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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3.

CAN ROBBERY BE LEGALIZED?

The minister of Justice has assented to the startling theory of the constitution enunciated by Mr. Justice Riddell in the Cobalt Lake decision.

The Ontario Government took possession of mineral property claimed by the Florence Mining Company, sold it to another set of claimants for a million dollars, and then sought to deny the Florence Company the right of appeal to the courts. In commenting upon this case, Justice Riddell declared that the Ontario Legislature had the authority to over-ride the eighth commandment.

The question was raised on Monday in the House of Commons, and elicited a remarkable speech from Mr. Aylesworth. He took the ground that the legislation was within the scope and power of the Ontario Legislature, which had been given by the B. N. A. act full and absolute control over property and civil rights. The Legislature might even repeal magna charta itself. As minister of Justice, Mr. Aylesworth could not advise the Federal Government to disallow the act; but as a voter in Ontario he denounced it unreservedly. The Provincial Government, he said, had arrogated to itself the right to say to any citizen of the province: "You shall not litigate, it makes no difference how just you think your claim is. We have the right to step in and deny you the open door to the courts. We have the right, and in this present instance we choose to exercise it." Mr. Aylesworth continued:

"There were one million dollars hung up before the eyes of the voters of the Province of Ontario, and because the Ontario Government had secured from this operation the magnificent sum of one million dollars, the voters of the province were asked to ratify what they had done, and to say that it was a proper and legitimate transaction. I wonder if it occurred to any of my fellow-electors to think that the Government of Ontario could at any time make a good many million dollars, if they pleased, out of closing the door to the courts. We have the right, and in this present instance we choose to exercise it." Mr. Aylesworth continued:

"This is strong language, but no stronger than Mr. Goldwin Smith uses in today's Weekly Sun. Over his nom de plume of Bystander, he says: 'To the force of Mr. Aylesworth's speech on the Cobalt confiscation case The Bystander can add nothing. The speech appeals strongly enough to the mind of everyone who has property of which he can be robbed or a claim to justice of which he can be deprived. That the British Government and Parliament in assenting to the confiscation act can have meant to confer such a local legislative unlimited power of confiscation of any property of which justice is so totally incredible that The Bystander, without venturing to express dissent, cannot easily acquiesce in Mr. Aylesworth's interpretation.'"

A matter so vital ought to be carried to the foot of the throne. Have British subjects no chartered rights? Can a government rob a man and then bang the doors of justice in his face? If the answer is "yes," there is something wrong with the constitution.

CANADA'S POSITION SOUND.

A review of the financial situation in Canada contained in a recent issue of the investors' Guardian, a leading English financial journal, should put to blush politicians and papers in this country that are decrying the credit of the Dominion, and accusing the Government of reckless financing. The Guardian joins other British periodicals in paying tribute to the ability of Hon. Mr. Fielding, as shown in the success of the recent Dominion loan. It points out that notwithstanding the long period of depression under which British trade and finance suffered in consequence of the financial slump in the United States during the autumn of 1907, there were comparatively few people in the old country who realized how extreme was the severity of the disturbance in the republic. The Guardian is impressed by the fact that Canada's finances were in a much sounder state than those of her neighbor, and declares that "although the crisis put a stop for the time being to the marvellous commercial and mining development which had till then been in progress, there was nothing approaching to the epidemic of panic which swept the country to the south of the border line."

With the close intercourse which exists between Canada and the United States, the Guardian says it would have been impossible for the Dominion to escape scathless from such a widespread depression, and considers it an evidence of the prudent administration of the Canadian Finance Minister that the estimates he has submitted for the coming fiscal year have been

based on conservative lines, showing as they do a reduction, as compared with those of the preceding year, of about \$19,000,000.

The Guardian fails to see how the Canadian Government could be otherwise than a borrower, in view of the rapid development of so large a section of the Empire. It recalls the fact that in the booming times before the slump, arrangements had been made with the Grand Trunk Railway for the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, which is to do so much to open up great expanses of farming and mining territory; points out that the estimated expenditure on this line for the current year is no less than \$6,000,000, and declares that it would be too much to expect that Canada should be able, in comparative-ly dull times, to pay the same large sums out of revenue for capital purposes that she has so long been able to do under different conditions.

