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tods in his heaven, All's right with the world.

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London, Tuesday, March 27.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is THE ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of To-

-Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these columns. Neither the writing nor the pubication of anonymous letters can be justified.

-A good motto for every elector who desires fair play: "No politics in the administration of justice."

-British statistics have upset another old proverb. We must no longer believe a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard. The figures of the last 30 years in England, according to a cable correspondent, prove that a cold winter is unhealthy, a mild winter is healthy; a hot summer is always unhealthy and a cold summer healthy. The old laws get a good many hard raps these days.

-The Toronto Empire reports that one of the charities of that city last mouth distributed to the needy 233 tons of coal, 95 cords of wood, nearly 23 tons of bread 1,533 pounds of groceries, besides 150 support of his entire responsibility. gallons of soup daily. The institution aided 2,320 families. No need of telling these people how much harm the "N. P." system of high taxation has done them, It is especially severe on the poor.

-The Toronto Empire is once more assailing Mr. Tarte, M.P. Mr. Tarte was a splendid fellow while he remained Conservative organizer in Quebec, but because he repented him of his associations with Messrs. Caron, Langevin and Haggart, and aided in the exposure of their rascally expedients to buy the electorate, the chief organ now cannot find severe enough language in which to abuse him. Criticism founded on chagrin is worthless in the eyes of independent electors.

-A dispatch from Montreal announces that Haves, the notorious American diamond thief, is dying of consumption in the hospital of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary. What is this? Surely Sir John Thompson has not heard of this? He has taken the ground that no convicted criminal shall be allowed to stay in jail if he has poor health. Such is his judgment, if the precedent set in the case of Connolly and McGreevy is to bold good. The dying diamond thief should not be kept in jail merely because he has no secret regarding the misdeeds of Caron that he could threaten to reveal unless set at liberty.

TENDING TOWARDS UNITY. The recent article in the North American Review, in which Sir George Clarke proposes the formation of an Anglo-American alltance, has been much read and discussed in Great Britain. A cablegram says that The Speaker, which reflects pretty intimately Lord Rosebery's view of things, devotes a long leader to it, praising the idea, which it declares is coming more quickly within the range of practical polities than many people imagine. It gives Capt. Mahan credit for having by his books impressed both nations anew with the maritime possibilities of their future, and says that Sir George Clarke is right in asserting that the British people, who tolerate no European alliance, would welcome a naval league with the United States with enthusiasm. Blood is thicker than water, and there can be no doubt that a very large number of people on both sides of the Atlantic would look with equanimity upon any reasonable project that had for its object the bringing of the races closer together.

We have before now pointed out how desirable it is to promote international peace by that great cementer, trade. A reunion of the English-speaking nations in of the race in both countries, but would be the most effective promoter of peace in the world that has yet been devised. What modern nation would be so foolish as to go to war on a fictitious issue or a poor excuse, if a reunited English-speaking people, numbering over 100,000,000 persons, said: "No. you must not fight; you must submit your difficulties to fair arbitration." A demand of that kind could not be resisted. Mayhap a common understanding between

Great Britain and the United States with

the first step towards reunion.

NIPEG Chamberlain, the Toronto man who was found guilty of perjury when personating Mr. Matthew Leggatt, of Hamilton, and other voters at the last Dominion election in Winnipeg, has been sentenced to a term of three years in the penitentiary. Holman, the deputy returning officer who connived at stuffing the ballot boxes, was fined \$500 or six months in jail. Both men were workers for the Conservative party, and the determined manner in which they went about their rascally work proves that if, as was the case in Haldimand, the majority for Mr. Martin, the successful Liberal nominee, had been small, his seat would have been stolen from him. At first Chamberlain confessed that he voted fifteen times during the day, but subsequently pleaded that he was a victim of drunkenness, and did not know what he was doing on election day. And though no one who saw him personating on election day could observe anything wrong, and so swore in court, the Conservative agents asked that an appeal be allowed to a higher court, with the object of quashing the righteous verdict. It is to be hoped that the court will not listen to the excuse for the deliberate wrongdoing. If it does, it will be hard to convict any rascal who in future tries to steal a seat. The tribe will

It is significant that the Conservative lawyers who defended the defaulting deputy returning officer are also trying to screen him from punishment by an equally flimsy and to our mind untenable excuse. Just as if it had been all prearranged, Holman, the officer in question, who had been a violent partisan for Mr. Campbell, the Conservative candidate, and had canvassed for him, was not sworn to do his duty, as called for by law, and the hope is that this omission, for which the public cannot be blamed, may enable him to escape punish. ment. If it fails an effort will be made to get the accused free by deciding, on his own evidence, that the polling booth was very dark, and he was suffering from snow-blindness ! The ends of justice will be defeated if any technical objection like this is listened to. Holman was appointed by the returning officer to whom the writ was sent. He acted as deputy returning officer, and he received pay for his work, and that should be the best of evidence in

didn't know it !"

