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God's in His heaven, All's right with the world. -Browning.

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OUR CITIZEN SOLDIERS AND THEIR ARMS.

The report of the Dominion Minister of Militia for the year ending June 30, 1894, though its publication was long delayed, contained much that will interest the public. Major-General Herbert says that he deeply regrets that the rural militia were not called out for training during the last year. He says:

"No one appreciates more fully than I the value of the men of these corps, as an element of the defensive strength of Canada, and though the time allotted for their instruction is inadequate, the asembling of these corps periodically serves to maintain a military spirit in the country which cannot be too highly

The general says that when the men sacrifice so much to perform their duties, the least the country can do is to give them systematic training.

What will the general say when he hears that so extravagant has been the expenditure of public money on speculators and needy hangers-on, that no money has been provided in the estimates for either city or country drill in the year 1895?

As to the arming of the militia, the Major-General says:

"During the past year 1,000 rifles, on the Martini-Metford principle, have been received, of which 730 have been issued on trial. The reports received show it to be an admirable weapon. It differs, however, in many points, from any weapon which has hitherto been used by the militia force, and it will only be after some practice and experience that the full advantage of it will be realized. The ammunition issued with the rifle has not been satisfactory. This defect, however, will be remedied by the decision which has been arrived at, to adopt the Cordite ammunition, in use in the Imperial service, and to manufacture the same at the Dominion Cartridge Factory at Quebec. Two hundred Martini-Metford carbines have been issued to the cavalry, with Cordite ammunition, the results proving fully satisfactory. The absence of recoil, of smoke and of fouling are all

that could be desired. "The general adoption of a modern rifle will undoubtedly necessitate the closing of many rifle ranges. The ranges at London, Ont., and at Fredericton, N. B., have been altered to meet new conditions, and a range, suitable for practice up to 1,000 yards, has been secured at Vancouver, B. C. The necessity for rifle ranges, throughout the country, will be felt more and more, and must undoubtedly render necessary special appropriations, to meet this requirement. Musketry practice of the militia in Canada must, for a long time to come, be almost entirely voluntary, and for this purpose a range should be readily available for every company in

the rural districts." Here Major-General Herbert takes strong issue with Mr. Patterson, ex-Minister of Militia. In his farewell speech to the force at Montreal, the retiring member for West Huron condemned the Martini-Metford rifle in no stinted terms, denounced it as too heavy and otherwise ill-adapted for use as a defensive weapon, and announced that it had been decided not to issue the rifle to the force. In view of Major-General Herbert's declaration, it will be interesting to know where the militia management of the country is

When, two years ago, Mr. Patterson was appointed Minister of Militia, and the disgraceful condition of the management of the force, was brought under his notice, he pleaded general ignorance, as he had but newly taken the department. Now he retires, declaring himself to be totally opposed to the working head of the force in Canada on the vital question of the proper arming of the militia. One of these days Mr. Dickey, the new Minister of Militia, will have to explain the estimates of the department to Parliament. Will he, too, fall back on the excuse that he is new to the business, and that he has no policy with regard to the future? This constant shuffling of portfolios by the men in power has its special disadvantages for the citizen soldiers of the Dominion.

EDITORIAL POINTS.

The members of the Dominion Cab-Inet who wanted to go to the country at once and be done with it, were tactically right, as the exposures of the Not a day has elapsed since the House spened that the Administration has not try than on the day before.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, says he does not believe in special services for children-though he proposes to preach a special sermon to them on obedience. We do not know exactly tion, or what you call it." what the genial divine means by "special services," but in the "Advertiser's" opinion children are too much unthought of in the ordinary Sabbath services. In an average Sabbath service how much is comprehensible by the

average child?

coming tariff changes leak out to favor-

The German Kaiser is always blessing the sword. His latest is to declare the "duties of the soldier are the highest of the age." Question: Wherein are the Kaiser's ethical ideas superior to those of a savage African chief?

