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The License Problem.

Premier Ross' reply to the deputation, composed mainly of Methodist and Baptist ministers, which waited upon him on Monday, to urge the abolition of the bars, confirms the opinion that there will be no license legislation this session. Mr. Ross expresses his concurrence in the view "that nothing short of the prohibition of the sale of liquors in hotels, and the strictest control over sales for purposes generally recognized as proper and legitimate would fully protect society from the evil effects of excessive drinking, so far as legislation can be invoked for that purpose." He understands that the members of the deputation and those for whom they spoke do not favor at present any other form of temperance legislation. "If the Government are unable to give the measure desired this session," adds the Premier, "it will be our duty to consider what means are available for further action."

His political opponents and probably a section of the prohibition party will accuse the Premier of temporizing. His position is a very difficult one, and the prohibitionists should consider whether they will be promoting the temperance cause by increasing his difficulties at this juncture. A radical measure, such as the Manitoba act, or the system of state control proposed by the Premier, is not acceptable to the majority of the present Legislature, and would be rejected if introduced by the Government. There can be no doubt of that, as the Premier has sounded his supporters. Another difficulty is the division of opinion among the temperance people. On Tuesday, a deputation of Presbyterian clergymen waited upon the Premier and represented that there were many members of that denomination who would not vote the whole prohibition ticket, but wanted the element of private gain taken out of the liquor traffic. They urged him, therefore, to bring forward the measure — i.e., state control—which he first presented to the Liberal caucus.

There is ground for believing that this reform would be accepted, in lieu of the Manitoba act, by many who have been known as uncompromising prohibitionists. The secretary of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, Mr. F. S. Spence, who has been in the forefront of the movement for many years, signifies his approval. There is a lack of unanimity, however, among the temperance people, which would imperil temperance legislation at the present time. In this city, two temperance organizations have denounced the principle of state control in unmeasured terms. Perhaps those who rebel at this solution of the problem will modify their views upon further reflection, or at least conclude that it is the best they can hope for in the near future, since it commands the support of many sincere social reformers. If there is to be no legislation this session the public will have a year in which to think the matter over, and the temperance organizations may reconcile their differences and agree on a common policy. In the meantime the license department is making every effort to administer the present law strictly and efficiently.

Hunting For a President.

The Democratic party's search for a Presidential candidate reveals an anomaly which puzzles the student of American institutions. It would be thought that no man could aspire to the office of President and claim the suffrages of the people, until he had qualified for it by a training in public affairs. The sovereign of Great Britain is selected by the accident of birth, and the crown may some day encircle an empty head; but the heir to the throne has a unique opportunity of acquiring a political education by mingling with the statesmen of the realm. Besides, the President of the United States has far more power than a constitutional monarch, and his prerogatives are continually expanding. The choice of the Democratic party for a candidate for this great office has apparently narrowed down to two men, one of whom has never served in a legislative capacity, while the other is only a neophyte. The first is Judge Parker, of the New York Court of Appeals, whose name was practically unheard of outside his own State before it was mentioned for the presidency less than a year ago. The fact that he is comparatively unknown is regarded by his supporters as a strong point in his favor. He has made no enemies because he has done nothing. What his opinions are on any public question, or whether he has any opinions at all, the country does not know. It can only judge him by the company he keeps. His associations are with the sound money and conservative Democrats, but his friends hope that because he is colorless and has never given offense by expressing any convictions, the radicals will accept him if they fail to carry their own man in the convention. His rival is William R. Hearst, a young multimillionaire and Tammany man, who came into prominence, or rather notoriety, as the owner of a syndicate of yellow journals, and who has been in Congress only two years.

There must be many Democrats who have a valid claim on the nomination if political experience counts for anything, but they are passed over in favor of men who have no public record by which the electors can judge them. This is not in keeping with the fitness of things from a British point of view. Even in this country no man could aspire to be a prime minister

tem, which regards statesmanship to the art of government as something to be learned like any other science or business, is obviously the right one. In the United States, however, the best talent is absorbed by the industrial and commercial life of the country, and it has become customary for men to seek public honors after they have "made their pile." The United States Senate is described as a millionaires' club.

Railway Men and the Income Tax.