Dealing with the natural riches of Canada this high financial authority declares:

"The latent assets of the Dominion are almost incalculable. They pervade its entire territory from coast to coast. It would be difficult to overestimate them; it is impossible to tabulate them. Even if one dilates on the great mineral wealth of its extreme eastern section, Cape Breton, and Nova Scotia; on the important manufacturing interests of Quebec and Montreal; on the unpaired deposits of silver, nickel and asbestos in Ontario, on the agricultural wealth of the illimitable Northwest, and on the fruit, fisheries, and mining of British Columbia, it still leaves everything unsaid as to the wonderful area of forest lands, and of the magnificent waterways which render their yield of timber available."

The paper concludes that so long as the finances of Canada are controlled by so able, prudent and experienced a statesman as Mr. Fielding she can rely upon England finding, at a moderate rate of interest, the money required to supplement the Dominion's own finances.

CANADA'S ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

According to the annual report, the department of railways and canals, just issued, the mileage of electric roads in Canada has doubled during the past seven years. The fifty-three electric railways reporting to the department have a total length of very close on one thousand miles. Following is the record of all roads for the year ended June 30 last:

Length—miles	902
Paid up capital	\$87,903,221
Gross earnings	\$14,007,049
Operating expenses	\$ 8,695,880
Net earnings	\$ 5,311,170
Passengers carried—num- ber	299,099,309
Freight carried—tons	732,475

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sengers, but in freight they moved
63,071,167 tons.

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Fourteen roads each carried more than two million passengers during the twelve months. In the appended table the London Street Railway stands eighth both in mileage and number of passengers carried:	Passengers.
Mileage.	gers.
Montreal Street	71.82 91,120,000
Toronto Street	52.59 87,964,000
British Columbia	78.92 21,328,000
Winnipeg Street	52.66 21,292,000
Ottawa Street	23.08 13,445,000
Hamilton Street	22.00 8,078,000
Quebec Street	42.22 7,314,000
London Street	26.46 6,325,000
Halifax Tramway	12.13 3,928,000
Montreal Park and Island	23.60 3,539,000
St. John, N.B.	12.59 3,438,800
Toronto and York	78.05 2,920,000
Sandwich and Windsor	25.44 2,690,000
Sydney and Glace Bay	18.80 2,210,000

The Montreal Street Railway leads in gross earnings and operating expenses, the figures for the former being \$13,736,620, while the net earnings were \$1,565,858. The operating cost was 58.09 per cent of the gross earnings. The Toronto Street Railway comes second in gross earnings, \$5,098,570, while the net earnings were \$1,635,870, and the cost of operating, 54.73 per cent of the gross. Right roads are operated at an actual loss to the owners. The figures dealing with this feature of the electric railway business demonstrate that the success or failure of one of these lines depends upon the locality in which it is operated—that even a well-equipped road in some communities is not a paying investment.

A protectionist has won a seat in Scotland. Hoot mon!

The tramp problem is not to be solved by the practice of making the tramps move on.

Queen's University asks for another \$150,000 from the Ontario Government. And London's civic non-sectarian university has received never a cent from that quarter.

Whether the Florence Mining Company had a valid claim to the Cobalt property is not the question. Why was it not allowed to take its case into the court? That's the question.

The tariff committee of Congress will recommend that the duty on lumber be reduced from \$2 to \$1.50 per thousand. This is pretty good evidence that our trust-ridden neighbors are to get tariff reform in homeopathic doses.

Immigration into the United States

and Canada has taken another spurt. There could be no more certain sign of business recovery. Labor is becoming exceedingly fluid and there is a great class of laborers that oscillates between Southern Europe and America. Hundreds of thousands of these people returned to Europe last year and the year before. They have scented good times and are flocking back with as sure an instinct as the birds which are now coming north.

The Canadian flunkey is more contemptible than the old country specimen, because he is an exotic. It is sheer flunkeyism in this country that supports the House of Lords against the present British Government. The majority of the peers are the champions of privilege and of class interest, the enemies of democracy and a barrier to legislation for the improvement of the condition of the poor. The sympathy of every Canadian who is not a snob is with the present British Government in its fight for the people.

GUESS THE ABLEST.