MARS INHABITED! The Atlantic Monthly for May contains the first of an important series of papers by Percival Lowell on Mars. Mr. Lowell is convinced that Mars-after the moon our next to nearest neighber in space—is inhabited. He asserts that the trend of all latter day investigation has been to such affirmation; for science has been demonstrating more and more clearly the essential

oneness of the universe. Matter proves

to be common property. We have learned that the very same substances with which we are familiar on this, our earth, iron, magnesium, calcium and the rest, are present in the far-off stars that strew the depths of space. Nothing new under the sun! Indeed, there is nothing new above it but ever-varying detail. So much for matter. As for mind beyond the confines of our tiny globe, modesty, backed by a probability little short of demonstration, forbids the thought that we are the sole thinkers in this great universe. That we are the only minds in space it takes indeed a very small mind to fancy. Our relative insignificance commonly escapes us. If we reduce the universe to a scale on which we can conceive it, that on which the earth shall be represented by a good-sized pea, with a grain of mustard seed, the moon, circling about it at a distance

dred and twenty feet away. Mr. Lowell goes on to demonstrate that a Martian atmosphere exists, and

of seven inches, the sun would be a

globe two feet in diameter, two hun-

"One deduction from this thin air we must, however, be careful not to make: that because it is thin it is incapable of supporting intelligent life. That beings constituted physically as we are would find it a most uncomfortable habitat is pretty certain. But lungs are not wedded to logic, and there is nothing in the world or beyond it to prevent, so far as we know, a being with gills, for example, from being a most superior person. A fish doubtless imagines life out of water to be impossible; and similarly, to argue that life of an order as high as our own, or higher, is impossible, because of less air to breathe than that to which we are locally ac customed, is, as Flammarion happily expresses it, to argue, not as a phil-

osopher, but as a fish.' Mr. Percival sums up that we have proof positive that Mars has an atmosphere; that this atmosphere is very thin-thinner at least by half than the air upon the summit of the Himalayas; that in constitution it does not differ greatly from our own, and that it is relatively heavily charged with water

LIGHT SENTENCES

'Whisky goes up," the trust decrees, But why should the tipplers frown? For they still have the utmost freedom To put their whisky down.

I was standing at a Grand Trunk crossing the other day when my attention was drawn to four men, who from their dress and appearance were plainly railroad men, although they all sported heavy canes, and one had two.

"How many legs do you think there are among the crowd?" a railroad

friend asked. "Eight," I answered promptly.

"Wrong."

"Seven, then." "Wrong again."

"Six." I ventured.

"Guess once more. "Five?"

"No: guess again." I looked at the men closely before answering. Surely they have one apiece, I thought, as I hazarded "four."

"Still wrong. Try again." I leaned up against a freight car and

gasped out "Three." "Right. You see that man with two canes. He has not any. Watches a crossing in Chatham now. Used to be on Talbot street. The other three have one apiece. Great life railroading. Look out for that engine!"

He was laboring under great mental excitement, and could hardly keep his seat in the car that was approaching down town at the usual one-horse gait Tuesday morning.

"Ach!" he was muttering, "I secures me a remedial order or a divoirce. I

will py chimminy." "Nice day after the rain," said the accommodating gentleman who got on at William street and sat next to the

man with the German accent. Germany only glared. "Nice day, I say," he again re-

marked.

"It is, I don't think." "My man, you appear troubled," said the accommodating man, as he closely scanned his companion's countenance.

'Was your house struck by lightning?" "Nein," he responded drearily. Then he brightened up as he commenced to unburden himself. "You see, I haf a nice leetle lawn, and

I gets me up at 4 o'clock this morning to vater it. Mine wife, she tells me to session have already demonstrated. stay in bed. She say the probabilities say rain, but I puts no trust in probabilities, and I vater mine lawn for two stood more discredited before the coun- hours. Then it donner und blitzen und rain. I do not mind that, but py chimminy, when mine vife she laughs at me when I go in mit the hose, I schust slam the doors and goes mitout mine preakfast. I will haf a divoirce or a remedial order, or bill of separa-

> The car had reached Richmond street. 'Magistrate Parke's office is just over there. Perhaps he can fix you," said the fat man, as he passed down and

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House and Lobby



Women and Votes-Liely Episode in the Commens-Mr. Laurier's Declaration-Militia to be Drilled This Year-Government Forced to Change Its Policy-L'Carthy After Lieut. Gov. Schultz's Scalp-A Pohibition Resolution Will Be Introduced.

