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—(BROWNING.)

London, Friday, August 11.

EMANCIPATION OF THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

It would not do to totally exclude the Irish people from representation in the British House of Commons. Ireland is and must remain a portion of the United Kingdom. The position of the two islands—their contiguity to the great and ambitious European continental nations—makes it necessary that they should put together in all matters relating to external defense and trade and commerce.

For this reason, Parliament was warranted in condemning the view set up by Mr. Chamberlain and his friends, that the Irish should virtually be debarré from representation in the Imperial Parliament.

There is some force in the objection that, though the Irish are to have a local legislature, they are still to have representation in the Commons alongside of the other divisions of Great Britain which, as yet, have no local legislature.

But does anyone suppose that the much-needed unloading of Irish local concerns on a local legislature will not be followed by the necessary corollary of a local legislature for England and Scotland as well? When these portions of the nation are also able to transact their own local affairs in legislatures established at London and Edinburgh respectively, the world will witness the application of the federal system in the motherland. There will be nothing dangerous in the change—nothing very revolutionary. The sun will rise and set, and the people will continue to do business as before. But the management of British public affairs, which becomes more difficult and more harassing every year under present conditions, will be systematized. It was a comparatively easy task for the parliamentarians of 200 years ago to manage local as well as imperial business at St. Stephen's. Then the British colonial empire was a baby, British interests abroad were few, British trade and commerce had not permeated every civilized and every savage country in the world, the democracy was not recognized in the government of the country, and the laws passed were chiefly designed to benefit the territorial magnates, and were therefore few and very conservative in their scope.

Conditions have entirely changed, and statesmen are recognizing that methods of government must change with them—that if the Imperial Parliament is to be imperial in fact as well as in name, it must cease attempting to control every petty municipal change, every little local reform that may be desired. These matters, it is recognized, must be settled by local legislatures of the respective divisions of the kingdom. When that is accomplished, the great Imperial Parliament, which could very properly be cut down in numbers to 300 or 400, instead of 670, as now, would be able to devote its attention solely to imperial concerns. Such a body would not require to sit two-thirds of the year to consider public affairs and still find itself hopelessly in arrears, as does the Imperial Parliament now in session. It would be free to act with promptitude, and to supervise in an effective manner every imperial interest wherever centered. Why should there be opposition to a reform so very desirable?

THERE were between 6,000 and 7,000 people at the Young Liberal picnic at Queen's Park Wednesday. Even the Free Press owns up to an attendance of 6,000. But by the time the Toronto Empire got its report the truth was very materially economized. The Empire misrepresenter says the attendance was "about 3,000." The object is obvious; but how can such misrepresentation help any paper?

FOUL SEWERS.

Another reason why the pumping force at Springbank should be increased lies in the absolute necessity for periodical flushing of the sewers. In some cities summer flushing of the sewers is not required so urgently as in London. But here the fall of the average sewer is so comparatively small that occasional flushings are necessary if the public health is to be secured. The stench from the sewer traps in various parts of the city at the present time is almost stifling, and we have heard of one woman householder who endeavors to keep the air in the vicinity of her bedchamber pure by placing a piece of carpet across the sewer opening opposite her residence! The health as well as the comfort of the citizens demands that the water-pumping apparatus should be so augmented that citizens may have plenty of water for every necessary purpose.

The Doll's Dressmaker for July is a charming number and must increase very largely the favor with which the publication is regarded by the little folks and their guardians. (New York: Jennie Wren.)

THE GRASSHOPPER VISITATION.

Farmers are anxiously looking for rain in this neighborhood, not only because the later crops—and especially grass, roots and fruits—are being dried up to an alarming extent, but because of the annoying prevalence of grasshoppers. Usually grasshoppers do not give Western Ontario farmers much bother, but they are multiplying in numbers and in destructiveness to an extent far from reassuring at the present time. One farmer in Westminster township reports a field of second growth clover, at one time promising, now nearly cleaned out by the pest. The grasshoppers have also reached this city, and are even seen hopping about the sidewalks. Grasshoppers are also giving trouble further west. In Oliver township, near Port Arthur, they are stated to be destroying the crops.

"PROTECTION" has not helped Australia. A dispatch to a Canadian Conservative paper says: "Great distress still prevails in Australia. What are called 'doss' houses have been started, 500 destitute people eating and sleeping in the same building, a space 7x3 being allowed to each man."

RIGHTFULNESS OF THE PLEBISCITE.

