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Coming to Toronto.

The London papers are howling the removal to Toronto of another of the forest city's most prominent wholesale men, Mr. Wm. Bryce, whose line is books, toys, fancy goods, etc.

The reason assigned for his change of base is the lack of railway competition from which London suffers, and which enables the Grand Trunk to charge freight rates that make a considerable inroad upon the profits of the trader. There is no doubt that Toronto's advantage as a railway centre must make her the only place in this province for the transaction of every line of wholesale business. All roads lead to Rome, and our connection with the much-abused C. P. R. promises us protection from the fate of those communities, like London, where a road has performed the feat of swallowing up the development of Toronto's wholesale business has been marvellous. Men who are still young can remember when Hamilton displaced our supremacy in this respect, under circumstances that rendered the result of the contest doubtful. London, too, had in those days a large field to itself. As for Montreal, Toronto was hardly considered a competitor worthy of taking into account by the merchant princes of the commercial metropolis. Within a few years Toronto may be said to have practically absorbed the wholesale trade of Hamilton and London, and to have conquered a large area of Montreal's former territory. The latter city has been all but completely driven out of the west, and has now to fight for her ground in the east. Time, when a knowledge of the military art by a percentage of her sons is highly desirable, our London friends should therefore recognize the fact that the removal of her wholesale merchants to Toronto is an inevitable effect of the operation of natural trade laws, and one to be philosophically borne by her flourishing city, which commands so many other sources of prosperity.

**Mr. Bryce's Crowning Victory.**

Mr. Bryce is the one statesman who has succeeded in repeatedly frustrating the schemes of the wily leader of the Canadian Tories. The latter's defeat on every point in the river and streams and the boundary disputes are matters of history. Yesterday world was recorded that the Ontario government had scored a crowning victory by the decision of the private council invalidating the dominion license law. This decision will be received with popular satisfaction, and we trust that it will put an end to the aggressive pro-Toryism, rights and privileges which have so long been a source of irritation in our public life. Our provincial laws are as a rule good laws, and even if they were not it is our business to amend or repeal them, and not the business of other provinces.

**"Proclamation is the Thief of Time."**

If the new court house and the new legislative buildings had been private enterprises, they would now be fairly under way, to the great advantage of the laboring classes, not only of Toronto, but of the whole province. It is a great mistake to assume, as some outsiders do, that the mechanics and laborers of Toronto alone benefit by the employment afforded by public works under construction in this city. The ranks of labor here are continually recruited from other cities and towns, and any extraordinary demand for wage earners in the capital improves labor market throughout the country.

The present season has so far been one favorable to building operations, and it is much to be regretted that advantage has not been taken of it to push forward work that must be done within the near future. The court house project has been hampered by a protracted proceeding, from which a deal of red tape appears to have been inseparable, but the legislative buildings scheme is no further ahead now than it was seven years ago. Upon this question there has been displayed a lack of confidence in the intelligence and generosity of the people that is not worthy of Mr. Mowat's progressive record. The people have given him a generous support in his efforts to improve the general character of provincial institutions, and we do not believe that they would condemn him for making a proper provision for the transaction of his public business. A commodious pile of parliamentary buildings would in the future constitute a fitting monument of his long and prosperous political career, but the chances are that if he fails to take a more energetic course forthwith the honor of erecting such a pile will fall to his successor.

**Sunday in the Quaker City.**

William Penn and his fellow Quakers were tolerably straight laced moralists, and their descendants long clung to the notions of the solemnity of life and the sacredness of Sunday. But a change has recently come over them in this respect. The Philadelphia workingman's Sabbath is no longer a day of gloom, to be sadly spent within the limits of what are too often the rather cheerless homes of the poor. The Philadelphia toilers of the week can now move about in the stifling atmosphere of the city's summer Sunday to the harbor or the suburbs, via the street railways, which are also largely patronized by church goers of moderate means. If the workingman and his family prefer to spend Sunday within the limits of the Quaker city, he will generally be the case in winter, they will find libraries and museums thrown open to them, wherein they can relax and improve their minds by the study of books, paintings, newspapers, magazines and statuary. We have free reading rooms in Toronto, but they are practically closed to the wage earner, because they shut upon the only days when he has leisure to visit them. Thus we see that while Quaker Philadelphia, Calvinistic

Glasgow and Puritan Boston have thrown off the blue law domination, in order that the lives of their poor may have some crumbs of physical comfort and some rays of intellectual sunshine thrown upon them, Toronto not only consents to wear moral manacles, but endures to be told that her fetters are neither numerous nor heavy enough, that additional ones must be forged for her taxpayers, and that to that end she must elect to office the candidates of the good and the beautiful, in coalition with a faction of the worldly and wicked. The strong arm of the law would have been a burden as a punishment to increase his burdens as a result to his intelligence.

The papers say that Jennie Flood has \$2,000,000 in her own right, but that she lacks beauty. She certainly has a handsome figure. Such a flood, taken and tied, would lead to fortune.

Sir John A. Macdonald has been made a turner by the Turner's Guild of London. Many people will say that he has great natural aptitude for the character. His initiation will fit him to take the curves which his political opponents are preparing for him.

A Washington writer says that champagne is a business barometer. It is easy to understand that when times are good and men who are not teetotalers are flush, there will be a greater demand for expensive drinks than when times are bad and money scarce. Hard times check treasuries, and most of those who profess to be financial pressure by the aid of stimulants are forced to content themselves with "good enough" whisky and unpretentious beer. According to the champagne barometer times have been on the mend in the United States during the year just drawing to a close, and the same indicator points to better times ahead of us.

