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All's right with the world.

—[BROWNING.]

London, Monday, May 11.

RESCUE THE RIVER.

The indications are that this year field sports will not be so liberally patronized by Londoners as in recent seasons. With the collapse of professional baseball and the break-up of the old ball grounds, there are few really available playing places in the center of the city, and though in the suburbs the commons and flats will be extemporized by the amateur baseball and cricket clubs, anything like organized competitions is not thought of.

It is fortunate, however, that there is a revival of aquatic sports in the midst of us. The London Rowing and Boating Club has been organized with a management embracing the majority of our progressive and sport-loving citizens. Under its auspices the River Thames bids fair to become a scene of healthy excitement and enjoyment such as in all its history has not been witnessed.

The Rowing and Boating Club has been formed on a basis so broad and with intentions so distinctively in the interests of the community that it should have the support and co-operation of every citizen of London. Primarily, its object is to revive health-giving exercise and enjoyment on the water; but with the assistance of the people, and more particularly of the civic authorities, it means to extend its operations much beyond that. The club should have no difficulty in inducing the water commissioners to make the surroundings of Springbank, our charming suburban resort, as attractive as possible. Natural beauties there are in plenty, but the artificial advantages could be improved, until Springbank became the holiday Mecca, not only of thousands of pleasure-seekers from a distance. The benefit to London would be two-fold: our own citizens would keep their money at home, while outsiders would be induced to come here and spend their holiday funds.

A further aim of the rowing club will be to insist that the river must be made and

kept clean. Between the sulphur springs and the waterworks dam we have a fine stretch of water as can be found anywhere. It has but one drawback—its periodical uncleanness. Until we find some means of disposing of the valuable fertilizing material that is now diverted into the stream in the shape of sewage it will be a difficult task to make a radical improvement in the purification of the river; but there are not wanting means whereby changes for the better could be effected. As speedily as possible it is to be hoped that the enterprising citizens who have them in hand will succeed in their laudable endeavors. There is no reason why this splendid stream should not be made clean, and rendered a source of pleasure and profit to the people.

THE CHARGES TO BE MADE.

On Monday the arraignment of Mr. McGreevy, a Conservative member of Parliament, on a charge of gross corruption, will be proceeded with in the Dominion House of Commons, which reassembles after a brief holiday.

The revelations, which have been worked up by Mr. Tarte, M.P., an independent Conservative, who, unlike Sir John Macdonald, refuses to longer consent to the charges being hushed up, are expected to cause a tremendous upheaval in public opinion. Briefly, Mr. Tarte says he is in possession of documentary proof to show that Mr. McGreevy, with the connivance of the officers of the Public Works Department, drew from the treasury hundreds of thousands of dollars to which he was not entitled.

Mr. McGreevy's defense is understood to be that the money he handled was "party funds," and was so held and distributed by him. As head of the Public Works Department, he had taken place, Sir Hector Langevin comes under review.

The disposition of the Conservative leaders, so far, seems to make Mr. McGreevy the scapegoat of those in authority. But it is not probable that the independent members of Parliament will permit that, even if Mr. McGreevy were the culprit of the entire conduct of the country, which is highly doubtful. The country will be satisfied with nothing less than the speedy and effectual punishment of the whole of the gang, whether they occupy the position of Ministers, of subordinate officials or of simple members of the House. If any one stands in the way of the early exposure and punishment of the guilty ones, the public will have to draw their own conclusions, as they did regarding the twisting and turning of the chief actors in the Pacific Scandal. The innocent have nothing to fear.

VACANT CHURCHES AND IDLE PREACHERS.

Instructive movements are in progress in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches at the present time. Many members of the first named body appear to think that the three-year term is too short, and that it would work better if, where pastor and people are satisfied, the term could be increased to five years. In the Presbyterian Church the movement has for its object the bringing together of vacant churches and idle ministers. There are, according to a report made to the Toronto Presbytery, 81 ministers well able to take pastoral work, yet not employed because they are getting up in years, whereas no fewer than 99 churches are without pastors. The overture now before the General Assembly suggests that Presbyteries be given power to settle ministers over 55 years of age for a term of five years, with provision to renew for a further term if mutually desired. This, as was stated to the Presbytery, would be a radical change in the management of the Church, because it would, however, have one redeeming feature if it enabled the less fortunate preachers and congregations to get together with greater ease than now seems possible.

There is nothing in the system proposed calculated to cause much alarm, but, as not a few Methodists are ready to confess, it might be possible to extend their three-year limit to the advantage of the Church. As to the changes that it would demand in Presbyterian forms, the writer once heard the Rev. Dr. Leiding, of Dundas, assert that in a large number of the Presbyterian churches in Canada the itineracy was already established, as unfortunately few pastorate continued longer than six or eight years. There can be no doubt that the number of vacancies in pulpits service constantly occurring is a serious disadvantage.