We are glad to find that Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, and one of the most advanced temperance men in the Province, discusses the Referendum and Plebiscite in the Canadian Magazine for August. He effectively supports the stand taken by the ADVERTISER in favor of getting at the undivided sentiments of the community on the great moral question of prohibition by means of an untrammelled vote of the electors. The considerations adduced by the honorable gentleman in favor of the plebiscite are as follows:

1. It is an appeal to the calm judgment of the electorate on a simple issue—a yes or no. Instead of a jury of twelve, as in ordinary civil or criminal cases, it is a jury of the nation, and the jurors know that their verdict may affect themselves and their children to remotest generations.

2. It increases the responsibility of the electors. In the last analysis, sovereignty is with them. Why should the sovereign be consulted in matters of state? If an evil is to be removed why not let it be benefited thereby but the people? If a great national reform is to be inaugurated why not let them share in the honor? Has Edward Burke's great maxim lost its force, namely, "Government by the people, for the people, and through the people?"

3. It increases the stability of legislation. In 1855 New Brunswick passed a prohibitory liquor law; the following year it was repealed, and Sir Leonard Tilley, the present Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, then whom no better authority could be cited—says the effect was injurious to the temperance cause. Permanence in legislation is quite as important as progressiveness. Under the British constitution, the House of Lords is supposed to check undue haste on the part of the House of Commons. Our Canadian Senate is supposed to discharge a similar duty for us. May we not strengthen this guarantee that legislation is not ill-timed by occasionally submitting a great question to a plebiscite.

4. It is educative in the highest degree. To vote with the party in a general election is not necessarily the highest effort of electoral intelligence, although it usually exhibits a commendable degree of faith in party leaders. To vote intelligently on a great issue, like prohibition, requires study and reflection. In forming a judgment, the personal equation of party leadership must be omitted, and the responsibility of solving a problem on its intrinsic merits must be met face to face.

The plebiscite, the Minister points out, in the form previously indicated, has already been accepted with respect to legislation of a very important character. For the purpose of ascertaining public opinion, even where legislation was not involved, it has been favorably considered. The great convention of temperance workers that met in Montreal in 1875 recommended the passage of a prohibitory liquor law, subject to ratification by the people. In the same year the Senate of Canada, by a vote of 25 to 17, resolved that should the Government feel satisfied that the indication of public opinion by the petitions presented to Parliament was not sufficient to justify the early introduction of a prohibitory law, it would be desirable to take a vote of the electors as soon as possible.

The Legislatures of Ontario, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island have accepted the plebiscite with respect to prohibition; and the great National Liberal Convention that recently met at Ottawa has made the plebiscite on the question of prohibition a plank in its political platform. The tendency of public opinion in Canada is therefore evidently in favor of this form of appeal to the electorate on questions of national significance.

OUTLOOK FOR MANUFACTURERS

A tariff for revenue must remain, and under shelter of this manufacturers ought to be able to succeed.—(Toronto Monetary Times.)

Our contemporary thus foreshadows the effects of the liberal policy of a tariff for revenue only. At one time the Monetary Times endorsed the high tax policy of the present Government; its gradual indorsement of the Liberal position is a welcome sign of the times. No manufacturer, conducting a sound business, will have any reason to fear the advent of the Liberal party. The only men who will be affected will be those sheltered behind combines, which are enabled, by the present tariff, to collect tribute from the whole people. That tribute will be cut off, and the money hitherto so diverted will be left in the pockets of the people, who will become better customers of the large number of independent manufacturers that simply claim a fair field and no favors. They will have that under a tariff for revenue only, as our Toronto contemporary points out.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Do you know that citizens will soon have to go down in their pockets and either erect a large aged men's home or build an addition to the present one. There is hardly a council meeting but that one or two unfortunate are admitted.

What has become of the clause in the report of No. 2 committee whereby that committee, the mayor and the city engineer, with power to add to their number, were to go to Chicago and take in the latest hints about stone crushers and brick and asphalt paving. Of course they were not to look sideways at the World's Fair. Have they grown modest all of a sudden, or were they afraid of having the clause referred back like the exposition clause of No. 3 committee?

A very worthy gentleman of the East End, who is well advanced in years and but little accustomed to the ways of this electrical age, had occasion to call out the firemen the other day. He opened the box and "called out" literally, but the firemen came not. When someone had been sent up to the fire station and the fire ladders had arrived they found that the button had not been pulled down.

