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MR. McCLARY'S LETTER.

Mr. John McClary sends a letter to The Advertiser entitled "Why I am in Favor of Electrifying the London and Port Stanley Rallway." Except in the matter of coal-carrying profits, there is nothing in Mr. McClary's letter that would not apply equally to the operation of the road by steam. Mr. Mc-Clary figures out a profit of \$25,000 on coal traffic through the use of power off the peak-load hours. He is more modest than Mr. Beck's electrical engineers, who estimate a profit of \$60,-000 on coal alone. The discrepancy between Mr. McClary's and the electricians' calculations is another illustration of the highly conjectural nature of the whole scheme. Yet the ex-

port of his project. case for the holding open of the road they would have to take care of the in order that manufacturers, such as Dreadnoughts, and very shortly tow the London Rolling Mills Company may them to the scrap-heap. have the best connections and shipping facilities, but beyond that he does not go. According to Mr. McClary's rea- ham pointed out, if the Laurier Govsoning the whole need is for the mainlator. He does not say that electricity does his letter indicate that he has considered the arguments against the He does not say a word

The uncertainty of retaining the Pere Marquette connections.

The certainty of losing the present arrangement with the Michigan Cen- O wad ye tak a thought and men!

The lack of any terminal facilities, due to Mr. Beck's failure to give the existing conditions any investigation. added expenditure for termina

facilities The shutting out of the C. N. R. main line and divisional shops from

The protests of the larger proportion of the shippers of London against rushing the scheme to the people without further information.

Mr. McClary declared himself in favor of electrification without investigation. It is doubtful whether he would be enamored of the scheme if it came to him in the form of a prospectus, even from the most conservative promoting firm in the Dominion.

Mr. McClary says the city must no be sacrificed to private interests. The distinction between private and public Interests in a matter of this kind is not so clear-cut as may be imagined. For instance, many of the most important shippers and jobbers of the city are opposed to electrification because the business would suffer by the loss or impairment of direct connection with the M. C. R. and Pere Marquette. The interests of these shippers are private interests, of course, but the sum of their private interests is a public interest—the interest of London as tribution. Canadian farmers do not a distributing and manufacturing centre. One might turn Mr. McClary's reference to private interests against Mr. Beck himself, and say that Mr. McClary's letter uncovers Mr. Beck's selfish interest in the scheme. He imholder in the London Rolling Mills Company, stands to lose if the road is sertion, but this talk of selfish interto know that even without his won-Beck is doing very well with his rolling mills. He told the city council so, farmer will dislike the quo. and added that he wished more of his

about the C. N. R. A line of boats, Canadian Conservatives' making saccalling daily at Port Stanley, if Mr. rifices last year for England is a graworth noticing. His letter, despite its the plan suggested in The Advertiser whereby the city would retain the right, in leasing the road to the C. N. ment and to keep the Port open to allan independent steam line,

THE ARTFUL DODGER.

In the wreck of their 1909 opinions, Messrs. Borden and Foster look a for-Wilfrid Laurier in the patriotic course ship may, but probably may not, be re- ada neither minds their insults nor govered, an almost hopeless matter, he desires their championship.

says. In fact, he emphatically disclaimed the idea of a Canadian naval organization in one passage of his speech, saying that not in 25 years could anything worth while be built up, though he talked also of reclaiming his three Dreadnoughts for Great Britain in case a Canadian navy were organized. Mr. Foster similarly went back on everything he advocated in 1909. Then he talked, in rather mixed metaphors, of a Canadian navy, soon to "take root in our own soil"; now when he tries to give the impression that he still stands where he did, affecting to regard contribution as merely temporary, while a Canadian service is under nel built from Port Stanley to Cleveconsideration, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier tries to nail him to a definite position on this point with a question whether he favors a Canadian navy, the elastic Mr. Foster dodges and refuses to commit either the Government or himself. Of course, the Government does not favor, and therefore opposes, a Canadian service, and Mr. Foster stands not with himself of 1909, but with his Na-

tionalist colleagues. It is interesting to consider that even if after four years of such shuffling the Borden Government is forced to break with Quebec Nationalism, and adopt the Laurier policy, and either Mr. Borden or Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned to power goes on to the construction of a Canadian navy, the three Dreadnoughts which Mr. Borden talks of reclaiming will be by that time a good bit out of date. It is only six or seven years since the first Dreadnought was built, and it is now a second-rater, both in perts' report, with which Mr. McClary size and in design. According to Mr. disagrees on an important point, has Borden's plan, if it be adopted and unbeen, and is today, the only document interrupted, six years must now elapse given to the public by Mr. Beck in sup- before any Canadian war vessels can be built to associate with the three Mr. McClary may present a strong prospective Dreadnoughts. Probably

Plainly the thing to do is to develop our ship industry at once. As Mr. Graernment had remained in office there tenance of the line as a freight regu- would be already upon the stocks in this country, advancing to complewill transform the line into a better tion, five cruisers of the Bristol type. competitive system than steam. Neither From that it would be an easy and natural step forward to the construction of vessels of the heaviest calibre. The Government stil has a chance to return to the Laurier plan, which British experts favor. As Burns said to the De'il:

Ye aiblins might—I dinna ken.

