

the right hand of fellowship to the newcomer.

There are many who regard the withdrawal of the Government of Cities Bill in the light of a backdown on the part of Mr. Davie and his Government. To my mind, the Premier did what any sensible man would have done under similar circumstances. He saw it was not popular with the people and he bowed to the general will. I am far from saying that the Bill was not without its good points; on the contrary, I believe that the more it is looked into the more the general good results of such legislation will present themselves. But on general lines the Bill is not in accord with the spirit of modern and popular government, and I am of the opinion that we have heard the last of the Government of Cities Bill.

It seems probable that the English Presbyterians will shortly furnish an example of their courage and strength of conviction. The London Presbytery lately discussed a proposal to remove their theological college to Cambridge. Rev. Mr. Moinet advocated it, saying the students could hear the best of preachers in Cambridge, and there was no fear of their Presbyterianism suffering from the Anglican influence. They needed to have their men trained in the stream of English life, and they could only do that by removing to Cambridge.

New York society is watching now with mingled curiosity and agitation the progress of a quarrel in the Astor family. Before Mrs. W. W. Astor's departure to reside with her husband in London, she had a disagreement with Mrs. John Jacob Astor as to which was the Mrs. Astor. The breach had not been healed at Mrs. W. W. Astor's death. The other day the remains were brought to New York, and as they lay un-

attended in Trinity chapel, Mrs. J. J. Astor gave a dinner party at her house at which merriment ran high. Other festivities will follow and the exclusive set in New York are scandalized by the heartless indecorousness of it all.

Another great engineering project seems destined to be accomplished, namely, the construction of a tunnel under the Straits of Northumberland, which will connect Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. An official report recently made shows that the work is feasible, and that the cost for a tunnel that will accommodate all kinds of cars will not exceed \$12,000,000. The distance from shore to shore is about 13,500 yards, and the whole tunneling required, including approaches, would be some nine miles.

The death of Senator Tasse, of Quebec, while not unexpected, will be none the less mourned by his fellow-citizens and fellow-Canadians. One of the foremost of our journalists in the French tongue, he won his way by conspicuous political services into the Senate of the Dominion. An unusually able writer, he will be best remembered, probably for the display of his abilities as the editor of *La Minerve*, the oldest of the French Canadian press. Some years ago, he secured a place among the *litterati* of his country and language by publishing a record of the French Canadians in the west, entitled "*Les Canadiens de l'Ouest*." A convinced and consistent Conservative, he fought many a hard battle for his party and to it his death will be a decided loss.

NOTICE.

On account of the non-arrival of the paper regularly used in printing THE HOME JOURNAL, we are compelled to reduce the issue to eight pages this week.

VALEDICTORY.

To the Public;

With this issue, I sever the ties which, for the past three years and a-half have bound me to THE HOME JOURNAL and *The British Columbia Commercial Journal*. Believing that I would be open to the charge of base ingratitude did I at this time fail to acknowledge in a public way the many favors received at the hands of indulgent friends, I avail myself of the opportunity of most sincerely thanking all who, even during the darkest hours, remained firm and steadfast friends of the paper. THE HOME JOURNAL was never intended to be a publication which should at all times be taken seriously, but I am convinced nevertheless, that it accomplished some little good, in its own mood, in the way of redressing public and private grievances. In doing so, no doubt its editor made not a few enemies. To those I would say, if they forgive the errors of my trespasses as freely as I forgive those who may have trespassed against me, there will be but little cause remaining for complaint on either side.

Since the inception of this paper I have been actively connected with it, and, during that time, while honestly confessing that it had its shortcomings, too many of them in fact, I will say on my own behalf that neither monetary consideration nor promise of preferment could avail to make me "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift might follow fawning."

In conclusion, I may say that I am making arrangements for the publication of a new weekly newspaper, one which, though of a more serious tone than THE HOME JOURNAL, will not promise that when occasion arises it will not provoke a smile on its own account. As to the future course of THE HOME JOURNAL, I am not in a position to speak.

Again thanking those who have contributed to any little success I may have achieved in the past, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Yours faithfully,
D. M. CARLEY.