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—BROWNING.

London, Thursday, Nov. 17.

A VOICE FROM MANITOBA.

Premier Greenway, of Manitoba, takes an intelligent stand on the trade question. Speaking of the United States elections, he says if there is any country where protection might be successful it is the United States. Within the borders of the Republic were unlimited resources, but with all the special favors of nature and immense capital for the development of the same, the people had risen in their might against a high protective tariff. The Premier said the days were going by when capitalists and monopolists could control the masses of voters. He thought Canada should follow suit. Canada will follow suit whenever a fair opportunity is presented to her. The people will not again be on the side of combine rule, no matter how much the men who hold power by virtue of the moneybags of the ringsters try to confuse the issue.

A PROFESSOR'S PROPHECY.

Shortly after the last Dominion general elections, Prof. Weldon, Conservative M.P. for Albert, New Brunswick, in an apparently carefully written interview, published in papers friendly to his side of politics, said:

"The time has come when England must choose between abandoning Canada or agreeing to an imperial tariff that will give Canadian products a preference in the British markets in return for a preference to British manufactures in Canadian markets. . . . If England will not do this, annexation is not only probable, but appears to be the inevitable destiny of Canada."

This quotation from the interview was given in Parliament on or about June 25, 1891, and its accuracy was not questioned as depicting Prof. Weldon's views. The Montreal Transcript asserts that these views must be entertained by many Canadian Conservatives, as they were printed and evidently indorsed by many Canadian journals, who raised no objection to them. Nevertheless, there can be no mistaking the menacing statement contained in the assertion. It is a threat to Great Britain that unless she decides to tax the food of her people in the interests of Canada, the Dominion will seek annexation as an "inevitable destiny." The British give Canadians absolutely free entrance to their markets, and ask no favors in return, but our lip-loyal rulers refuse to enter on that basis, and ask the motherland to enter on a policy that would not only cripple her trade interests with her sister nations, but would bring her ill-will, and probably tend to keep Canada and their brethren to the south further apart than they have recently drifted.

We agree with our contemporary in believing that Britain will not sacrifice the trade of the world to buttress up a system of high taxation in Canada. Then, says Prof. Weldon, we must have annexation. Great Britain is not to blame for the drawbacks to trade that exist in Canada, which are keeping our people poor and are driving them out of the country to seek for opportunities to make a living denied them here. The trade barriers set up by Canada are alone responsible. We are in favor of the freest possible commerce, not only with Great Britain but with the great English-speaking race in the neighboring republic, and we make bold to say that if we had unrestricted trade with the United States the annexation sentiment, which has grown so strong in the ranks of both political parties, as is confessed by Prof. Weldon, could be combated.

Trade, national prosperity, opportunity to make the most of their earnings without the intervention of combines, are the needs of the Canadian people to-day. These facilities, provided by an honest administration, may combat the sentiment in favor of political union. But it cannot be disposed of by a will of the wisp chase after an unattainable trade policy that no political party in Great Britain, and no statesman of any eminence, regards as feasible, and which if submitted to the British electorate would be voted down by an overwhelming majority.

THE Niagara Falls Review, under its new management, promises to support the Liberal policy. It is bound to be on top if it maintains reduction of taxes as the prime necessity.

It is claimed by the St. Catharines Star, a Conservative journal, that the Dominion Government is maintaining too well-paid civil engineers to do one man's work in the superintendence of the Welland Canal. That is a small matter to a Government which squanders hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money every year in rewarding favorites.

BOTH HONEST AND ECONOMICAL.

The Young Liberals have approved of a system of personal registration of voters. If such a system would not make the electors honest it would go a long way toward keeping them so.—[Toronto Globe.] That is only one view of the subject. Personal registration on the eve of an election would not only promote honesty in public affairs but would vastly simplify and improve the lists, and relieve the political parties of a great deal of trouble and expense that the perfection of the lists call for every year, if a full list of the electors is to be had. Registration would also avert the necessity for looking after the lists till an election was at hand. At present, the lists may be revised, at much expenditure of time and money, and really be of no value, because an election does not take place on them. Our view, which we feel confident is shared by the large majority of the people, is that there shall be no revision except a month before an election. Then there will be equality of treatment for all parties, and no work will be needed, either by the municipal officers or by the political parties, that is not certain to be of use in making the lists complete.