(Specially telegraphed by our owrRepresentative.)

Ottawa, May 8.-Mr. Davin (West Assiniboia) introduced this resolution in the Commons this afternoon: "That in the opinion of the House the privilege of voting for candidates for membership thereof should be extended to women possessing the qualifications which now entitle men to the electoral franchise." Mr. Davin adduced many excellent reasons why women should vote. He pointed to the position women have attained in arts, in letters and politics, and adduced such women as Queen Victoria and Elizabeth, Margaret of Austria and Harriet Martineau to show that woman was well able to cast a ballot intelligently. This, he said, was indorsed by Gladstone, by Disraeli, by Huxley, by Sir John Macdonald, and even by Mr. Laurier himself.

Hon. David Mills, interrupting, said Sir John put woman suffrage in his franchise act and then canvassed his supporters to vote it down.

"My motion," said Mr. Davin, "will take from women the stigma of being put in the category of infants, idiots and lunatics."

When Mr. Davin sat down all eyes were cast towards the Government leaders, but the Ministers sat dumb. Then Dr. Montague arose and moved adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Laurier thought on so important a question there should be a Government declaration. Dr. Montague said he had moved adjournment of the debate in order to

study up the question. He was not prepared to vote. Mr. Charlton said this was an at-

tempt to shirk a vote. Mr. Laurier said the Government was derelict in its duty if it was not prepared with a view on this important question. It has been again and again debated in this House. "I agree," said the Liberal leader, "in a large measure with what has been said by Mr. Davin. I deny that women are inferior beings, though in the past it has been so taught. The present sovereign of Great Britain is an illustration of woman's ability." Mr. Laurier denied the contention that woman's participation in public life would be injurious to her or it; but he pointed out that he and his followers had always held that the question of width of the franchise was a Provincial one. Let each Province decide whether woman shall vote or not. In the Province of Quebec he knew there was no demand that women should vote. If public opinion is different in Ontario, let it be so decided by the Local Legislature. It may be, in the not far distant future, that the Provinces generally will agree to woman suffrage for all Dominion elections. There is no feeling in Quebec that women are unjustly He moved in amendment: "That the question of woman suffrage is one which, like other questions affecting suffrage, more especially belongs to the Provincial jurisdiction."

Dr. Montague withdrew his motion. Dr. Sproule opposed the amendment. Hon. David Mills said it was a proper

solution of the question. Mr. McMullen was surprised at the Government having no opinion on the subject. Mr. Davin would again have to act as a funnel to put ideas into the

Ministers. (Laughter.) Mr. Craig (Durham) said it was not to be expected the Government would be united on the subject. Mr. Davin was a bachelor, and he was surprised at his action. He opposed woman suffrage because he did not want politicians to come canvassing his wife, and by being agreeable to her cause her to neglect her household duties.

Dr. La Chappelle (Hochelaga's Conservative M. P.), regarded woman suffrage as a fad, and said only tough women would vote.

Mr. McLean (York) coincided. Women would be guided by emotion, and would elect men like Mr. Spence (Toronto) as Finance Minister. (Mr. Spence was in the gallery, and he enjoyed this.) Mr. McInerney opposed the amend-ment. The Provinces should not decide the question.

Mr. Foster here moved the adjournment of the debate, and it was carried.

As expected, the extraordinary conduct of Lieutenant-Governor Schultz of Manitoba in coming to Ottawa and procuring and publishing a long letter on the subject of the school question will be brought before Parliament. Mr. McCarthy tonight gave notice that he would bring up the matter tomorrow.

