House of Lords recently had before it a bill for the further restriction of the liquor traffic in Ireland. They changed its provisions so as to practically destroy it. And why? Because 172 members of that Chamber own or control no fewer than 1,639 public houses in Ireland.

THE POINTS DECIDED.

The five points decided by the Bering Sea arbitrators may be briefly summed up as follows:

1. The United States claimed jurisdiction over the Bering Sea, in accordance with an old claim made by Russia when that empire owned Alaska. It is held by the arbitrators, however, that though Russia claimed jurisdiction in that sea, to the extent of 100 Italian miles from the coast and islands belonging to her, in the treaty of 1824 with the United States and in the treaty of 1825 with Great Britain, Russia admitted that her jurisdiction should be a cannon shot, or three miles, from shore. Russia did not again assert wide jurisdiction over the sea from that time till the cession of Alaska to the United States, therefore the United States has no extended jurisdiction in Bering Sea.

2. Great Britain never recognized any claim upon the part of Russia of exclusive jurisdiction as to the seal fisheries in Bering Sea outside the ordinary territorial waters. Russia, therefore, could not hand over any such jurisdiction to the United States.

3. The body of water now known as Bering Sea was included in the phrase "Pacific Ocean" as used in the treaty of 1825 between Britain and Russia.

4. All the rights of Russia to jurisdiction and to the seal fisheries passed to the United States, limited by the cession.

5. The United States has no right to the protection of or property in the seals frequenting the islands of the United States in Bering Sea when found outside of the ordinary three-mile limit.

These are the findings as to the rights of parties. The regulations to be enforced prohibit the capturing or pursuing of seals within a zone of 60 miles around the Pribilof Islands. They further establish a close season for seals in Bering Sea from May 1 to July 31. They prohibit the use of firearms in sealing. They permit the capture of seals outside the Pribilof zone after Aug. 1.

Thus, in future, there will be severe restrictions upon the sealers of both nations. Both parties to the arbitration very fairly claim a victory, because each has been able to have points decided in its favor. Herein is proof that the arbitrators have made a fair settlement of the troubles. After all, however, the ownership of a few seals, more or less, is of small moment. We could all get along though the seals were annihilated. What we desire once more to emphasize is the splendid effect of such an amicable settlement of difficulties between the branches of the English-speaking race on both sides of the Atlantic. They are much nearer to one another, both in sympathy and in aim, than mischief-making self-seekers would have us believe. Their reunion may not be so far short of realization.

THE CANTEN MUST GO!

The Dominion Government, despite many protests against the practice, refuses to abolish the canteen system in connection with the militia camps. This is much to be regretted, as there is absolutely no necessity for retailing intoxicating liquors to the young men who attend the camp, or to throw in their path unnecessary temptation.

In Michigan Gen. Eaton emphatically pronounced against the canteen, which was abolished at the State encampment this year. He says that the State has no business to go into the business of dispensing liquor, and that if it does, the result is certain to be intemperance and violence. He further contends that there was less intemperance at the State encampment this year than last, when liquor was openly sold in the canteen, and that the refusal to set up liquor bars on the grounds has resulted in officers and men giving better attention to drill and in much improved behavior all around. Even those who formerly supported the canteen concede this.

The canteen must go in Canada as well as in Michigan. United effort on the part of those opposed to it will overthrow the power behind the throne that compels its perpetuation.

INANITY IN CANADA.

Census Commissioner Johnson has issued statistics with regard to the insane in Canada. There are 13,355 insane persons in Canada, but only a little over one-half of these are reported to be in asylums. It will surprise most people to learn that even in Ontario, while 3,450 insane persons are in the five public institutions, there are 2,405 outside of them. The commissioner claims that drink had little to do with the causes of insanity, and he gives this table of results from the average returns from England, France, Denmark and the United States:

	Per Cent.
Heredity.....	24
Drink.....	24
Business.....	12
Loss of friends.....	11
Sickness.....	10
Various.....	10

The corresponding table for Canada is as follows:

	Per Cent.
Heredity.....	34.5
Drink.....	2.5
Business.....	6.0
Loss of friends.....	2.2
Sickness.....	11.0
Various.....	43.5

We cannot believe that these returns are reliable. The commissioner says that it is difficult to properly classify the insane population; but all who have investigated the diseases that arise from intemperance, and who know how mental troubles are augmented by it, must reach the conclusion that the old world results are more likely to hold good with regard to Canada than are the figures supplied from Ottawa. Therefore we adopt the latter, we must at least have the data upon which the compiler built.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

The latest recruit to the temperance ranks in Great Britain is said to be Mr. Victor Buxton, eldest son of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, of the well-known firm of Truman, Hanbury, Buxton & Co., London. By this step it is understood that he relinquishes no less than £1,000,000.

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The laying of the telegraph cable between Queensland and New Caledonia, which is intended to form a first section of a trans-Pacific cable between Australia and Canada, will be begun very shortly, and is expected to be finished by the end of this month. It is stated in Sydney that the cable will be completed to Vancouver within two years.

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The largest two-piece pulley ever constructed was cast a few days ago in Pittsburgh. None of the casting works of the country would take the contract for the pulley, and the firm wanting it finally did the job for itself. The wheel is 24 feet in diameter, has a face of 48 inches, and weighs 54,000 pounds.

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According to an old tradition, silver was first used as coin in Great Britain 1,900 years ago. A mint is said to have been established in Colchester, in the county of Essex, England, by one of the native kings during the reign of the Emperor Augustus, and gold, brass and silver coins, to a small extent, were issued therefrom. In the coin and metal division of the British Museum there is a fine assortment of early English silver coins.

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A prominent legal journal of London makes the startling proposition that the wig be abolished as part of the English judicial system. "Its abomination in every sense, practical and ornamental, is admitted," says this journal. "It is a relic of a bygone age, and spoils the looks of men with any pretensions to beauty, while ugly men it makes grotesque. It probably conduces to somnolence."

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In the cold air freezing machines now employed on board ships for the transport of meat from Australia, New Zealand and America, the meat is placed in large chambers, the walls of which are double, the interspace being filled with wood charcoal as a non-conducting material. A jet of intensely cold air is delivered into the chamber at each stroke of the piston of the expansion cylinder, and the temperature of the chamber is thus kept at or near the freezing point during the whole voyage.

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An Antarctic whaling and sealing company designed to operate on a large scale is being formed in Dundee. The promoters propose to fit up a depot on the Falkland Islands, where sealskins could be salted, so that the ships could make several trips from there to the grounds, large steamers being employed to bring home the catches. The experts who went with the recent Dundee expedition aver that not only are whales and seals found in much greater numbers in the south than in the north, but that an Antarctic sealskin of the second class is at least as good as an Arctic skin of the first grade.

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A woman who lives in the suburbs usually places a large tin pan on her front door step to receive the ice that the iceman delivers each morning. During a recent hot spell her little grandson, who is full of mischief, thought that he would play a joke on his grandmother. The next morning, when the pan was put on the step, he filled it partly with water and then yelled "Ice!" It was nearly five minutes before the grandmother started to take the ice into the house. She was surprised to find that the ice had melted so quickly. Meantime the iceman had come and saw no pan for the ice. He did not leave the usual piece, and the grandmother, not realising the neighbors of the unusual heat until the other day, when the young hopeful told his big brother about the joke he played.

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