Pianos and organs bought on the installment plan are liable to seizure for taxes, according to a legal decision in Toronto. Will this declaration result in an extension of the credit system? An entirely unpaid piano or organ cannot be touched.

It is alleged that impetuous members of Parliament were parties to the shortage in the accounts of the Accountant's Department at Ottawa. They gave I. O. U. to the plant clerks, who cashed them, and have had to whistle for repayment until the House meets next year. The Dominion Government is very anxious to have the scandal settled before further exposures humiliate its friends.

IT WILL be observed that the outcry of the Conservative machine politicians against President Armstrong of the Toronto Young Conservative Club arises, not because his arraignment of the bosses is ill-founded, but because the fearful ones are of opinion that the telling of the truth may injure the party. That is the reason why the club is asked to apply the gag to its outspoken president.

THREE should by rights be only one member for Vaudreuil and Soulanges, but there are two, and both of them have been unseated within a few weeks because their seats were corrupt. Both "threw up the sponge." The Dominion Government bribed them with the Soulanges Canal, but that is not the bribery which has invalidated the elections. The promise and expenditure of hundreds of thousands by the Government is the bribery that really corrupts and demoralizes most, but it is allowed to go on unwhipped of the law, while the bribes which are given in the way of glasses of liquor or hire for teams are sternly condemned by our pharisaical law, which chokes at a knave who swallows a camel. Strain out the knave by all means, but don't swallow the camel.—[Montreal Witness.]

It does seem strange that bribery by retail should be punished with severity, whereas bribery by wholesale is invariably referred to as "patriotic development."

TAXES.

(Toronto Globe.)

It is easy to prove that the tax on any one article is trifling, but the sum of all the trifles is fully one-third of the wages of an average mechanic with a wife and three or four dependents.

LOOKING AFTER NO. 1.

(Ottawa Free Press.)

Brewer Carling is not going to have any capers played on the trade which might interfere with his business, so long as he has a finger in the Government pie, and he is after his brother beer-makers with the charge that they "take sugar in their."

A LESSON IN HORSES.

(Belleville Ontario.)

Walter Fanning, a well-known horse buyer of this city, has received an order for 65 horses for the Boston horse market. The duty on these horses is \$30. Thirty dollars on every one of 65 horses means a loss to the Bay of Quinte farmer of \$1950. Every farmer in this district who sold a horse to Mr. Fanning now knows from experience who pays the duty.

THE ANTI-HIGH TAX BOOM.

(Toronto Mail.)

Throughout the United States Mr. Cleveland's victory is hailed as the dawn of an industrial emancipation. The fact that Mr. Foster has unnecessarily extracted \$4,500,000 from the pockets of Canadians will have a powerful educational effect in this country. An industrial emancipation is needed here.

THE RICHEST JOKE OF THE YEAR.

The Hon. Mr. Carling, in his address before the Liberal-Conservative Association, the other evening, expressed his assurance that the coming electoral contests in this city, whenever they arise, will be fought on the Conservative side fairly and honestly, as in the past. That is the only basis on which the Conservatives of London have hitherto gained success, and the only basis on which they will feel satisfied to rest their case in the future.—[London Free Press.]

This is the richest joke of the year. John Carling prating of conducting elections fairly and honestly! A man who holds his seat in Parliament by virtue of one of the biggest pieces of political chicanery known to modern times should at least be wise enough to maintain a discreet silence.—[Branford Examiner.]

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

A revised version of the Apocrypha from the same hand that revised the Old and New Testaments will soon come from the university presses of Oxford and Cambridge. This was a part of the original plan entered on in 1872 for the revision of the Bible.