To enable the plot to be the better carried out, Holman opened the booth nearly an hour shead of time, Joseph Lemon was the first voter who went into the booth, and he found that by some mysterious means twelve names were put down on the list in advance of his. How the ballots came to be there was not known to the scrutineers, for the "voting" had begun before their arrival, which was earlier than the legitimate opening hour. Mr. Monkman, a barrister, gave interesting evidence. He said that he was scrutineer at the poll where Holman presided. Fifteen votes were down as polled before the hour of opening. The witness carefully counted the votes registered, and found that in addition to these 15, a total of 87 men voted. When the ballots were counted, however, the returning officer found 93! Here are a few details given by

"Of the fifteen votes received before he arrived, John Cameron voted afterward, M. J. Hunter died two years ago, and W. J. Nicholson died about eighteen months ago. J. C. Bonser voted afterward. Thos. Cummings, H. Clough and F. C. Heffernan could not be found. A. T. Wood, hardware merchant, of Hamilton, he had learned, was not in town.

"Mr. Howell here remarked that it was evident the whole firm of Wood & Leggatt voted at the election without leaving Ham-

It came out afterwards that Thomas Cummings had been dead for months, and that a number of those purporting to have voted had apparently never had a legitimate existence in the constituency. Indeed, twelve out of the fifteen votes polled before the hour of opening were found to be bad. Another very suspicious circumstances was the existence of six more ballots in the box than the prisoner asserted he had given out. Where did these bogus ballots come from? Though his attention was called to the fact, Holman never made any effort to discover the cause

of the stuffing. . The verdict given should stand, yet there can be no doubt that these men were but the agents of greater criminals who were determined, if at all possible, to do for the Conservative candidate in Winnipeg what the county judge of Middlesex did for Mr. Carling in the infamous seat steal of 1891. It is really too bad that these men cannot be reached and punished

to the utmost extent of the law. These revelations further emphasize the the old and new worlds would not only necessity for the repeal or the radical vastly increase the prestige and prosperity amendment of the Dominion Franchise Act. Personation has been possible under the simple "one man one vote" residential suffrage measure of the Ontario Government. But the personation and the ballot box stuffing, the foreign vote control and the disfranchising of good citizens that take place under the act of the Dominion Government is simply shameful. What but the knowledge that the Hamilton members of the Wood & Leggatt respect to their respective navies will be firm would not go to vote at Winnipeg moved Chamberlain's advisers to pay him

THE GRAVEYARD VOTE AT WIN- 1 to vote for them in the interests of the Conservative candidate? When an antiquated voters' list is made to do duty; when hundreds of dead men have their names on t; when men who have long since given up all interest in a place and are residents of the United States are left entitled to vote: when deputy returning officers are chosen. not for their experience, but because they are the keenest of partisans, the public cannot expect a fair verdict. It is most important that the electors should have confidence in the administration of this and ever other law of the land. Parliament must not be allowed to separate till the present objectionable measure is

NO ROOM FOR BOODLE THERE.

(Toronto News.) The Lionel Yorke contract for the carpenter work on the new Parliament buildings was \$90,700, and the extras amounted to \$300. On the \$76,800 contract for plumbing, heating and gasfitting there was an additional claim for \$900. And \$12,000 was allowed over the price first agreed upon for the \$752,000 job on expavation. masonry and brick work.

In all, on close upon \$1,000,000 worth of work, the extras over the sum first fixed

amounted to only 12 per cent. Whatever else may be said about the Mowat Government or the new Provincial Parliament buildings, these facts, at all events, are very much to the credit of the Ministry. They show the extreme care exercised in framing the contracts in the first place and the firmness with which have the same excuser "Drunk, and contractors were held to the terms after-

It is doubtful if an equally good showing can be made in connection with the erection of any other great public building on this continent.

MR. MEREDITH'S POSITION.

(Brantford Expositor.) Rumors have become of late somewhat rife that Mr. Meredith will, after the present session of the Ontario Legislature, retire from his position as leader of the Opposition, and either devote himself exclusively to professional work, or seek election to the House of Commons with a view to the eventual leadership of the Conservative party there. Color is given to these reports by his acceptance of the solicitorship of the city of Toronto, which implies his permanent removal from London. A Toronto lawyer may now and then be selected for a long term of years to represent an outside constituency, but it is quite unlikely that a city the size of London will long be content to remain in this invidious position. No one knows this better than Mr. Meredith, and he must have taken it all into consideration before he accepted a professional position with as much in salary as a Supreme Court judgeship, and involving personal attention to a vast and rapidly accumulating mass of complicated details of business.

It is impossible for the Opposition not to be adversely affected by a persistent public impression that its leader is about to retire. He has filled the position for many years make a show of filling his place. After his very discouraging experience, it is not likely that any able or eminent public man consent to replace him, and if one could be found to do so, what ground is there for believing that the members of the Opposition, who have led so long a forlorn hope, would consent to serve under him? Mr. Wood thinks he is quite fit to lead, and so does Mr. Clancy and Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Marter, and Dr. Ryerson.

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