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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A list has been made out of those in the British Parliament and the members of the nobility who hold shares in brewery companies, and thus have an interest in the beer traffic. It includes the names of 23 ladies of title, including H. R. H. the Duchess of Albany, 26 Peers who sit in the House of Lords, and six other Lords, 49 members of the House of Commons, composed of 25 Tories, 5 Liberal-Unionists, 13 Liberals, and 6 Nationalists.

The weather in Great Britain continues cold, windy and wet. Farmers are in dismay at the state of their hay crop, and commence to be anxious about the harvest prospects. In central Europe floods following the rains have laid bare many a highly cultivated district. For the first time during the past fifty years the streets of Innsbruck have been whitened by summer snows. The valley of the Adige, from Bozen downwards, is flooded, and half the town of Trent is submerged. The rivers on the southern slope of the Alps, in the Tyrol, and in Styria, have overflowed their banks. Terrible weather has been experienced in Southern Hungary, and reports come from Germany that the crops have suffered in that country, and that the fruit trees are ruined. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and this failure of the crops in Europe is likely to greatly benefit the farmers of Ontario, Manitoba and the North-West Territories, where the harvest outlook is excellent.

It is not many months since we heard of a woman in New Jersey, if we remember rightly, being arrested for being a common scold, and now we hear of Toronto being agitated by a similar case. The despatch says that Annie Pope, a married woman, is charged by her neighbors with being a common scold. Several of them testified in the police court of her vituperative oratory. The charge made reads thus:—"For being a common brawler and sower of discord among her quiet and honest neighbors, so that she has become a public nuisance to the neighborhood, by her scolding, quarrelling, inciting strifes, controversies, quarrels, and disputes among Her Majesty's liege people against the peace of our lady the Queen, her crown and dignity, to the common nuisance of divers of Her Majesty's liege subjects." As there is no punishment for this offence but the antiquated ducking school, which the Magistrate did not like to impose, he judiciously sent the case to the higher courts, where it is to be hoped even-handed justice will be meted out.

One of the crying needs of the city during this hot weather is better facilities for bathing. The restrictions that are everywhere placed upon people who would at this season be naturally almost amphibious in their habits, are detrimental to health and comfort. The city, instead of trying to prevent the tired, hot and dusty inhabitants from taking a plunge in the harbor, should provide a place, or several places, and some of them should be reserved for women, where bathing could be indulged in freely without money and without price to the bather. The cost to the city would not be great, and would provide a necessary and healthful recreation for a class of people who rarely have bathing facilities in their homes. The benefit to all who would take advantage of free bathing needs no comment.

The suit for divorce brought by Viscount Dunlop against his wife, who previous to her marriage was known as Belle Bilton, a singer in the music halls, has been brought to an end by a verdict for the defendant. Many of the details of this trial were of an unsavory character, and not fit for publication in newspapers which are used for general family reading, but notwithstanding this fact, the thirst for sensational reading matter has been catered to, and many papers have given an account of the trial with much of the evidence. The English nobility has of late years figured largely in scandals, so that that class is being brought almost to a level with the dregs of society so far as vice is concerned. It is well that the divorce was not granted, otherwise it might happen that either Lord or Lady Dunlop, both of whom it appears are no better than they ought to be, might be inflicted on some other matrimonial victim. Of course the young couple cannot frequent the society that would accord with their rank, so it is probable that they will relieve London of all anxiety about how to receive them by taking themselves to Australia and settling down there.

What we pointed out years ago in regard to a great shortening in the time over the I. C. R. between Halifax and St. John and Montreal has been accomplished, and fast express trains now give through travellers every facility to reach their destination in the minimum of time. But while looking after the interests of through traffic the way passenger finds that in many cases only morning and evening trains stop at his station. Elmsdale, Enfield, and Milford, are all important points on the line, Elmsdale and Enfield particularly so, as they are centres where gold miners on the way to Renfrew, Rawdon, Oshana, and other mining camps, have to alight, and where many business men of Halifax spend the summer with their families. All the fast trains dash through these stations without stopping, and we can see why they are forced to do so in order to reach their destinations on time. But what we fail to understand is the short sighted policy of the managers of the Intercolonial in not providing ample facilities for local passenger business, especially as all that is required is a mid-day train between Halifax and Milford. The present accommodation train to Bedford, if its run was extended to Milford, would meet the requirements of the case, and would develop a large and paying passenger traffic, besides affording accommodation to which the travelling public are entitled, and which they must receive. It is not a question to be haggled over, but a clear public right, which, if not speedily granted, will rouse a storm of indignation against the management of the road.

All those who have read "John Halifax, Gentleman," will be glad to know that a marble medallion to the memory of the gifted authoress, Dinah Maria Mulock (Mrs. Craik) has been placed in Tewkesbury Abbey. Tewkesbury was the place selected by Mrs. Craik as the home of John Halifax, and it was the last place visited by her before her death, three years ago. The scheme for erecting the memorial was started by a number of ladies and gentlemen, the committee including the names of Lord Tennyson, Robert Browning, Matthew Arnold, Sir Frederick Leighton, Sir John Millais, Mr. John Morley, Professor Huxley, Mr. J. Russell Lowell, Mrs. Oliphant, Mme. Guizot de Witt, and Miss Young. The memorial is the work of Mr. H. H. Armstrong, R.A., and is designed to indicate the noble aim of her work. Above the cornice is placed a group illustrative of Charity, while in the architectural member is a winged laurel wreath, surmounted by an alto-relief, containing the figures of Truth and Purity. A central shield bears the quotation from John Halifax, Gentleman—"Each in his place is fulfilling his day, and passing away, just as that sun is passing. Only we know not whither he passes, while whither we go we know, and the way we know—the same yesterday, to day and forever." A medallion portrait is contained in a circular moulding, supported by Corinthian pilasters, on which are borne the maiden and married names of the authoress, "Dinah Maria Mulock—Mrs. Craik." The inscription on the frieze runs, "A tribute to work of noble aim and to a gracious life."