The publishers of Little's Living Age offer to new subscribers for 1893 the two numbers in October containing the powerful story "Profit and Loss," by Frank Harris (editor of the Fortnightly Review), and also the numbers of 1892 published after the receipt of their subscriptions. Remit early and get as many copies as possible of this invaluable magazine. Send for circulars describing other liberal offers. Little & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Harper's Magazine for December will be a superb Christmas number, richly illustrated, and containing an attractive variety

of stories, poems, and descriptive articles especially adapted to the demands and tastes of holiday readers. In the matter of fiction, this magazine will be particularly attractive. There will be stories by Constance Fenimore Woolson, Eva Wilder McGlasson, Ferdinand Fabre, H. C. Bunner, Charles G. D. Roberts, Brander Matthews, Owen Wister, and Thomas Nelson Page. It will also contain a play "Giles Corey, Yeoman," by Mary E. Wilkins, and a charming Oriental tale in verse, "Nourmahad," by Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

Great Britain and Venezuela have not yet settled their boundary dispute in the northwest corner of British Guiana, where the discovery of gold has given the region a value it never before possessed; but while the dispute is in progress, the most remarkable transformation is going on in the district, and probably in no part of the tropical world have such wonderful things occurred as in this portion of British Guiana within the past eight years. A number of white inhabitants. Mr. Turner who has charge of it, says it promises to be a very productive part of the only possession of Great Britain in South America. It was found that the topographic features made it feasible to drain a large part of this area. That work is now in progress, and Government stations, with lines of communication connecting them, and the apparatus of administrative organization, and gold mines on the north-western edge, and fields of the richest soil yielding large crops of tropical produce, have now transformed the wilderness.

THE COWBOY'S CHILD-WIFE.

Mrs. Billie Coddington's Romantic Marriage and Return to Her Parents.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Billie Coddington, the child-wife of Herbert E. Coddington, the alleged firebug cowboy, left for her father's home in Colorado Tuesday night, accompanied by her two little children. Her story is a romantic one. In 1889 Coddington secured employment on the Gopher mine ranch, near Trinidad, Col., owned by W. A. Pyles. When he met Billie, the 13-year-old daughter of his employer, he made love to her. His stories of adventure captivated the child and she gave evidence of affection for the fellow. The girl's father objected to the proposed match and the couple thereupon made arrangements for an elopement, which was successfully carried out. Mr. Pyles' house and barns were fired and during the excitement the cowboy and child fled. They were sought for by officers on warrants charging Coddington with abduction, theft and arson for nearly six months, but they managed to keep their whereabouts unknown. Then they were located in this city. Requisition papers were sought by the Colorado authorities, but were not granted, owing to the young woman's evinced love for her husband. She stood faithfully by him even to the extent of declaring that she alone was guilty of the crime charged to her husband.

The case at the time of its trial here attracted widespread attention. Recent letter was received in this city by the child-wife from her father, in which he stated that the destruction of his home and the stealing of his savings by the eloping couple had reduced him to dire straits. Illness had overtaken him and he longed again for the presence of his child to comfort him in his declining years. The little woman's sympathies were aroused to their fullest extent by this touching appeal, and she informed her husband that she would leave him to return to her father's home. Her money to cover the expenses of the trip, but Billie went to work, and by the closest economy she was enabled to save the amount required, and now she departs, happy in the thought that she will be able, in a measure, to atone for the wrongs she did against her parents.

A FIERY MONSTER COMING.

The Comet May Appear Bigger Than Many Moons.

ALBANY, Nov. 16.—Prof. Lewis Boss, of the Dudley Observatory, finds that the comet in Andromeda, discovered by Holmes on Nov. 6, is very probably identical with Biela's periodic comet, which has not been certainly recognized since 1852. This confirms the supposition telegraphed from Berlin by Prof. Berberich some days ago.

Prof. Boss thinks there is likely to be a very close approach between the comet and the earth on the morning of Nov. 28, in case it is Biela's comet. The Holmes comet was observed at the Dudley observatory on the night of the 13th. Assuming from the calculations then made, that on that night the comet was 13,500,000 miles from the earth, the diameter of the outside nebulousity would be about 36,000 miles. It is probable that the comet will rapidly grow in brightness, and that within two weeks it will appear many times larger than the full moon. The comet can now be seen through small telescopes and will be found about 2 degrees west of Mu Andromedae.

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