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A Great Danger.

One of the things that causes uneasiness at the close of the nineteenth century is the broken and divided condition of the English Liberal party. During the century that has just gone that party has been one of the greatest political forces in the world. It has ruled the destinies of Britain and exerted an influence on the side of liberty which was not confined to England or Europe. The danger that is always present in a really Liberal party is that of splitting up into small factions. We see that kind of thing carried to an extreme in France, and it does not produce the best form of parliamentary government. The Liberals in England up to recent years were saved from this by various influences, two of which we may mention: First, the pursuit of great ends, when all ranks were able to unite on a great measure of reform. Small personal difficulties and mere fads were driven to one side by the power of the central current. Secondly, by the power of great men, really strong leaders. This, too, was a unifying force which is now very much missed.

The great split came over the Home Rule Bill, a question which we need not now discuss, and at present there is danger of another break in connection with the Boer war. Some Liberals do not object to be called pro-Boer. They would probably express in prose the sentiments of William Watson's poetry: "Friend, call me what you will; no jot care I; I that shall stand for England till I die, England! The England that rejoiced to see Hellas unbound, Italy one and free; The England that had tears for Poland's doom, And in her heart for all the world made room; The England from whose side I have not severed; The immortal England whom I too have served; Accounting her all living lands above, In justice, and in mercy, and in love."

And while there are many who have a decided objection to be called pro-Boer, they think the war ought not to have been, or that some means should have been found to stop it before. These people, as well as those who call themselves "Liberal-Imperialists," have a perfect right to their opinion; a man is not necessarily a traitor because he holds that after the five great defeats of the Boers the war might have been ended. But many hold the view of the Westminster Gazette, a journal that was opposed to the war. "The circumstances being what they are, the country must emerge victorious, or suffer loss and humiliation greater than that which has been dreamed of in our time, and if that is so, whatever our feelings about the Government or the men who landed us in this crisis, we can only demand of them that, being at war, they shall make war effectively."

Diversity of opinion there must be on such matters, and on many details there is no doubt considerable diversity among Conservatives. That is not the danger, however; the danger is from that intolerance which is alien to the spirit of Liberalism. The anti-war party has now gained control of the Daily News, and there are some who fear that the influence of that journal may now still further tend to break up the party rather than unite it. We trust that this will not turn out to be true. A strong, united Liberal party is needed now as much as ever in England, needed for the sake of the Conservatives, and for the sake of the whole Empire. It is to be hoped that the influence of a great journal, which has rendered great service in the past, will work for unity; and that it will not preach a doctrine of intolerance. We have faith even in this darkest day that Liberalism will have still before it in the old land a bright and useful future.

New Ontario and the Opposition Claims.

The Free Press sounds a call to arms and takes the Government to task for its management of New Ontario.

A story is told of one of the local papers which might be very appropriately adopted by the Opposition, so far as New Ontario is concerned. The regular reporter was, like most people, laid up with the grip, and his place was taken by another. Among his duties he had to report the proceedings of the County Council. The council had passed a resolution with reference to the death of the Queen, winding up with the quotation, "Let us forget." The reporter had it "Let us forget," and it duly appeared in the next issue, "Let us forget."

The Opposition might very earnestly say, "Let us forget," but the people are not likely to let them forget or to soon forget themselves to whom the Province owes a debt of gratitude. The Free Press talks of disposing of territory as large as a kingdom, for a song. Can we forget that Sir John Macdonald declared that little tyrant Mowat would not be al-

lowed to get one stick of timber or one ounce of gold, iron or lead. Had it not been for the plucky fight made by Sir Oliver Mowat and his Government for Provincial rights there would have been no new Ontario for the Government of this Province to develop. The people of this Province will trust the Government that secured this magnificent part of the Province to develop it, and can safely afford to calmly stand by and see the Opposition fervently praying "Let us forget."

Canada's Trade.