ABOUT A MOTTO.

Several kind-hearted contemporaries, including the Mitchell Recorder, profess to see something incongruous in our selection of the motto:

"God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world."

while the Advertiser is almost daily pointing out that the world, and especially that portion of it in which we live, suffers from misgovernment by unscrupulous men. The motto, the state of affairs and the policy of this journal do not clash. In the motto, the Advertiser does not mean any more than Browning meant, that all is literally as it should be on earth, but that good is stronger than evil, and that right is bound to prevail. Our motto is a protest against the pessimistic mood and despair that characterize it. The assurance that victory is on his side does not make the good-soldier fight less earnestly; on the contrary, it nerves his arm and strengthens his heart. It is the hopeful, believing, confident spirit that wins every battle. Whence would come the strength to war with ever-present evil if not from the profound conviction that "God's in the heaven," and that therefore in the highest and broadest sense "all's right with the world."

THAT REFUGE.

There is a provision in the law that enables the Government to fill the seat of a member of the Dominion Senate if he is absent from the Chamber for two sessions. Senator Alexander, of Woodstock, by reason of sickness, has not been able to go to Ottawa for two years, and as several defeated Conservative candidates require a job a movement has been promptly set on foot to bowl Mr. Alexander out.

This movement is instructive. It proves how anxious the man who covets an office of emolument is to have the law observed. Senator Alexander is ill, but there is a possibility of his returning to his duties. Mr. Plumb, a member of the Senate, died about four years ago, and had been forgotten by most people when the necessity for providing a refuge for Mr. Carling cropped up, and it was discovered that no one had been selected to succeed the long since departed peer. If the Senate, as now constituted and run, were not a thoroughly dead institution, such a contrast as we have here presented would not be possible.

IS CASTING A VOTE UNWOMANLY?

An extended exchange has been considering the question of woman's womanliness as regards casting a vote. "The woman who thinks she would lose her womanliness should she place a ballot for home protection in the ballot box will allow herself to dance under the gaze of tens, or hundreds, and consider herself uncontaminated and womanly still. A woman may, act, dance, and sing publicly, may drive, ride horseback and the bicycle, may bathe in the ocean surf before assembled crowds, may swim and row, may travel not only from shore to shore, but around the world on sea and land unattended, may even support her husband and children by hard labor of brain or muscle and still remain a woman; but vote! cast a piece of paper into a box for political purposes! never! lest she be shorn of her womanliness. What is womanliness, that so simple an act can shatter it? Cannot a woman as well and safely walk in line to the polls with men and women without contamination, as to the circus, the ball room or the opera?"

A BIG COMBINATION.

When the N. P. was devised the workmen were told that its object was to build up manufacturing and cause the erection of tall chimneys in every city, town and village of the country.

The contrary has been the case. It is a lamentable fact that under the policy of high taxation manufacturers in cities, towns and villages like St. Catharines, Belleville, Oshawa, Ayr, Beamsville, Mitchell, Sarnia and other places, prosperous under a low tariff and cheap raw material, have been practically wiped out.

A somewhat similar experience has taken place in London. The effect of the high tax policy has been to promote combinations of manufacturers and centralization in one or two large cities. The latest illustration is the combination of the Massey Company, of Toronto, and the Harris Company, of Bradford, and the establishment of the headquarters of the new aggregation at Toronto. The capital of the organization is \$5,000,000, as advertised in the Canada Gazette of this week, and the following officers have been agreed upon: President, Mr. H. A. Massey, vice-president, Mr. L. M. Osborne; general manager, Mr. J. H. Jones (who will reside in Toronto); assistant general manager, Mr. J. H. Shennstone; treasurer, Mr. C. D. Massey. It is expected that ultimately the smaller firms that yet exist will be pushed out of business, and that the new organization will practically have the field to themselves. Among the reasons for the consolidation are the limited market and the necessity for reducing expenses. The men who vote for the policy of high taxation and restricted markets will surely soon begin to see the effect of their work.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—In 146 parishes in Scotland; there are no paupers, therefore no poor-rates have to be paid. In not one of these parishes is there a public house; no intoxicants are sold within their bounds. There is a text here for many a temperance address.

—The Hamilton population figures of the Dominion census will give Hamilton about 26 more liquor licenses next year. And Hamilton will have 'em too.—[Hamilton Spectator.]

Most people who visit the city by the swamp are apt to reach the conclusion that it has already more places for the sale of intoxicants than is necessary.