Mr. Edgar was informed today that under the new tariff the excise duty on spirits would be graduated as follows: '65 per cent over proof, \$2 80 per gallon: 50 per cent. \$2 25: 20 per cent under proof, \$1 56; 25 per cent, \$1 27 1-2." Mr. Edgar was also told that the new customs duty on spirits would rule: per cent over proof, \$3 71 per gallon; 50 per cent, \$3 37 1-2; 20 and 25 per cent under proof, each \$1 91 1-4."

Mr. Costigan informed Mr. Allan (Essex) that Henry Smith, Chatham, is not in the Government employ now, and that Henry Lindley, Cedar Springs, is fishery overseer on the Lake Erie

Tremendous pressure having been brought to bear on the Government, the country corps of militia will this year be drilled, in spite of the fact that no money is provided for the purpose in the estimates. The Government is ow considering the question of voting pay to the city corps. So strong a Conservative as Col. Henshaw, Montreal, told the Government today if they treated he would vote for is defeat. Surprise is general that an attempt to starve the militia should have been made. Each Minister blames his neighbor when asked to explain.

I attended an important conference of a large number of members of Parliament today to meet a delegation from the Dominion Alliance and agree upon the course to pursue with regard to the resolution given notice of by Mr. Flint, M.P., in these terms: "That in the opinion of this House the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxi-cating liquors in Canada, except for sacramental, scientific, manufacturing and medicinal purposes, should be pro-hibited by law." The representatives of the Dominion Alliance in attendance Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of J. R. Dougall, Montreal; W. W. Buchanan, Hamilton; F. S. Spence and J. H. Carson, Toronto, John Cameron,

London sent regrets. Senator Vidal occupie the chair. M. Scriver, M.P., moved support Mr. Flint's resolu-I. MacDonald (Huron) seconded. See discussion ensued as to the meanin of the resolution. J. J. Mac-Laren id the temperance people outside the House would regret extremely if the psent Parliament was dissolved withouhaving a straight vote in the House a immediate prohibition. Dr. Roomed. P., wanted a new resolution that mit be more generally acceptable. e moved that a committee of five be prointed to draft it. On a division 22M. Ps. favored the motion and 18 the mendment. Mr. Flint's motion will threfore be voted on in Parliament.)r. Roome was asked to second it, but efused, and another seconder

will be;ot. Tonigt, in committee, the House discussed he first clause of Mr. Charlton's bill forthe better observance of Sunday. jr. McLean (York) opposed the measur, and moved that the committee risand report. The bill was killed for the resent by adoption of this mo-tion b a vote of 37 to 25. The House adjoured at 10:25.

The solemn ceremony of conferring the pslium on Archbishop Langevine, of St. Soniface, Manitoba, was conducted at he Basilica today by Archbishop Duhasel. The pallium is made of the wool f lambs raised at a convent in Rome At two years of age the lamb

is blesed by the Pope. Tonght a crowded meeting of Liberals as addressed by Hon. Mr. Laurier, Bn. L. Davies, Hon. D. C. Fraser, Messr. Choquette, Bruneau, Geoffrion, Gibso (Lincoln), Sutherland (Oxford), and te versatile Dr. Landerkin. The enthuiasm was great. Ottawa promises to retrn two Liberals next election. Hor David Mills dined with the GovernorGeneral tonight.

TILSONBURG.

("Avertiser" Agents, Wood & Co.) May 8.-While playing about the millden at Waterhouse's woolen mills on Mnday evening a little daughter of Joh McCrea, Ralph street, fell over the slie into twenty feet of water. Nelson Furnier, who was returning home from his work, heard screams and hastered to the rescue, and was successfu in saving the little one from

drownng. Thenigh school board met in regular sessio on Monday evening, and after transcting routine business and passing anumber of accounts, committees were appointed to look after the beautifyirg of the grounds and endeavor to hive a new walk built along the stree fronting the school. Pupils who are n arrears for tees are also to be askel to pay up.

