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## BRITISH STRENGTH

Many and various are the explanations which have been given why Britain is the most successful colonizing power in the world. Perhaps the true explanation lies nearer the surface than most political students suppose. It is perhaps indicated by Pauline Bigelow, the American traveler and author, in a recently published article on Belgian atrocities, in the Congo Free State. Says Mr. Bigelow:

"I venture to think that if to-day an ever Great Britain should find it worth her while to declare all Africa within her sphere, she might rest assured that every black chief from Tanganyika to the desert of Sahara would range himself under that flag at the first sight of a British standard-bearer. Here again I am dealing with a proposition that cannot be put on the scales and weighed, nor can I base it on a statistical foot-note. But I have sampled this sentiment at every point in Africa, north and south, and wherever I have done so I have found that among the blacks the name of Great Britain was the same as justice and honesty. . . . Germany has no such hold upon her blacks. Uncle Sam has no such hold upon his brown-yellow fellow-citizens of Louisiana. France needs two army corps to keep peace in Algeria alone, and as for the Congo, it is only through terrorism that the king of the Belgians can keep his position. . . . This article is not written for Belgian or German journalists, for it boasts little to address arguments to men who are writing to order. But it may reach the eyes of the people who have been suckled and reared on hatred of Great Britain, and it may make such people pause and revise their opinions."

## THE LIQUOR LAW.

Says the Hamilton Spectator:

If D. R. Ross, of Embro, is correctly reported in the Toronto World, it was much more love of Ross than love of prohibition that induced him to remain out of the North Oxford contest, that Mr. Munro's election might be made more certain. Here is the interview as printed in the World:

D. R. Ross, of Embro, whose opinion is entitled to respect inasmuch as he withdrew from the North Oxford election contest on receiving "assurances from a responsible party, that a measure satisfactory to the prohibitionists would be introduced at this session of the Legislature," was in the city on Saturday and told the World that he did not look for anything like a prohibitory measure. "But if we don't get what we voted for the Government will not receive the support of temperance people," he remarked. This was the feeling of prohibitionists generally, he added. Half measures and jollies would not do.

The Embro man asserted that he had not heard a word from anyone in the confidence of the Premier concerning the outlines of the proposed bill. He declined to say how far he believed the Government would go, but his expectations were not very high. In fact, Mr. Ross is looking for another cold hand out.

"Do you think Premier Ross can pass a bill that will meet the wants of the temperance people?"

"No, I don't. I don't believe there are many temperance men in the House on either side. When it was proposed to change the conditions of the referendum there were only four men, and they were Conservatives, who voted for it."

"Would you be satisfied with the abolition of the bar, and the licensing of the buffet with tables for the drinking people?"

"Certainly not; that will be nothing. It will, in fact, be worse than no change. We don't want the drinking places to be made any more alluring by putting in tables around which drinkers sit. They might better stand before a bar and leave when they have finished their drinking. I would say such a change would be quite satisfactory to the liquor interests."

There was nothing in Mr. Ross' opinion that would lessen the evils of temperance short of the prohibition of the traffic, and it will be a sore disappointment to thousands if the bar is not abolished by the Legislature the Government intends to bring down this session.

We gather from that conversation that Mr. Ross withdrew from the contest because he and the prohibitionists were promised something which he did not expect to get, and which he

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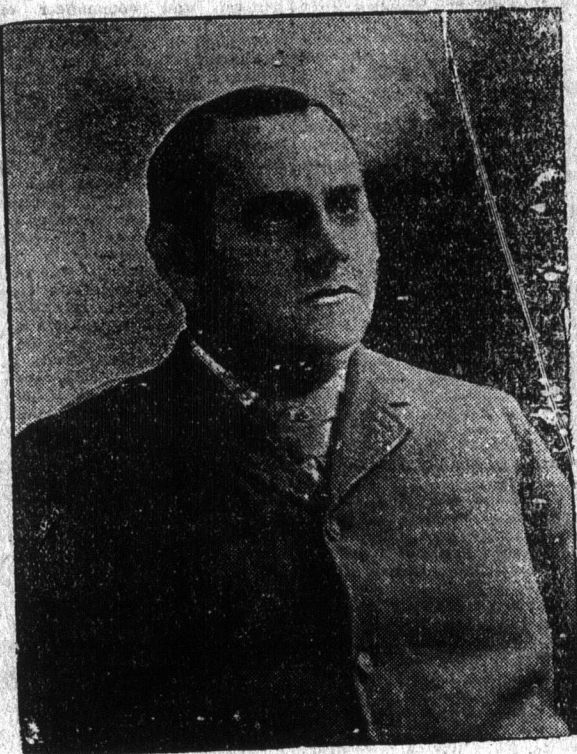
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does not now expect to get. Which was very good of Mr. Ross, and we suppose that Premier Ross is profoundly grateful for the favor received. It is evident, however, from what Mr. Ross says, that the abolition of the bar and the substitution of the buffet was not what was promised. As he says, that would be adding comfort to the business of getting drunk, and would please neither the liquor sellers nor the prohibitionists because

## A GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

Bishop DuMoulin's annual Lenten message to his flock contains a terrible arraignment of present-day social conditions, written with all his lordship's command of impressive eloquence, points out the Hamilton Herald. According to the good bishop, the ostentatious extravagance and follies of the rich "recall Rome's worst days." The strife between la-



THE LATE MAROUS A. HANNA

it would not lessen drinking, and it would not please the liquor sellers because it would vastly increase their running expenses; it would make many bedrooms in houses which have now but one each.

But there is another plan by which



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the bars can be abolished—a plan that was discussed years ago, and found great favor among those who deplored the evils of intemperance, whether they were prohibitionists or not. That plan is to prohibit the selling of intoxicating drink, retail, for consumption on the premises; to have sold at shops and taken home—or away from the sellers' premises—just as groceries are sold and carried off. That would abolish the bar; and while it would be in no sense a prohibitory measure it would be approved by the prohibitionists, for it would abolish the handy bar and its temptation and do away entirely with the treating habit.

It may be that is what Premier Ross promised to do for Mr. Ross, and which Mr. Ross would do, and does not think Premier Ross will do.

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