Let Messrs. Borden and Foster quit the Nationalist camp and return to their principles of 1909.

AN UNSOLICITED CHAMPION. Mr. F. E. Smith, in a speech at Dub-

in, comes to the rescue of Mr. Bonar Law, and also puts himself forward as a pleader for Canada. In his usual neroics he invites the British workingman to impose food taxes on himself in memory of Canada's rejection of reciprocity. He says:

"The Conservative party in Canada took their lives in their hands in behalf of England, and I, for one, will not put a higher value on my political life, fighting for Canada."

You would think, to hear Mr. Smith ant, that the Conservative party had been in power in Canada, and had imagine that they allied themselves with Quebec Nationalism to defeat reciprocity and climb into office. But who in Canada has asked Mr. Smith render: to risk his political life, precious doubtless to himself, for Canada? This country is no more a beggar at Smith's door, seeking his help than Britain fice this year on the milk ticket. begs at Canada's door for a cash conask that the British workingman be taxed in their interest; they want only a free market, such as Great Britain already affords, for their produce.

What Mr. Law and Mr. Smith really intend to do was lately expressed by plies that Mr. Beck, as a large share- Mr. Law in the House of Commons. "We intend," he said, "to treat our own people better than the colonies, not electrified. Then, if this side of and the colonies better than the forthe question must be discussed, does eigner." Mr. Law's intention is to tax Mr. Beck desire to have the road elec- all imported grain, the colonial less trified because he believes that it will than the foreign grown. This is not increase the business of the London exactly what the Canadian farmer Rolling Mills? We make no such as- wants, while the Canadian manufacturer is suspicious enough of the latest ests cuts both ways. It is gratifying utterances of Lord Lansdowne and Mr Law on the matter of a quid pro quo. derful electrification scheme, Mr. The Canadian manufacturer will resist the quid as much as the Canadian

Such talk as Mr. Smith's is coming Mr. McClary does not say a word Canadian people. His reference to McClary wills, should be a factor tuitous insult to Canadian Liberalism. But we get nothing but insult frem title, is just as much an argument for that quarter. All that the reciprocity agreement tried to do was to strike some shackles off our trade and give the Canadian producer access to the American market. There was no question at all of service or loyalty to Great time in order to insure proper treat- Britain. Incidentally, however, the Laurier Government acted along this comers, as it is a plea for Mr. Beck's line, while the Borden-Bourassa comill-digested project. It is, by the same bination talked both ways. Considering dence of the goodwill which subsists token, just as much an argument for that all through the reciprocity negotiations the Canadian Government stood by the British preference, Mr.

grateful to the wrong party. But one can understand his way of expressing lorn pair upon the raft of contribution. himself. His political congeners are The deck on which they stood with Sir getting themselves into hot water all the time, and at present they have the of a Canadian navy service is swept London Times turned dead against adrift by his defeat and by their de- them. The Law-Smith-Carson comfection, Mr. Borden mumbles that the bination is in desperate straits. Can-



Uncle Tod Hubbins, in from Lobo way this morning, says how he don't quite understand this electrifyin' busness, but he says gossip out his way has it that there's going to be a tunland to be used in case of an American invasion. But he says his old woman does not agree with him. * * *

London will be stretching out for Lambeth, St. Johns, Hyde Park and Crumlin now.

village that the gods have smiled up-Fourteen new houses going up and it's reaching in for the city. Going to be a sort of connecting link be-* * *

IT ALL DEPENDS.



We hereby challenge Adam Beck to show that as owner of the London Relling Mills he is not an interested

If the old F. P. continues going wrong in the head it's a blessing that the big place to the east is now in came well known and successful the city limits.

Does the C.N.R. Use Electric Cars? -They do." "Nothing more nicer" has been noted for some time.

They tell a story of a London lawer who is known for his vigorous He had a very cross-examination. difficult witness who was trying to be fresh. upon the witness, full of rage (?) and roared: "Answer me this! Yes or No! Have you stopped beating your wife.

