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London, Thursday, July 28.

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE OF NORTH AMERICA.

Extract from a speech by John Bright,
delivered during the civil war.]

"I cannot believe that civilization, in its journey with the sun, will sink into endless night in order to gratify the ambition of the leaders of this revolt, who seek to

Wade through slaughter to a throne, And shut the gates of mercy on mankind. And shut the gates of mercy on mankind.

I have another and a far brighter vision nefore my gaze. It may be but a vision, but I will cherish it. I see one vast contederation, stretching from the frozen north in unbroken line to the glowing south, and from the wild billows of the Atlantic westward to the calmer water of the Pacific main—and I see one people and one language and one law and one faith, and over all that wide continent the home of freedom and a refuge for the oppressed of every race and of every clime." very race and of every clime.

THE Hamilton Spectator sees the hand-writing on the wall. It warns its friends in these terms: "Don't start a brewery or a whisky factory. That vote in Manitoba

PREMIER GREENWAY'S majority in the new Manitoba Legislature is practically two to one. At last accounts it stood: For the Government, 26; Independent Liberal, 1; Opposition, 13.

THE London Humane Society is doing good work. It seems to have an eye for the relief of the oppressed or suffering always. The latest good act it has under-taken successfully is the conversion of the aldermen to the view that cattle brought to the market should have a chance to slake their thirst with some of our nice spring water. A proper drinking place will be supplied at once. It is a most humane

THE cold wave is alleged to be approach ing. On Tuesday it was down to 34° above zero, or 2° above the freezing point, at Calgary, and there may have been frost in some parts of the far Northwest. We are new passing through a maximum sun spot

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PROHIBITION BY PROVINCES. Manitoba has, by a large majority, pro-

ounced in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and in all probability a law in accord with the vote will be promoted at the next session of the Legislature. The are "given more law than justice, and com-Provinces at present cannot stop the importation of liquor; that would be an inter-teronce with trade and commerce which man can defend the present cumbridge, oxclusively under the control of the Dominion
Government. There are doubts as to
whether or not the Provinces can prevent
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the manufacture of intoxicants within their the British North America Act places oxclusively under the control of the Dominion Legislature delegates to subordinate bodies it can fitly exercise itself, and they reason that the Province of Manitoba and the Province of Ontario can pass a law pro-hibiting the sale of liquors throughout their entire bounds just as easily as they their entire bounds just as easily as they can grant local option to the municipalities. Among other noted jurists who take this view is Hon. David Mills. It seems, therefore, that if the friends of temperance are debarred from that full and effective measure of prohibition which can alone be exerted by the Damision Government, and granted by the Dominion Government, and which shall embrace the prohibition of the which shall embrace the prohibition of the manufacture as well as the sale of liquors throughout Canada, they can look forward to securing the next best thing—prohibition by Provinces. That gone about with wise caution would soon force the royal commission farce from the stage, and secured the granulus of the fuller and more compel the granting of the fuller and more satisfactory boon. It is coming.

MIDSUMMER READING FOR CAN-

ADIANS.*
Canada has a new monthly magazine. It is edited by J. Gordon Mowat, the wellknown meteorologist, and the contents of the first number issued is sufficiently meritorious to afford strong hopes that it has come to stay. The promises of the editor's salutatory are that the Lake Magazine will be conducted in a broad, rational spirit, "in the consolidation of Canada on a basis of mutual respect for the rights and prejudices of the various and grand elements that go to make up the Canadian people." This is an ambiticus programme, and there is ample scope for its development. As a beginning, the new magazine at least illustrates the beauty of

variety. J. C. Hopkins writes at length on "Canada and Imperial Federation." As usual, Mr. Hopkins is decidedly jingoistic. He has no faith in Canada's independent future, and he is foolish enough to believe that Canada will consent to be taxed to pay for old world wars which they have no hand in decreeing or stopping, and that Great Britain will run the risk of inviting a war of retaliation with her out-of-colony customers by re-establishing a protective tariff on the breadstuffs and raw materials imported from all places but the colonies. Such in brief is the imperial federation Such in brief is the imperial federation gospel of which this young man believes himself to be the chief prophet in this land. It is a Quixotic undertaking. "Edward Blake and Ireland" is the title of

"Edward Blake and Ireland" is the title of a well-written article by John A. Ewan. It is biographical as well as prophetic. By the way, can anyone tell why Mr. Blake has preferred in later years to be known simply as Edward Blake, though he was baptized, educated and took high honors at the Provincial University under the name of Dominic Edward Blake? The author agrees with the hest minds in Canada in

by this journal. This would establish the by this journal. This would establish the democratic principle of one man one vote, and do away with many of the incentives to corruption that now exist. Under the present system, Mr. Wallis points out, man can defend the present cumbrous, exthe manufacture of intoxicants within their bounds. But Premier Mowat holds that the Provincial Legislatures have the right to legislate, giving the municipalities power to totally probibit the sale of liquors within their limits, and he has crystallized those views into a law that has so far been pronounced by the courts to be within the powers of the Province. There are eminent legal authorities, too, who hold that the power which the Provincial Legislature delegates to subordinate bodies it can fitly exercise itself, and they ago that the person who alleged that the sound of voices could be conveyed over 1,000 miles of wire was a madman. To-day long-distance telephoning is an every day occurrence. "Why," concludes the writer, "should not the electric wire be made the agent for conveying the sense of touch? agent for conveying the sense of the shadow why should not a man not only see and hear 100 miles away, but even, so far as sensuous impressions are concerned, sensibly grasp the hand of an absent friend sensibly grasp implant, the kiss of affection or relation, or implant the kiss of affection on his far away sweetheart, wire or child?"
Yes, why? But if all this could be done
at long range what would come of those delightful reunions after absences from home that go to make up not a little of our domestic bliss? John Lewiswrites on "The Doctrine of Handicaps," taking the ground that despite the alleged advantages ground that despite the alloged advantages of poverty in the world's battles, "nobody, if he can help it, goes to school at the much-behauded academy where Dame Poverty wields the birch." Joe T. Clark and E. J. Toker have interesting short stories, and the native poets who add brilliancy to the number are E. Pauline brilliancy to the number are E. Pauline Johnson and W. T. Tassie. Altogether, the Lake Magazine makes an auspicious

"The Lake Magazine: Devoted to Politics, Science and General Literature, Toronto; The Lake Publishing Company, 25c a copy; 32 50 a year.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

Benjamin L. Cohen, the latest addition to the ranks of Jewish legislators in Great Britain, is a wealthy London banker, and chairman of the Jewish Board of Guardians.

Mr. David Lewis, whose mammoth stores are so prominent in Manchester and Liver-pool, has left \$1,750,000 to be spent for the benefit of the working classes. The trustee proposes to follow close upon the lines of the Peabody trust and build residences, the small profits from which may be reinvested to a similar manner. in a similar manner.

The Montreal Electeur quotes the Etoile, of Lowell, Mass., as evidence from an expatriated French-Canadian source, that the exodus is the result of crushing taxation, bad government and the stagnation of affairs in the Province of Quebec. The Etoile says, furthermore, that the French-Canadians natura ized in the United States form a population united, progressive, and attached to their language without neglecting the study of English, the language of commerce. The Montreal Electeur quotes the Etoile,

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