The Legislature at the last session raised the exemption on income tax from $700 to $1,000, and this week refused to restore it to the old figure. The member for London advocated lowering the exemption to $700 in cities under 50,000 population. Mr. Beck looked at the question from the standpoint of a municipal functionary concerned in getting all the revenue possible. His colleague from West Elgin represented that the reduction of the exemption would bear with special severity on a large class of railway employes, who have to spend a good deal of time and money at "the end of their runs." For instance, many trainmen having their homes in London are obliged regularly and more or less frequently to pass the night at Windsor, Suspension Bridge, Toronto, or wherever the terminus of their train run may be. The amount they spend in meals and lodging away from home is taken into account by railway companies in computing the scale of wages. The earnings of railroad men are consequently artificial to some extent. The proportion they have to spend away from home should be deducted from the nominal amount they receive in estimating their real incomes. A trainman receiving nominally $800 a year may be no better off than a man earning $600, whose duties do not call him from his place of residence. It will be seen how railway employes and travelers who pay their own expenses would be hit harder than other classes by lowering the exemption to $700. In the past few years, also, the cost of living has perceptibly increased, and people whose incomes have not risen accordingly are entitled to the small measure of relief afforded by the raising of the exemption. There is something to be said in favor of a smaller exemption for income taxpayers, who are not householders, and who do not therefore, pay taxes through rent.

Mr. Texas Burdell, who has been en pension at Castle Boston, has left on a flying trip to the west.

The Ontario Legislature expects to wind up the session in a week, but the Opposition has abandoned hope of winding up the Government.

Of the 574 deaths in this city last year consumption claimed 65 and pneumonia 48, or, together, 18% of the whole.

The Free Press carries party malice too far when it suggests that some official of the county jail may have provided Burdell with the iron bar with which he effected his escape.

On Wednesday night the Conservative whip in the Legislature found that several of his colleagues were down town when the division bell rang, and he very gladly accepted pairs from the Government whip. It makes a difference whose ox is gored.

A typographical error made us say last night that a principle was involved in the Strathroy and Western Counties Railway bill. There was no particular principle at stake, but the city of London had a right to prevent competition, if possible, with its own railway line. We are not prepared to say that the Legislature should under no circumstances grant a charter to a railway company to parallel an existing line. In the case of the Western Counties road the company had the plausible excuse that the extension to Port Stanley was necessary to complete their system.

BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE

[Hamilton Herald.]

The retirement of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach from public life will be almost as great a loss to the Tory party as the retirement of Sir William Harcourt is to the Liberals. Both of them are splendid specimens of the British statesman.

LOVE ME LITTLE, LOVE ME LONG.

[Author Unknown.]

Love me little, love me long!
Is the burden of my song:
Love that is too hot and strong
Burneth soon to waste.
Still I would not have thee cold—
Not too backward, nor too bold;
Love that lasteth till 'tis old
Fadeth not in haste.
Love me little, love me long,
Is the burden of my song.

If thou lovest me too much,
'Twill not prove as true a touch;
Love me little more than such—
For I fear the end.
I'm with little well content,
And a little from thee sent
Is enough, with true intent,
To be steadfast, friend.

Say thou lovest me, while thou live
I to thee my love will give,
Never dreaming to deceive
While that life endure;
Nay, and after death, in sooth,
I to thee will keep my truth,
And now when in my May of youth,
This my love assures.

Constant love is moderate ever,
And it will through live persevere;
Give me that with true endeavor—
I will it restore.
A suit of durance let it be,
For all weathers—that for me—
For the land or for the sea,
Lasting evermore.

Winter's cold or summer's heat,
Autumn's tempests on it beat;
It can never know defeat,
Never can rebel.
Such the love that I would gain,
Such the love, I tell thee plain,
Thou must give, or woo in vain:
So to thee—farewell.

AN UN-CANADIAN SPIRIT.

much about Canada for the Canadians should have thought twice before deciding in favor of putting a statutory ban on Canadians for the office of G. O. C. The people do not like to see anywhere in this country the sign, "No Canadian need apply."

THE RUSHING OF THE RUSCHES

[Vincennes (Ind), Commercial]

Miss Theresa Rusch is recovering from the measles.

Nicholas Rusch has bought a new dinner bell.

Andy Rusch visited the city Wednesday. On his way he killed a big ground hog.

Miss Carrie Halter, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lena Rusch.

Mrs. G. W. Lovejoy, sister of Mrs. Rusch, has moved to Pine Bluff, Ark., her future home.

Frank Rusch visited Emile and Edward Rusch Sunday.

HOW?

[Judge.]

A pleasing young person named
Phoe be
Aspired to be known as Hebe;
But since she must she be,
How could she be Hebe?
A Phoebe could never a he be.

ARE POOR BOYS THE ONLY FAVORED?