Statements recently published show the aggregate foreign trade of Canada to be larger than that of the United States in proportion to the population. The latest trade returns from Ottawa for the past year show a total of \$378,000,000 of our imports and exports. This is an increase of about 60 per cent over the amount of five years ago. An estimate of total imports and exports of the United States for the same period gives \$2,295,000,000. The population of Canada being only about one-eleventh that of the United States, to equal Canadian trade the sum should be over four billions of dollars. The expansion of our foreign trade during the last five years, or in other words, during the Liberal Administration, is unprecedented in the annals of the Dominion. Furthermore, it must be noticed that it is not the result of any unhealthy boom. The exports have kept pace with the imports and the increase has been pretty well distributed over all industrial pursuits.

Bradstreet's Review, commenting, more especially on our internal trade, states as follows:

"Canadian trade advances are, as a rule, quite satisfactory. Montreal, as in fact all Canadian centers, notes a very active demand for mourning goods. Jobbers at that city report spring orders increasing, while city trade is quiet. 'Fire insurance rates have been advanced 50 per cent as a result of the recent fire. Collections are good. Halifax reports collections satisfactory and trade about an average. Moderate activity is reported at Toronto. Retail stocks are light. Failures for the week ending January 31st number 27, as compared with 34 the week before, 31 in this week a year ago, 36 in 1899, 42 in 1898 and 58 in 1897."

The Victorian Era.

There is something sad about the way in which the nineteenth century ended. In many minds there was a feeling of disappointment, a feeling that one great cycle had run its course, and had not turned out satisfactorily. It is sad also to think that it is even possible that the noble Queen who had exerted her powers on behalf of peace, should have had her last years embittered and perhaps her life shortened by one of the greatest wars in which the Empire has ever been entangled. All this is a part of the mystery of human life which has pressed heavily upon the minds of men in all ages. It is the mingling of light and shade, and shows us that our progress is made through pain. When the progress is evident and real, we can rejoice, but we are all inclined to be despondent when the pain is prominent. To check the sadness of the hour, we must take deeper and larger views. Taken as a whole, the nineteenth century has been one of the most wonderful periods that the world has ever known. It has, of course, had the defects of its qualities, something of its misery has come from the very rapidity of its progress in some directions. Changes have been rapid, and there has not yet been time to balance things. Even the depth of our disappointment over such things is a measure of the depth of our desire. To select one point, the disappointment of good men that the close of the century should be so warlike, shows how intense was their longing for peace, and though appearances are against us, we believe that progress has been made towards the bringing in of a better understanding between the nations.

The life of the Queen, taken as a whole, is one of the noblest and most successful that the world has ever seen. The ideal of pure, simple womanhood lifted up, enthroned and shining with such steady influence through long, changeable years, is a great power for good, and will not soon be forgotten. In fact, when the mists have cleared away, not only will it be seen that the Queen's reign was great personally, but also that the period with which her name is linked has been fruitful, not only in scientific discoveries and mechanical inventions, but also in political and social reforms of a most important kind. In literature, as well as science, in philanthropy as well as mechanics, it will be seen that great progress has been made, and that "the Victorian era" is one of which no lover of humanity need be ashamed.

The sons of genuine appreciation and praise—that have been sung by the press of the world in honor of our late Queen have found no response from the radical journals. Their violent execrations are perhaps among the best tributes that could have been bestowed. "To be blamed by the unworthy is the same as to be praised by the worthy."

GODERICH BOARD OF TRADE. Goderich, Feb. 12.—A strong board of trade was formed here last night, at which all the leading business men of the town were present. Mr. R. S. Williams, of the Bank of Commerce, was elected president; Mr. J. H. Colborne, grain dealer, vice-president; Mr. James Mitchell, of the Star, secretary; Mr. W. A. McKim, merchant, treasurer. A council of twelve business men were formed, and a platform laid down for future work. The address of the president was comprehensive, touching upon all the leading points of interest to the town.

Glimpses from Press Gallery.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.