Unless the citizens want to make present of \$890,000 to Mr. Beck to help along his rolling mills, there is not the slightest possibility of the thing being done legally.

The Evening Peashooter thinks h was proposed. You would never tiger, when the fact is he's just plain her mother, who was a wonderful by men of the Royal Horse Artillery. hideously-howling tomcat.

> The Cough Mixture Sisters will now "Have you finished father's sox for Christmas, Annie?"

Citizen Joe Lawrence is persistent, at any rate. He plans to run for of

tend to, too. The office wag says the reason the scheme is "half-baked" is because it

isn't yet electri- fried yet. GIFTS WERE HANDED **OUT IN THOUSANDS**

Annual Christmas Tree and Entertainment of the McCormick Manufacturing Company Employees.

The annual entertainment and Christmas tree of the employees of the McCormick Manufacturing Company took place on Friday evening in the Auditorium, about seven hundred people being present. The crowd included the members of the firm, with their wives, and also the hundreds of employees of the big biscuit and candy

A huge Christmas tree occupied the stage, colored lights and presents weighing down the branches. Mr. Enos Bacon, the English Nightingale, who is here on a professional visit, sang several numbers in a most artistic manner, and was loudly applauded, Later Santa Claus slipped down the chimney, tying his reindeer (or did he come in an airship?) on the About 2,000 presents were handed

out by the kind old gentleman, no one being overlooked. Each member of the firm and his wife were honored with a Christmas remembrance. From every standpoint the affair was

big success, and was one more evibetween the McCormick people and their hundreds of employees. The committee in charge was as fol-

lows: Messrs. Thos. Duff, chairman; Smith and his like in England are Charles Benson, Harry Holiday, Fred Waud, D. C. McNaughton, Miss Ada Tulett, Miss Lizzie Pace and Miss Nel-Forty years in use, twenty leave it now with the hope that I may

years the standard, prescribed return to it on some later day. and recommended by physicians. For Woman's Ailments, Dr. Martel's Female Pills, at your

A BOOK ON FAMOUS WOMEN, SAINTS, WRITERS

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In these latter days when woman is urging her claims for the suffrage upon the men folk, it is quite in the nature of things that scores of books of such a character as to make a special appeal to womankind should be pouring from the press. One of the most attractive of these works is Mrs. William O'Brien's collection of biographical essays, entitled "Unseen Friends" (Longmans, London; Renouf Publishing Company, Montreal). In this substantial volume Mrs. O'Brien has reviewed And speaking of Lambeth there's a the careers of many women whose very names were unknown to me, such as Nano Nagle, of Ireland, Mother Margaret Mary Hallahan, Felicia Skene, tween London and St. Thomas we Catherine McAuley, Mother Francis Raphael Drane, Pauline de la Ferronnays and Marie Antoinette Fage. Many of these women were connected with Roman Catholic devotional orders, and their names will probably be familiar to many of my readers. With the names of other women celebrated in this volume I am familiar, such as Mrs. Oliphant, Charlotte Bronte, Jean Ingelow, Eugenie de Guerin, and Christina Rossetti. These are all literary ladies of great distinction, and it is pleasant to find them in the same gallery with the saints, for, as a rule, the literary woman is not exactly an angel.

Of Eugenie de Guerin, Mrs. O'Brien says that her "Letters and Diary" would be an excellent volume to take with us if we were shipwrecked on a desert island. By the way, how often writers use that idea; they are always considering what book they would like to have above all others if compelled to play Robinson Crusoe Only the other day I saw a letter in the New York Sun, written, of course by an enthusiast, stating that h would let all other books go and cling to Carlyle's "French Revolution." Perhaps he does not know that this very brilliant work is one of the most unreliable pieces of history ever written. To return, however, to Mrs. O'Brien's comments on Eugenie de Guerin, we are told that by a curious party in this "half-baked" scheme of turn of affairs this retired Frenchwoman, who devoted her life to her home duties, and never thought of fame coming to herself, actually beonly after her death. Her letters and diary were received with the Why last night they had a heading warmest praise by the greatest critics and literary men of the day. Never was the truth of the old Greek saying so perfectly verified: "Fame flies the pursuer and pursues the flier."