"Why didn't you come when I called?" the old gentleman asked of the firemen.

"Why didn't you pull the button?" asked they, in reply.

"Well, I opened the door and told you that you were wanted," came the unexpected answer.

And he wondered why they laughed.

Water Commissioner Cowan recently assured his colleagues that the Young Liberal Club picnic would insure a fall of rain. It is rarely that Mr. Cowan fails in anything that he undertakes, but I very much fear we must class him in the Wiggins tribe. Where is the wet, sir?

AN AUGUST SNOW STORM.

The First One the Bay State Has Had for Forty-Six Years.

Haverhill, Mass., Aug. 9.—The first snow storm that has visited Massachusetts in August in 46 years raged here Sunday night and Monday morning. Hail and lightning accompanied the snow, and much damage was done.

At Amesbury the whole country was covered with a white blanket, and there were drifts a foot deep in the streets. The wind was terrific.

LYNN, Mass., Aug. 9.—The loss by yesterday's storm is estimated at \$75,000.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 9.—The damage to tobacco from hail in Lancaster and York counties is much worse than first reports indicated. Hundreds of acres were completely riddled, and in many instances will be ploughed under as fertilizer.

Fast Steamship Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The steamer Majestic made the voyage from Queenstown in 5 days, 21 hours and 5 minutes. Among her passengers are the Thakore Sahib of Moravia and his son Prince Lukhbir.

Music at the Fair.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The resignation of Theodore Thomas as musical director of the World's Fair has been accepted. It is said the ex-orchestra will be dispensed with and that other musical arrangements will be made by the fair officials.

Smothered in a Bin.

MARILLA, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Leon Howe, an 8-year-old son of Wallace M. Howe, a well-to-do farmer living near Marilla village, was at play in a large bin of sugar meal. He fell in a hole in the meal near a spout in the bottom of the bin, and in trying to get out he was instantly covered by a large quantity of meal which caved off. He was found smothered to death.

An Heiress Betrothed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—A special to the World from Atlanta, Ga., reports that Secretary Herbert and Miss Sallie Brown, youngest daughter of ex-Senator Joseph E. Brown, are engaged to be married. Miss Brown is a blonde, and is still a child of 30. She is a woman of literary tastes and many social graces. Her father is worth \$10,000,000.

Funeral of Mr. David Porter.

TARA, Aug. 10.—The funeral of David Porter, M. P. for North Bruce, was largely attended. The procession was over a mile and a half long. Friends from all parts of the riding were present. The body was interred in the Tara cemetery under the direction of the Independent Order of Foresters. The last funeral rites were performed by Rev. Mr. Mowatt, of Allenton. The deceased was very highly respected, and his death has caused a gloom to pervade the community.

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100 pairs White Lace Curtains, special prices for Bargain Day, 75c, \$1 and \$1 25, three special lines.

3 pieces Black Lace Flouncings, 42 inches wide, to-day only 15c a yard.

Navy Dress Serges, 42 inches wide, to-day only 30c, 35c and 38c.

Another choice lot of Plaid Silks, \$1 is the value, to-day half price, 50c.

10 pieces Tweed Dress Goods; for fall wear, 40c value, just half on Bargain Day.

5 pieces Diagon Shot Dress Goods, regular price 45c, one cut of each to-day for 30c yard.

3 pieces Black Henrietta Cashmere, 75c, to-day 50c.

4 pieces Polka Dot Serge, navy, to-day 48c, worth 75c.

5 pieces Poplin Dress Goods, 38c, to-day 25c.

Fine French All-Wool Challie, your choice 20c.

Remnants of Dress Goods, Challies, Linings and Silks, clearing prices on Bargain Day.

Victoria Tabling, green and red, 45c, for 32c.

6 pieces Scotch Dress Suiting, 12 yards for \$1, double fold, and worth double the price.

30 yards Unbleached Tabling, worth 35c, for 25c.

1 case Honeycomb White Quilts, large size, worth \$2, to-day \$1 63.

Fine French Sateen, beautiful patterns, worth 35c, for 18c.

10 pieces Surah Sateen, 25c goods, to-day 16c.

12 pieces Ceylon Challie, only 10c, worth 15c.

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3 pieces Roman Drapery, 60 inches wide, reversible, 35c, for 20c to-day.

Unbleached Sheetting, 72 inches wide, to-day 16c.

Great sale of remnants of Staple goods, Table Linen, Shirtings, Tweeds, Flannels, Prints, Cretonnes, etc.

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