If a place is to be judged by the able man it sends forth, our Forest City can make a pretty good claim. In Ottawa alone there are enough London Old Boys to make a very respectable branch association. On Sunday evening last I went to hear one of them, the Rev. Dr. Herridge, the noted Presbyterian divine, the pews of whose church are occupied by a cosmopolitan congregation, which usually includes many M. P.s. Dr. Herridge formerly resided, not quite a few years ago, in London, with his father, also a clergyman. He went to school there, and from there went to college. Dr. Herridge's sermon was, like his congregation, broad and cosmopolitan. Among other things he said both Protestantism and Roman Catholicism lacked something the other might usefully supply. The doctor, while quite modern as a preacher, evidently favors a service quiet and restful, even a little quaint, reaching back into the past. The organ is an effective one, and the same may be said of Mr. Jenkins, the organist and choir master. Their choir, which does not run to noisy effects, is one of the best I have yet encountered in Canada. In St. Andrew's, Ottawa, they sing with the understanding also.

The death of the late B. B. Osler, K.C., caused much regret among members. I was shown a letter to a prominent M. P., recalling a side of chivalrous generosity and of tenderness of feeling that one does not usually attribute to a great fighting barrister. But B. B. Osler was not the man to wear his heart on his sleeve.

IN RE PROHIBITION

Dominion Alliance Delegates Interview the Ontario Government—Premier Ross' Statement.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—The Deputation appointed by the Dominion Alliance to urge upon the Ontario Government the adoption of a prohibitory measure, saw the premier and Messrs. Davis, Harcourt, Gibson, Stratton and Latchford yesterday. Mr. J. J. MacKay, K.C., introduced the deputation, and Rev. Mr. MacKay, of Woodstock, was the chief speaker. Dr. MacKay said he was glad to see Mr. Ross, a champion of prohibition, at the head of the government. The press, however, declared that the attitude of the government to prohibition was cold, almost frigid, and that both sides of the house were afraid of the liquor interests. He had no desire to make threats, but if the press indicated what the future held in store, he could only say that the religious and law-abiding classes could combine as well as the liquor men, and were not afraid of the issue. He hoped the government would not take a course rendering this necessary, and said the result of the plebiscite in Ontario warranted the government in bringing in a whole-souled measure of prohibition.

Mr. F. S. Spence, Mrs. Rutherford, and Rev. Dr. Carman also spoke for prohibition.

THE PREMIER'S REPLY.

In his reply Premier Ross said the government had been taking steps to secure a better enforcement of the law, and would continue along that line. As to prohibition up in Manitoba and in Prince Edward Island, prohibition laws had been enacted. The constitutionality of these laws was now in question, and until that was decided it would be taking a leap in the dark to enact a similar law in Ontario.

There was also to be considered the dormant condition of temperance sentiment in the enforcement of these laws. The government would continue to enforce with increasing strictness the license laws, and had not receded from its position, which was to give the largest measure of prohibition it could give when the constitutional issue was settled, and there was no doubt as to its legal position.

There was great uncertainty what

"The pitcher that goes often to the well is broken at last." There's a world of wisdom in that familiar proverb, and a sound application of it to disease, especially to such familiar forms of disease as coughs and colds. Singularly enough the very thing that ought to cause alarm is given as excuse for a feeling of safety. "It's nothing; only a cough. I've had it before." The fact that a cough recurs periodically should be warning enough to take it in time, for the most serious and dangerous of all maladies begins with a cough.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery not only stops the cough but cures the cause. It cures obstinate, deep-seated coughs, bronchitis, weak lungs, hemorrhages, diseases which if neglected or unskillfully treated find a fatal termination in consumption. Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is no other medicine "just as good" for weak lungs.

"I was very sick indeed," writes Mrs. Mollie Jacobs, of Felson, Kent Co., Delaware, "and our family doctor said I had consumption. I thought I must die soon for I felt so bad. Had a bad cough, spit blood, was very short of breath, in fact could hardly get my breath at all some times. I had pains in my chest and right lung, also had dyspepsia. Before I took your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets' I was so weak I could not sweep a room, and now I can do a small washing, I worked in the canning factory this fall, and I feel like a new person. I believe that the Lord and your medicine have saved my life. I was sick over two years. I took thirteen bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's 'Pleasant Pellets.'"

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of customs and mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

White Goods Sale Begins Monday.