Mr. McGregor stared upon his fourteenth year as pastr of the Presbyterian Church in thistown. During all these years many charges have taken place in the congregatin, but with them all the work of the hurch has prospered greatly under

Mr. McGregor's pastorate. Thirty bicyclists were fined in the city of Brantford for riding on the sidevalks. If the bylaw were enforced in "ilsonburg the treasury would be about \$100 richer every day in the week. Thechief of police threatens to enforce thelaw, but the riders still continue to usethe walks, and many times the foot pasienger must either step aside or get

The Mechanics' Institute, which for the future wil be known as the public library, held their annual meeting last nigh. Wm. Imrie, the secretary-treasurer, presented the following report: Receipts for the year, \$364 39, being made up as follows. Balance on hand, \$10 89; membership fees, \$75; municipal grant, \$24; Government grant, \$121 50; sale of catalogues, \$3. Expenses were as follows: Rent, salaries, etc., \$109 43; printing catalogues, \$33.50; furniture, etc., \$45.95; insurance, \$6.75; for new books, \$136; magazines and periodicals, \$39 88; sundries, \$18 09, leaving a balance due the treasurer of \$25 21. The Government grant for this year will be about \$200. The secretary reported over 2,300 volumes read during the year. The books were all audited and found correct. The officers were elected as follows: President, John Smith; vice-president, W. McGuire; secretarytreasurer, W. Imrie; board of managenent, Rev. Mr. McGregor, N. A. Dawler, George Brasher, G. W. Hare, W McDonald, F. Butte, R. M. Anderson

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1st-10 pieces 42 inch Cashmere and 6 pieces Broche Dress Goods, in colors, good value at 25c, for 15c. and-One Table Assorted Dress Goods, fancy and plain, worth from 35c to

3rd-10 pieces Black All Wool Grenadine, Friday for 10c.

4th-2 pieces Black Luster, worth 4oc a yard for 25c.

5th-7 pieces Check Dress Goods, regular price 35c, fo. 25c. 6th-4 pieces Fancy Tweed Dress Goods, German make, worth 5oc, for

7th-4 pieces Fancy Check Dress Goods, regular price 35c, for 25c. 8th-6 pieces 42 inch Black Grenadine, fine goods, on Friday for 45c. 9th-18 pairs Chenille Curtains, 3 1-4 yards long, heavy fringe and dado,

worth \$5, for \$3 25.
10th—5 pieces 40 inch Coin Spot Muslin, Friday for 20c.

Staple Department.

11th-Colored Check Muslin, fast colors, worth 20c, for 121/2c. 12th-Wide Width Sateen Print, Navy, Garnet, Fawn, Pink and Cream,

worth 18c, for 12 1-2c. 13th-Damask Linen Towels, red borders, large size, worth 15c, for 12 1-2c. 14th-Pillow Cotton, 64 inches wide, worth 15c, for 12 1-2c.

15th-Strong and Heavy Wool Tweed, for boys' wear, worth 30c, for 24c. 16th-Silk Embroidered Felt Table Covers, worth \$2 25, for \$1 50. 17th-Best Feather Ticking, worth 25c, for 18c.

18th-Navy Twill Flannel, worth 20c, for 12 1-2c.

19th-All Wool Navy Blue Serge, for Boys' Suits, worth 45c, 101 36c. 20th-Damask Table Cloths, colored borders, with fringe, fine quality, \$1 50, for \$1.

21st-White Honeycomb Quilts, for single bed, worth 75c, for 50c. 22nd—Unbleached Cotton, 40 inches wide, worth 7 1-2c for 6 1-2c. 231d-Fine Twill Cotton, bleached, 36 inches wide, worth 15c, for 12 1-2c.