[Carl Schurz's Reminiscences.] Bismarck was asked whom he thought to have been the ablest penitentiary at the Congress of Berlin. "I don't know about the ablest," he replied, with a grim smile, "but the next ablest was certainly Lord Beaconsfield."

WILLING TO TAKE CHANCES.

[Judge.] Minister—Yes, I suppose I could marry you now, Hiram; but doesn't your prudent counsel say to wait until you find the job you've been looking for so long? Hiram—Her name ain't Prudence, pardner. It's Hanner. An' she calculates I'll find the job all right, once we's married.

WASTING WORDS.

[Yonkers Statesman.] Mrs. Bacon—Doesn't your husband waste words? Mrs. Egbert—I should say so. Why, he told me that story I just told you today, and then asked me not to repeat it.

A PRACTICAL MAN.

[Layton Brewer.] She keeps a diary, I know, which, as one sentimental would. She often reads, she told me so. To learn a better life, although already she is plenty good.

Therefore I send her every day. Although reproved by word and look, she reads. Her counsel for the day. Will not omit their record—tray. Will all be noted in her book.

And when she reads, my name will face. On every page her dreamy eyes. My awesome bills increase apace, Yet it's worth my while to buy the space— I believe it pays to advertise.

NOTHING BUT COMICS.

[Philadelphia Ledger.] "Did you get my valentine?" he asked, tremulously. "No," she replied. "Got nothing but comics."

"But mine contained a proposal of marriage," he went on eagerly. "Oh, that was yours? Yes, I got it."

IT WAS NOT LINCOLN'S PHRASE.

[Toronto Star.] I. K. Funk writes to the New York Post to remind his countrymen that the phrase, "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people," was not new with Lincoln, but was used by Theodore Parker, Daniel Webster, and the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. The phrase, "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people," was used by Theodore Parker, Daniel Webster, and the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

RUDENESS OF SPEECH.

[Springfield Republican.] Is it true, as a Princeton professor says, that "rudeness of speech and action are characteristic of the great men?" He refers to great men of politics and action more especially. Perhaps the most effective answer to him is that rudeness of speech, at least, was not characteristic of Washington or Lincoln, who rank as America's two greatest leaders. It was not characteristic, either, of our greatest soldiers, Grant and Lee.

AT REST.

[Cardinal Newman.] They are at rest. We may not stir the heaven of their repose. With loud-voiced grief, or passionate request, Or selfish plaint for those Who in the mountain grotto of Eden lie. And hear the four-fold river, as it hurries by.

They hear it sweep In distance down the dark and savage vale; But they at eddying pool or current deep Shall never more grow pale; They hear and meekly nurse, as fain to know How long untired, unspent, that giant stream shall flow.

And soothing sounds Blend with the neighboring waters as they glide; Posted along the haunted garden's bounds Angelic for a while, Echoing as words of watch, o'er lawns and grove, The verses of that hymn which seraphs chime above.

JOHN WESLEY'S VIEW.

[Hamilton Herald.] A Toronto paper very happily quotes a remark of John Wesley for the enlightenment of the Rev. Dr. Carman: "The Methodists alone do not insist on your holding this or that opinion; but they think and let you think."

THE BRITISH GENIUS.

[Toronto News.] Speaking of the basis upon which the South African confederation is being arranged, the New York Post observes that the adoption of such a constitution for Dutch and English, within nine years after Dutch and English were fighting each other in a desperate and lamentable war, will be a wonderful triumph of peaceful statesmanship. "The whole instrument," it says, "breaches the spirit of fairness; and we are ready to believe that the Government which is to be set up will be one of the finest, as it is certainly one of the most extraordinary proofs of the British genius for administration."

WEDDING PRESENTS.

[Goldwin Smith.] We have come to the season for weddings, one or two of which have been accompanied by wedding presents, which are described as most magnificent and costly. May not the costliness of wedding presents be carried too far? May they not come to be almost a tax upon the purses of friends who, though their affection may be strong, and their good wishes most sincere, cannot well afford great expense? We sometimes hear wishes of this kind. Suppose the method

REBUILDING FURNITURE SALE

PLEASE READ THIS:

Our building is coming down rapidly, too rapidly to suit us. We can't sell out our stock as fast as thirty men can tear down the walls surrounding it. We can't stop the work. We can't store \$20,000 worth of Furniture in another building. We must sell it somehow. Every day we keep our stock it gets more dust and dirt on it and more jamming up. By the end of this week we have to give up half of our building to the workmen. We're desperate. We've cut our prices down so small that every person who comes in says the same thing: "In all their life they never saw or heard of such bargains."