FAST COLOR PRINTS,

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980 yards Navy, Garnet and Black Prints, neat designs, to clear, per yard, 6½c.

1,290 yards 10c

Men's Trousers All-Wool Canadian Tweed and Worsted Pants, neat patterns; also heavy-weight pants, gray and brown shades, some were \$1.75, Friday, extra special, price\$1.15

Grocery and Crockery Department

1½ pounds of Redpath's Granulated Sugar for\$1.00
6 pounds of Rolled Oats and 5 pounds of Gold Dust Cornmeal for25c
1½ pounds of Tea Biscuits and 1½ pounds of Lemon Biscuits for25c
2 Bars Hard Soap (6 pounds) and 1 package of Silver Dust Washing Crystal for25c
1 pound of our Imperial Blend Black or Mixed Tea, 16 ounces weight, for25c
1 dozen Nice, Choice Oranges for16c
New, Choice Lemons, per dozen10c
10 only 97-Piece Dinner Sets, with heavy gilt edges, in pink and green decorations, splendid value at \$12 per set, for\$10.00
6 Dinner sets, printed in three colors, regular \$8.50 lines, for\$6.50
8 Toilet Sets, 10 pieces, illuminated, with rolled edge basin, regular \$7.50, for\$4.00
60 only Pressed Glass Butter Dishes, for each10c
25 Glass Cake Stands, 8 inch, for each25c
50 only 7-inch Glass-Footed Fruit Bowls, each12c
100 Decorated Milk or Oyster Bowls, for each6c
50 only Brown Rock Teapots, regular 25c, for, each15c

Leather Mitts and Gloves

Assorted lot Men's Leather Mitts, knitted lining; also Gloves, regular 50c and 55c, Friday for25c

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FLANNELETTE BARGAIN,

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540 yards Cream Flannelette, 31 inches wide, Friday only, per yard, 4c.

FRIDAY BARGAINS

If goods are not as represented, can be returned and money cheerfully refunded.

\$12 50 FUR CAPES FOR \$5 00

Special line Ladies' Fur Capes, 22 inches long, lined with satin, were \$12 50. Friday special.....\$5 00

\$5 75 FUR CAPES FOR \$2 90

Special line Ladies' Fur Capes, 22 inches long, lined with quilted sateen, were \$5 75. Friday special.....\$2 90

Print, in pinks, lilacs, browns and blue, extra wide, very heavy cloth, assorted designs, regular price 12½, our special price to clear.....10c

House Furnishings

75 yards only, 36-inch Ingrain Carpet, extra weight; regular price 55c, special Friday39c
96 yards only, 36-inch Ingrain Carpet, good weight; regular price 47c, special Friday35c
A limited quantity Comforters, fair size; regular price \$1, special Friday80c
12 only, Batting Filled Comforters, neat designs; regular price \$1.35, special Friday\$1.08
10 only, Comforters, batting filled, good patterns; regular price \$1.50, special Friday\$1.20

Silks

25c Silks for 10c—75 yards Union Silk, in plain and brocade colored; regular price 25c, Friday per yard10c
50c Silks for 15c—200 yards English Stripes, brocade and moire; regular 35c and 50c, Friday to clear, 15c
35c Stripe Velvets for 15c—80 yards Green; regular 35c, for waists, Friday to clear15c
24-inch Black Satin, 24-inch; regular 25c, Friday, per yard15c

Shoe Bargains on Friday

Ladies' Dongola Lace and Button Boots, all sizes, neat toe-cap, also plain toe; regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, all sizes, Friday\$1.19
Assorted lot Women's and Men's Overshoes, Granby make, sizes 3, 3½ and 4 in women's, 6 to 9 only in men's; regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, Friday\$1.25

Miss McNaughton, dress-maker, has returned from Chicago and will be prepared Saturday to meet customers in her new rooms over our store.