24th-Wide Width White Ground Shirting Prints, neat stripes and figures, worth 10c, for 8c. 25th-Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, spliced heel and toe, worth 20c,

26th-Children's Ribbed Cotton Hose, double knee, heel and toe, worth 30c, Friday for 20c. 27th-Ladies' and Misses' All Wool Ribbed Cashmere Hose, spliced knee,

heel and toe, worth 35c, for 21c. 28th-Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, seamless, double heel and toe, worth

29th-Ladies' Black and Colored Lisle Gloves, worth 15c, for 10c. 30th-Colored and Black Silk Taffetta Gloves, worth 25c, for 19c. 31st-Fancy Embroidery Hemstltched Handkerchiefs, worth 10c, for 5c. 32nd—Children's Colored Motto Handkerchiefs, worth 5c, for 3 for 5c. 33rd-One Table Cream and Maltese Lace, worth 5c, for 2 for 5c.

34th-Black Silk Parasols, worth \$1 25, Friday for \$1. 35th-Ladies' Ribbed Cotton Vests for 5c.

36th-Ladies' White Lawn Blouses, worth 75c, for 56c. 37th-Ladies' White Cambric Corset Covers, embroidery trimmed, worth

Gents' Furnishings Department.

38th-Men's Seamless Cotton Socks, worth 12 1-2c, for 3 for 25c. 39th-Men's Fine Black Cotton Socks, fast black, worth 18c, for 2 for

40th-Men's Fiannelette Shirts, all sizes, worth 25c, for 19c. 41st-Men's Cotton Underwear, in flesh and gray, worth 25c, for 19c. 42nd-Boys' Black Sateen Shirts, worth 65c, for 5oc.

43rd-Men's Unlaundered White Shirts, cuffs and bands, worth 75c, for 50c. 44th—Boys' All Wool Sweaters, worth \$1 for 75c. 45th-Men's All Wool Sweaters, worth \$1 25, for \$1.

46th-Boys' Bathing Suits, worth 50c, for 40c. 47th-Boys' Bathing Drawers, worth 15c, for 10c.

48th-Men's All Wool Tweed Suits, worth \$9, for \$7. 49th—Men's All Wool Tweed Suits, worth \$10, for \$8 50. 50th-Men's All Wool Tweed Suits, odd lines, worth from \$8 to \$9 50,

great snap in Suits today, for \$5 00. 51st-Men's All Wool Tweed Pants, worth \$2 75, for \$2. 52nd—Boys' 2 piece Serge Suits, all sizes, on Friday for \$1.

53rd-Boys' Blue Serge Suits, worth \$1 75 for \$1 20. 54th—Boys' Fine All Wool Double Breasted Sailor Suits, worth \$3, for \$2 49. 55th-Boys' Fine All Wool 3 piece Suit, worth \$4 50, for \$3 49.

Ordered Clothing Department.

56th-Men's All Wool Tweed Suits, to order, worth \$16, for \$12 50. 57th—Men's Fine All Wool Tweed Suits, to order, worth \$18, for \$15 50. 58th-Men's Fine Colored Worsted Suits, to order, worth \$21 50, for \$17 50.

Millinery Department.

59th—White Leghorn Hats, worth 75c, for 50c; worth 45c for 35c. 60th—White Leghorn Hats, fancy edge, worth 75c, for 50c; worth 40c, for

61st-Black Straw Hats, worth 50c, for 25c. 62nd—Children's Cream and Colored Silk Hats, worth \$2 50, for \$1 50.

Cape and Mantle Department.

63rd-A very stylish Cloth Cape, worth \$1 50, for \$1 15. 64th—Capes in fawn, navy and cardinal, worth \$2 75, for \$2. 65th-Stylish Spring Coats, worth \$4 50, for \$3 50. 66th-Any \$7 50 Coat in stock today for \$5. 67th—Tweed Waterproofs, worth \$6 50, for \$5.

68th-Tweed Waterproots, worth \$5, for \$3 50.

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69th-Ladies' Print Wrappers, made of fast colored Prints, worth \$1 75, for