You surely will need some Furniture this spring? Why not buy it now and save about one-half?

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- Buffets
- Hall Racks
- Mission Furniture
- Parlor Suites
- Crisbs
- Wardrobes
- Music Cabinets
- Parlor Cabinets
- Rockers
- Sofa and Stoves
- Bedroom Suites
- Kitchen Cabinets
- China Cabinets

GO-CARTS and CARRIAGES

Forty (40) Carriages and Go-Carts just arrived. These should not have been shipped till our building was finished. But they are here and we must clear them out at once, regardless of cost. All the newest styles in blue, brown, black and white.



200 MORRIS CHAIRS and EASY CHAIRS

200 regular \$15.00 Chairs and Rockers, upholstered in best imitation leather or verona. To clear at \$7.50 These are the greatest bargains we have ever offered.

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were adopted in this case which is the originator of the part of Campeau in "Drink." His rendition of a man in delirium tremens is one of the classics of the stage.

"Forty-five Minutes From Broadway." Nothing has struck the popular New York, Chicago and Boston than George M. Cohan's play, "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway," which Cohan and Harris will present at the Grand Opera House on Friday evening, with the popular comedian, Scott Welch, as Kid Burris, and Frances Gordon as Mary, the housemaid in New Rochelle, New York. There are humor-



Grace Warner III.

London, March 2.—Miss Grace Warner, the well-known English actress, is reported seriously ill, the effect of the shock subsequent to the death of her father, Charles Warner, the actor who suicided in New York. Miss Warner, who is the wife of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Canadian actor who died some years ago, and who was recognized as one of the foremost artists on the English stage.

The late Franklin McLeay was a

Make New Blood

THAT IS WHAT DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS DO—THAT IS WHY THEY CURE SO MANY DISEASES

When persons have not enough blood, or when their blood is weak and watery, the doctors name the trouble anaemia. Bloodlessness is the direct cause of many common diseases, such as indigestion, palpitation of the heart, debility, decline, neuralgia, nervousness, rheumatism and consumption. The surest signs of poor blood are paleness, bluish lips, cold hands and feet, general weakness, low spirits and headaches and backaches. If anaemia is not checked in time, it will probably develop into consumption. There is one certain cure for anaemia—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills actually make new, rich blood, which fills the veins and brings new life, new energy and good health to bloodless people.

In proof of this Miss Mabel Clendenen, Niagara Falls, Ont., says: "For two years I suffered from anaemia. I was weak, thin, had no appetite. I sometimes had distressing headaches and felt low-spirited. My heart would palpitate violently; I could do no work around the house; I became very pale and my nerves got unstrung. The efforts of two good doctors failed to help me. I was in such a pitiful state. One day a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I did so. Soon I saw the pills were helping me and by the time I had taken nine boxes I was completely cured. I had a good appetite; gained in weight. I hadn't a ache or pain, could sleep well and I am in far better health now than I ever was. I cannot speak too highly of what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me."

What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for Miss Clendenen they have done for thousands—they will do for you. But you must get the genuine with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper of every box. If your dealer has not got the genuine pills you can get them at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

native of Watford, Ont., and later taught school in Woodstock. Several years ago he appeared in London with Wilson Barrett, playing Iago to Mr. Barrett's Othello. The Charles War-



FRANCES GORDON.

Who made such a great hit in "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway," last season, will again be seen as "Mary" at the Grand Friday evening.

ous incidents galore and numerous songs and dances in the entertainment. His music is being hummed and whistled everywhere, and his bright lines and jokes repeated. Nothing has been more successful from the theatre standpoint or fulfillment of the playwright's mission to entertain and satisfy a discriminating public. The same cast as presented the play last season will again be seen here.

"Montana."