The Montreal Witness says conclusively that the charge so often made against the graduates of the military college, that they were of no service to their country in their hour of trial, is not well and truly said. Of thirty-one possible graduates, twenty-one took an active part in suppressing the rebellion, which was a large proportion, considering the forces engaged. We believe in the military college as a nursery for the embryo military talent of the country, not because we believe in war, or admire the military art above the art of peace, but because history teaches us that no country can hope for perpetual peace, and that times will come to every nation when a knowledge of the military art by a percentage of her sons is highly desirable.

A mad dog wave is sweeping over the United States at the present moment, and it is impossible to say when it may reach Canada. Some writers have gone so far as to say that no one ever died of hydrophobia, though people have died of fright superinduced by the belief that they had hydrophobia; but the weight of evidence upholds the belief that the dread disease is not a figment of the imagination, but in many cases a horrible reality. It is difficult to conceive of any more terrible fate than death from the bite of a mad dog, and in the land where we live, it is not a remote possibility that should be brushed aside. It should be better that every dog in the land should be kept under the most rigid supervision, and that every man should be so to the grave through the horrors of hydrophobia. Should Pasteur's vaunted remedy prove more reliable than did the Spanish doctor's cholera cure, science will have added another to the many obligations under which she has placed humanity. Should Pasteur's remedy prove the efficacy of his process, immediate steps should be taken by our boards of health to have that process brought within the reach of the people of every district in this country. It should be made as accessible as vaccination is.

**Our friend "Scotty" suggests that on the plan be tried of sprinkling salt on the narrow strip of block paving lying between the two lines of rails on these streets having a double track. He feels quite sure that this simple plan would prevent the blocks from being heaved up by the winter's frost. We know that salt will make ice melt in the coldest weather, and we believe that if "Scotty's" suggestion might be worth trying. We commend it to Mr. Franklin or Commissioner Costello, or to both together.**

**Some Reasons Why Manning May Be Beaten.**

Editor World: It is probably not known to the taxpayers of Toronto that one of the chief reasons why Mr. Manning may be beaten is because of the private of the taxpayers are largely committed to Mr. Howard on the platform that Mr. Manning has dismissed certain members of the service and circumscribed the holidays of others.

The World says this, and The World has no interest in the contest beyond what has been stated in its columns, that if this is to be made an issue in the present contest those who make it will make a mistake. It is to be hoped that things have not come to this pass.

If Mr. Manning be beaten, as he may be, it will be well to know upon what grounds, and by whom. Manning has been accused of not enforcing the laws, but the policy of a number of policemen and firemen appears to be that he should be defeated because he has enforced the laws.

Let the law be enforced, no matter who likes or dislikes the enforcement. So soon as the public learns that the public servants are determined to intimidate the executives of the law, so soon will the public decide that this kind of thing must be stopped.

**For the Coal Dealers.**

Editor World: I was over at Syracuse the other day and found all the dealers selling coal at the following prices: Grate \$3.75 per ton, egg \$3.75, stove \$4.25, No. 1 chestnut \$4.25, No. 2 \$2.75. Can you tell me how it is our Toronto dealers ask \$2 a ton more? Of course there is a difference of 50¢, but where does the other \$1.50 go?

**The Liverpool Exhibition.**

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namely, Mr. J. H. Dawson, will charge of the Great Western division line, with the exception of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce, and Brantford and Tilsonburg sections, with headquarters in this city; Mr. R. Larmour, located at Stratford with superintendence of the Grand Trunk main line and branches west of Toronto; and Mr. W. R. Tiffin in charge of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce, and Brantford and Tilsonburg sections, with headquarters at Palmerston. These are to be immediately reorganized under two assistant superintendents, Mr. W. R. Tiffin, with office at Stratford, and Mr. R. Larmour, to be transferred from the Grand Trunk division and be located in this city and have charge of the traffic department of the Great Western division and all branches of either line south of the Grand Trunk main line, except the Wellington, Grey & Bruce section. This latter, with the Grand Trunk main line and all branches north of that, are to be placed under the superintendence of Mr. W. R. Tiffin, with office at Stratford. The office at Palmerston will be abolished. The contemplated changes are intended largely to consolidate the divisions of the railway under the charge of Mr. James Stephenson and Mr. Chas. Stiff. The latter will take over the Buffalo & Greyhound branch, the far north as Stratford and the Georgian Bay & Lake Erie road from Port Dover to Stratford. Mr. Stephenson will assume charge of the London, Huron & Erie, the Wellington, Grey & Bruce, and retain the St. Mary's branch and the whole of the branches north of the Grand Trunk main line. Each of these gentlemen would be represented by the assistant superintendents named above. It is not known yet what disposition will be made of the various branches of the railway. It is understood that Mr. J. E. Dawson, the assistant superintendent here.

The latest information from the Grand Trunk head office regarding the wages question is that a number of petitions from employees on the road have been received, or are on the way, and that the company intend to restore the rates of pay to the figures which prevailed before the 5 and 10 per cent. reductions were made in the early part of 1884. It is understood that nothing will be done immediately to comply with the request of the petitioners, but if traffic and rates improve, and the company are able to restore the rates before long to be in a position to restore the old rates.

**Catarah.**

Catarah, on account of its prevalence in the country, is a good deal of attention, more especially now when there is a probability of a cholera epidemic. It is a mucous-purulent discharge, such discharge forms a very favorable for the reproduction in a more violent form. It is a contagious disease, and a great disadvantage in the event of a cholera visitation.

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