Underwear Extra

Men's Very Fine Shirts and Drawers, wool fleece-lined, in all sizes; regular 65c each, Friday for.....50c

Boys' Reefers

Extra Fine Heavy-Weight Gray and Black Frieze Reefers, with storm collars, heavy tweed linings; regular \$2.50 and \$3, sizes 22 to 30, on Friday for.....\$1.95

Knit Underwear

Ladies' Pure Wool Vests, nicely trimmed; regular price 75c, special Friday at59c
Ladies' Wool Drawers, full size and gusseted; regular price 75c, Friday only, per pair59c

Gloves and Mitts

Ladies' Kid Gloves—Fine French Kid, in shades of blue, purple, helle, green; regular price \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, per pair, very special Friday59c
Kid Gloves, sizes 5½ and 6, black only, buttoned and laced, Friday only, per pair39c
Ladies' and Children's Kid Mitts, fleece-lined, in tan and black; regular price 75c, 50c and \$1, Friday special at50c
Ladies' Wool-Lined Gloves and Mitts, in tan, brown and black, all sizes; regular price \$1, Friday69c
Ladies' Knitted Black Silk Mitts, wool lined; regular price \$1.50 to \$2 pair, Friday\$1.00
Ladies' and Children's Ringwood Gloves, in white and colored; regular price 15c and 20c, Friday special, per pair10c
Ladies' and Misses' Ringwood Gloves, in white and colored; regular price 20c and 25c, Friday special at15c

Shoe Polish

250 bottles 10c Black Oil Shoe Dressing, will not injure the finest shoes, regular 10c, Friday per bottle5c



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the powers of the province were, even the decision of the privy council had not been clear. In these circumstances, it was reasonable for the government to throw aside the present law and pass a prohibitory law, when no one knew whether the courts would uphold it? He proposed to wait till the case, the Manitoba law, had been finally decided by the privy council.

The Proper Treatment for Catarrh

Is a remedy that reaches all the affected parts. That remedy is Catarrhazone, which is inhaled along with the air you breathe and permeates the most minute air cells in the lungs, throat, nasal passages and bronchial tubes, cleansing them as if by fire. It is the pleasant, volatile effect of pure, healing, essential oils, and by virtue of its antibiotic properties kills the germs that cause the disease, allays any irritation or congestion of the mucous membrane, heals raw, sore spots, and never fails to effect a perfect cure. It is clean, convenient and pleasant to use, and contains no injurious ingredients that could harm even the weakest infant. The complete outfit, price \$1, is guaranteed to cure, or your money back. Small size, 50c, at druggists, or by mail. A trial sent for 10c, by N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Canada, or Hartford, Conn., U. S.

SORE FEET.—Mrs. E. J. Neill, New Armagh, P. Q., writes: "For nearly six months I was troubled with burning aches and pains in my feet to such an extent that I could not sleep at night, and as my feet were badly swollen I could not wear my boots for weeks. At last I got a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and resolved to try it. And to my astonishment I got most instant relief, and the one bottle accomplished a perfect cure."

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—The annual meeting of the British Empire League was held in the railway committee room of the House of Commons yesterday. Col. Denison, of Toronto, presided. There was a good attendance. Col. Denison was re-elected president; Geo. E. Evans, Toronto, secretary; John T. Small, Toronto, treasurer. Lieut.-Gov. Jones, of Nova Scotia, and Lieut.-Gov. Sir Henry Joly were elected vice-presidents. The executive was re-elected, and a large number of additions were made to the council.

Humors

Come to the surface in the spring as in no other season. It's a pity they don't run themselves all off that way; but in spite of pimples and other eruptions, they mostly remain in the system. That's bad. Hood's Sarsaparilla removes them and cures all the painful and disgusting troubles they cause. Nothing else cleanses the system and clears the complexion like Hood's.

Ireland has never won an international football game against either England or Scotland.

BE THERE A WILL, WISDOM POINTS THE WAY.—The sick man pines for relief, but he dislikes sending for the doctor, which means bottles of drugs never consumed. He has not the resolution to load his stomach with compounds which smell, vilify, and taste worse. But fate has the will to deal himself with his ailment, wisdom will direct his attention to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which, as a specific for indigestion and disorders of the digestive organs, have no equal.

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