"Montana," a typical western play, which abounds in thrilling situations and inspiring climaxes, will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House on Saturday, matinee and night. It is said to be realistic of the plains and it resonates with the deep voices of rough, venturesome men. The plot is full of dramatic situations, and the author has given a picture of honesty, lawlessness and dare-devil humor of the western cow country intermingled with a beautiful love story, that is essential to a play of this type. At the matinee performance children will be admitted.

TWO FIRST-CLASS HOCKEY GAMES

A friendly game of hockey was played last night between the McClary and Lawson & Jones' teams, resulting in favor of the latter by a score of 8 to 0. The line-up was as follows:

Lawson & Jones—Talbot, goal; Howitt, point; Hawthorne, cover; Clark, left wing; Myers, right wing; Stanton, centre; Orr, rover.

McClarys—Maul, goal; Gilmour, point; Howell, cover; Watts, left wing; Kingsmill, right wing; Dixon, centre; Bull, rover.

For the first time this year the South London Mohawks went down to defeat

- Iron Beds
- Extension Tables
- Morris Chairs
- Desks
- Secretaries
- Davenport
- Express Wagons

- Brass Beds
- Dining Chairs
- Parlor Tables
- Office Chairs
- Book Cases
- Couches
- Hall Seats

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200 Room Rugs, new stock, all sizes and qualities. To clear at one-third and one-half off:

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\$15.00 kind for	\$9.50	\$20.00 kind for	\$14.00

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Our regular 75c Linoleum for	 49c
Our regular \$1.00 Linoleum for	 65c

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MORE SMALLPOX AROUND EVELYN

Additional Cases Have Been Discovered in That Locality.

Smallpox seems to be very prevalent around the village of Evelyn, and in addition to the cases reported recently several more have been discovered. A young lady music teacher was taken ill with the disease on Monday, and as she had just been teaching at the homes of several of her pupils, a number of houses are quarantined.

BUSY NIGHT FOR THE COLLEGIATE

Seniors and Juniors Will Meet Stratford and St. Thomas Teams.

Tonight will be a busy one for the local Collegiate athletes. Two teams will go on the ice at the Princess Rink to play off with outside teams. The Collegiate Juniors will meet the team from St. Thomas, and are calculating to give that aggregation a great run for their money, while the seniors will stock up against the Stratford Collegiate in what will likely be the most strenuous game of their season. The Stratford team play a strong game, but the locals have shown up well so far this year, and is expected that they will be able to hold their end up even against such a team as Stratford can line up.

THE NORDHEIMER PLAYER-PIANO—Any one can play it.

ACADIAN CLUB ON IDEAL ALLEYS

Two teams of the Acadian Club met on the Ideal Bowling Alleys last night, in a friendly game. What they lacked in skill they made up in enthusiasm and the game was a very interesting throughout. The second club succeeded in winning out by a score of 75 plus.

Acadian Club No. 1.

Braund	 92	144	266
Whitehead	 111	98	209
Weir	 61	92	153
Overend	 45	79	124
Hodges	 153	137	290
Robinson	 165	152	317
	637	722	1,359

Acadian Club No. 2.

Binks	 94	121	215
Jepson	 157	110	267
Pessenden	 156	119	275
Granger	 45	89	134
McDonald	 122	162	284
Irwin	 129	129	258
	687	739	1,426

Tonight's games will be between the Central Club and Beavers and the Stars and Capitals.

At Leicester, England, a coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Herbert Stanley, 19, who died from meningitis after an injury received in a football match. It appeared that the youth headed the ball directly from a corner kick, and immediately afterwards complained of a pain in the head.

If Providence means to spare folks He'll spare them, in spite of the the motor-buses in Christendom.

Trimmed with fifteen ostrich feathers, each measuring two yards, the hat to be worn by Miss Madge Temple, at the London Coliseum, is valued at \$200.

CIGARETTES BARRED.

St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—A cigarette law, prohibiting the manufacture, sale or gift of cigarettes and cigarette papers within the state, was passed in the House last night.

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DROWNED HERSELF AND LITTLE BOY

Seaforth Woman, Suffering From Temporary Insanity, Dies in Regina.

Regina, Sask., March 2.—Mrs. William Finlayson this morning murdered her 3-year-old son, Warren, and then committed suicide. The deed was done in a moment of insanity brought on by illness.

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