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God is in His heaven.

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

Taxes on Luxuries and

Necessities.

If, as the Advertiser of Friday stated,

the change of duty on tobacco

tends to increase the price of that lux-

ury, it cannot be denied that the pros-

pects are that the reduction of duty

on a considerable number of necessities

of life will enable dealers to sell them

at reduced prices. There is a reduction

of some 30 per cent in the duty on

bar iron, and a wholesale merchant

informs us that the abolition of the

specific tax on various classes of dry-

goods will be of decided advantage to

the Canadian consumer. He supplies

a memorandum of a bill of goods from

Great Britain imported since the new

tariff was passed, and notes the effect

of the duties charged on them. These

calculations have taken into account,

it must be remembered, the difference

in favor of goods imported from Brit-

ain, on which there is a reduction of

duty of one-eighth as compared with

United States or other foreign goods:

Decrease on cost of	Per cent.
Cottons, white and bleached, 12½	31
Cottons, grey, unbleached, 2-8-10	31
Woolens, 19	24
Cloths, 17½	27½
Fur, 11	16
Umbrellas, 12½	12½
Gloves, 12½	12½
Hosiery, 12½	12½
Suspenders, 12½	12½

After next summer, the duty on

goods imported into Canada from Great

Britain will be reduced another 12½

per cent. Everywhere the new tariff

has been received with much favor.

There are, of course, some points in

which it can be improved, and these

will be attended to in committee, but in

the main the tariff is as perfect as

statesmen could advise, or the circum-

stances of the country permit.

We direct attention to the proceed-

ings in the London Council Chamber,

chronicled in our news columns today.

It is too bad that, on the smallest of

technical objections, the important

business of the city should be delayed

indefinitely when the majority of the

council were in attendance and ready

to proceed with it. Surely the time

has come to stop these childish out-

breaks. They bring the contempt of

outsiders not only on the aldermen in-

dulging in them, but on the good name

of the city itself.

Water by Meter.

In view of the frequent proposals in

this city to extend the meter system

as a basis for payment of water rates,

the latest information on the subject,

gleaned from the "Manual of Ameri-

can Waterworks for 1897," will interest

our readers. The manual has ascer-

tained that the cities having low

water consumption per capita have

generally a large proportion of their

taps metered. High consumption com-

munity prevails where the contrary is

true. It was, therefore, to be expected

that the meter should grow in favor,

both with water officials and consum-

ers. Some cities, the manual adds, and

private companies still restrict the use

of meters by requiring large deposits

or rentals for their use and high rates

for the water consumed, but others go

so far contrary as to provide meters

without cost to the consumer, at the

same time making a low price for the

water passing through them. Quite a

number of works, including some small

ones, have adopted the full meter sys-

tem of late, and many others are mov-

ing as rapidly as possible in that di-

rection. The initial step is generally

the metering of a few of the largest

consumers, proceeding from this to the

general adoption of meters, for all but

domestic consumers, and making met-

ers possible, even for these and other

small water takers. There seems to be

a common agreement among water-

works officials that, whoever may own

the meter, it is essential that the wa-

ter department should control it, and

also that it is not the liberal use, but

the absolutely useless waste of water

that is being fought, and which waters

operate to check.

London Public School Salaries.

The discussion which has taken place

on the school teachers' salary question

makes a general statement of the

salaries voted to be paid in the public

schools of this city for the present year

interesting. There are 93 regular

teachers in the schools, 17 transition

teachers, 1 music teacher, and 1 assist-

ant to the principal of the model

school. Thus we have 130 teachers in

one grade or another. The following

statement shows in detail how the

salaries are paid. There is:

1 of \$1,200 00	\$1,200 00
3 of 1,000 00	3,000 00
1 of 950 00	950 00
3 of 900 00	2,700 00
2 of 800 00	1,600 00
1 of 700 00	700 00
2 of 600 00	1,200 00
13 of 500 00	6,500 00
1 of 450 00	450 00
1 of 400 00	400 00
1 of 350 00	350 00
1 of 300 00	300 00
3 of 250 00	750 00
9 of 225 00	2,025 00
1 of 200 00	200 00
1 of 150 00	150 00
2 of 100 00	200 00
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1 of 62 50	62 50
1 of 31 25	31 25
1 of 15 62	15 62
1 of 7 81	7 81
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1 of 1 95	1 95
1 of 97 50	97 50
1 of 48 75	48 75
1 of 24 37	24 37
1 of 12 18	12 18
1 of 6 09	6 09
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1 of 38 05	38 05
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1 of 11 56	11 56
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1 of 43 75	43 75
1 of 21 87	21 87
1 of 10 93	10 93
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1 of 67 50	67 50
1 of 33 75	33 75
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