The same could not be said of Mrs. Oliphant, that industrious novelist, Suddenly the veteran turned biographer, essayist and historian of the last century. Mrs. Oliphant was hungry for fame, she pursued it, and she attained it. I fear that few of her novels are read by the present late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid was generation, although she managed to started on its journey to the United write nearly a hundred in her long literary career, producing the first honors were paid to it as it left Lonone when she was a girl in her teens. don. She came of a poor Scottsh family, and owed her intellectual activity to extremely proud of her Maggie when her first novel was accepted. Mrs. Oliphant married young, and was left married life. From that time on until her death she had to support herelf and children, and later her Have you slipped a dime into the brother and his family, by the labor Salvation Army receptacle? We in- of her ever-active pen. of the quiet heroism of this brave, unselfish woman is a very agreeable one, and as we read Mrs. O'Brien's sympathetic review of a noble life we are charmed with the personality which she describes.

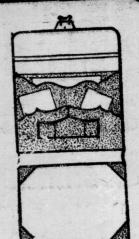
When Mrs. Oliphant was writing ner life of Edward Irving she applied police. to Mrs. Carlyle for reminiscences of ous, and such became fast friends. Jane was over sixty at the time Mrs. Oliphant first met her, but her hair was warmed my heart to her," she says, "was that she was in many things like my mother, especially wonderful talk, the power of narracentre of the elaborately decorated tion, which I have never heard equalstreamers led, except in my mother, the flashes lending color, and the many beautiful of keen wit and sarcasm, occasionally even a little sharpness, and always a modifying sense under all." One day when Mrs. Carlyle called on Mrs. Oliphant she found her holding her baby on her knee, and the child had had convulsions as a result of the measles. me," says Mrs. Oliphant, "so kind and tender and full of encouragement, as if she had known all about babies, but did not stay very long. I think I happy. side of the fire, can see her by telling me all kinds of comforting and by the first post posthings, evening, I got that same letter from her telling me that Mr. Carlyle had made down at once and write to tell me recitation, such an attack, which was never re-

And Mrs. O'Brien makes at trait of the much misunderstood This is such a charming book wish I could delve further into its well-written life-stories, but must









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SCOTS PLAY THE DIRGE

Detachment of Horse Guards Accompanies Funeral Procession to the

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 21.-The Brit ish armored cruiser Natal sailed out of Portsmouth harbor with the body of the dead United States ambassador on board, at half-past three this afternoon, amid a salute of nineteen

[Canadian Press.] London, Dec. 21. - The body of the

The coffin was placed on a gun carriage drawn by six horses and driven the easket. Eight non-commissioned officers acting as bearers walked at

As the procession started from Dorchester House on its way to Victoria station it was led by a squad of the Horse Guards in bright breastplates, helmets with long plumes, and great searlet cloaks enveloping horse and The band of the Scots Guards followed, and behind them came the pipers of the regiment, who alternated with the other musicians in playing dirges. Then came the casket, was followed by a battalion of Scots Guards, wearing their bearskin head-dress and carrying their rifles re-versed. At the same time a battery of Horse Artillery stationed on the grounds of St. James' Park fired minute guns. The route of the procession was kept clear by lines of mounted

A guard of honor was drawn up inside Victoria station, and the men presented arms as the coffin was brought in and placed upon the catafalque in the purple-draped car of

the special train. The band of the Scots Guards played "Abide With Me" and as the train drew out of the station the guard of honor presented arms and the pipers played "The Flowers of the Forest," a moving Highland dirge.

KNOLLWOOD PUPILS ENJOYED A TREAT

Sunday School Scholars Had a Supper and Christmas Tree.

children of Knollwood Park Sunday School enjoyed their annual treat and entertainment Friday night, A good supper, a heavily-laden Christmas tree, and a lengthy and wellprepared program made everybody

ers and officers of the school were in a great measure responsible for the success of the evening. gram follows: Chorus, Elsie Benford; recitation, that a sister of his had once had just Irene Sinclair; quartette, Mrs. Dockstader's class; dialogue, "Santa Claus recitation, Home"; this comment, "Is that not a pleasant Stars," Mrs. C. Jones' class; recitation Lizzie Williams; duet, Misses Jean Menzie and Daisy Horner; recitation, Douglas Laing; chorus, "Silence in

by the school; recitation, Miss Nichols' class; recitation, Lillian Naylor; trio, Kathleen Walsh, Mary Bayley, Elsie Benford; dialogue, "Taking Sam's Picture"; recitation, Isabella Imlay; Littler; recitation, partomime, Mrs. Dockstader's class; recitation, Teddy Williams; recitation, Jessie Littler and Jean Imlay. Clos-ing chorus, "Christmas Bells."

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As suffering from colic.

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The future and the present, And they'll present, with detail The Poet and the Peasant;

They'll dance a painting or novel, grim or merry,

And in symbolic wise some day, They'll dance the dictionary!