—General Booth, of the Salvation Army, has no reason to complain of the manner in which the British public is supporting his philanthropic schemes for the reclamation of the lapsed masses. Mrs. Orr Bell, of Glasgow, who died recently, has bequeathed the residue of her estate, which, it is believed, will exceed the value of \$300,000, after payment of certain legacies, to the general for the purposes of the Salvation Army.

—Mr. Carling is so much responsible as any man now at Ottawa for the infamous Franchise Act that cost the country hundreds of thousands of dollars during the few years it has been on the statute book, though at last election over 100,000 young men who had the right to vote were deprived of their franchise. Yet we are asked to admire the whole course of the gentleman who has recently obtained admission into the Ottawa house of refuge.

—What good does Tupper hope to accomplish by his continued virulent attacks on the G. T. R. management in the London papers? He is the servant of the Dominion Government, and through it of the Canadian people, many thousands of whom will, as opportunity occurs, resent the slanders of the Nova Scotia bully. Tupper's vindictiveness, all results from the refusal of the

NOTHING LIKE IT.

MR. JOAB SCALES, of Toronto, writes: "A short time ago I was suffering from Kidney Complaint and Dyspepsia, Sour Stomach and Lame Back; in fact, I was completely prostrated and suffering intense pain. While in this state a friend recommended me to try a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery. I used one bottle, and the permanent manner in which it has cured and made a new man out of me is such that I cannot withhold from the proprietors this expression of my gratitude."

WONDERFUL CURES.

FOR THIRTY YEARS.—Mrs. L. Squire, Ontario Steam Dye Works, Toronto, says: "For about thirty years I have doctored for Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia without getting any cure. I then tried Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, and I have benefited from this medicine as much as such that I cannot withhold from the proprietors this expression of my gratitude. It acts immediately upon the Liver, and its good effects are noticed at once. As a Dyspepsia remedy I don't think it can be equalled."

INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE.

HARDENED AND ENLARGED LIVER.—Mrs. H. Hall, Haverhill, N.Y., writes: "For years I have been troubled with Liver Complaint. The doctors said my liver was hardened and enlarged. I was troubled with Dizziness, Pain in my Right Shoulder, Constipation, and gradually losing flesh all the time. All food soured on my stomach, even with the closest attention to diet. I was under the care of three physicians, but did not get any relief. A friend sent me a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, and it affords me much pleasure to inform you that the benefit I have received from it is far beyond my expectation. I feel better now than I have done for years."

This Has Been Our Banner Week

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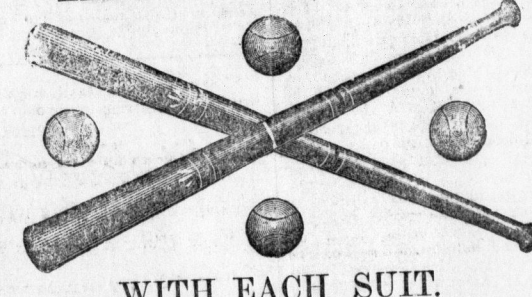
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G. T. R. general manager to intimidate the workmen at the bidding of the high tax missionary.

—The tonic sol-fa system of notation originated with two ladies in Norwich, England, named Glover, but it owes its perfection to an Englishman named Curwen, who gave it the title it bears. Fifty years have elapsed since the method was first brought before the public, and its jubilee will be celebrated in the British metropolis by two special festivals, the first a service at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 7. Admission will be limited to those holding tonic sol-fa certificates, so that the entire congregation of trained vocalists will consist exclusively of trained vocalists. The second festival, at the Crystal Palace, will take place on the 18th of July. The sol-faists will there have a choir of 20,000.

A Sixteen Hours' Swim. DOVER, May 9.—Dillon, the American swimmer, who undertook the feat of swimming sixteen hours consecutively in the English Channel, finished his task successfully on Thursday.

Two Hundred Minors in Peril. DEERWATER, Mo., May 9.—Fire broke out yesterday in the coal mines of the Keith & Perry Company. Two hundred men were in the mine at the time, but all escaped with one exception. The fire is still burning and the loss will be large.

A Pair of Murderers Punished. OTTAWA, Ill., May 9.—Kate Ford who enticed David Moore, an Omaha traveling salesman, to the park where he was murdered, yesterday pleaded guilty of murder and was sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary. Charles Ford her husband, was hanged this morning as the principal in the crime.

New Departure in the Bacon Business. LONDON, May 9.—The Russian Bacon Company, with a capital of \$150,000, has been formed in London to work for 21 years from 7 to 9 P.M. Fees for 35 lessons, \$5. Subjects taught: English, French, German, Russian and Model Drawing. Perspective Geometry, Ornamental and Industrial Designing, Modeling, Lettering.

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