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

Again have we had it thrown up to us that a poor boy who began life with nothing is now drawing a monster salary and swaying the destinies of thousands. It needs no more multiplication of such instances. We are all willing to be convinced that to succeed in life one must begin as a poor boy, if that is a fact; but what an awful doom for the rich boys. We feel, out of sheer humanity, that we ought to make a plea for the rich boy. He has equal rights with the poor one. Why is it that this picture is not placed in the papers, even if he did not shine shoes for a living at an early day and was not the only support of his stepmother and nine brothers and sisters. The mind and heart revolts at such injustice. We contend that it is possible for a boy whose mother owns a diamond sunburst to rise in the world. The humble one-story cottage and the log cabin shall not have it all their own way. We once knew of a boy born in a two-story brick house who turned out to be a great financier, became a banker, and "busted" for just as much money as one of the log-cabin fellows.

WAIL OF A CULTURED SOUL.

["Egomet," in New York Sun.]

My friends as one declare I am
The image of Voltaire.
Perhaps they're wrong; but this I know,
The color of my hair
Is Percy Shelley's to a shade;
Like Byron, I am lame;
I'm stout, as Dr. Johnson was—
His girth and mine's the same.
I'm fussy, as De Quincey was,
Nor know the reason why;
I pose like Dizzy, swear like Burns,
As Goldsmith I am shy.
And lastly, like poor Chatterton,
I am not worth a sou—
So why in thunder am I not
A famous scribbler, too?

LATEST NEWS FROM OLD LONDON

A Well-Known Montrealer Stricken With Apoplexy.

MORE PRAISE FOR CANADIANS

Sharp Criticism of Goldwin Smit—Isolation of Habitual Drunkards Proposed.

London, April 8.—Mr. J. S. Bennett, managing director of the Royal Marine Insurance Company, 47 St. Francois Xavier street, Montreal, is suffering from an apoplectic seizure, and there is litle hope of his recovery. He has been staying at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland avenue, London, since March 16, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the company in the city. On Monday a yachtsman on the River Roach observed a man lying on the bank, the water just beginning to creep over his body. It was Mr. Bennett. He was taken to the Roachford workhouse infirmary, where he is still unconscious.

Mr. Otto J. Klotz, the Canadian astronomer, leaves London early next week for Canada. He carries a congratulatory letter from the Royal Society of Australia, stating in glowing terms that the dignity and whole conception of his recent work for science is worthy the fine public spirit of Canada, and the best traditions of the empire, and expresses the wish that Australia adopt the same unselfish spirit. Hon. Mr. Sifton, to whose department Mr. Klotz is attached, is praised for the interest he has shown.

A trades union conference, under the auspices of the Tariff Reform League of London, passed a resolution saying that if fair and impartial consideration is given to the great question of tariff reform, organized labor will not turn a deaf ear to its own interests. A second conference will be held in May.

Dr. Easterbrook, of the Ayr district asylum, urges that the habitually drunken and vicious, be isolated, like fever cases, on islands where they can propagagate neither their kind nor their influence, and be obliged to work until the recovery of their moral tone.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, before sailing from Liverpool for Canada, said the C. P. R. was watching the turbine development. The company would not be behind in the race for supremacy when the time comes.

The National Union of Teachers, in conference at Plymouth, for the sake of peace, approved a resolution along the lines of a compromise as to religious teaching in denominational schools, but absolutely opposed to any interference in the undenominational teaching, provided at the other schools. Mr. McNamara, M. P., said the Liberal party was retermined the public should control the public expenditure for education. He believed the majority of English parents would be satisfied with simple Bible teaching. A compromise proposed fixed a school hour, instead of the opening hour, for religious instruction. The debate concluded with a resolution that the principle laid down did not exclude the arrangement of special conditions respecting voluntary schools under the control of local authority.

The Morning Post prints a letter signed "A Toronto Man," in which, referring to Mr. Goldwin Smith, he says: "Here we understand him and grant him the privilege of a March hare." Referring to Mr. Smith's letter and subscription to Mr. Bourassa's movement, the writer asks how this Oxford professor in the midst of the most English city out of England dare cite on all occasions poisonous vapor-

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PHOTOS ON FINGER NAILS

Paris, April 4. — The newest fad, the "last cry," for the ultra-fashionable and super-devoted young man is to have the picture of "the best beloved woman in the world" photographed on the nail of the little finger of his right hand.

The portrait of his lady-love thus stamped on his very being, so to speak, marks and illustrates at once the height and depth of his devotion to her.

The nail-picture is made by a very delicate photographic process, and is indelible. So some young women, who are certain they love and can never love again, have had the pictures of their sweethearts photographed on their thin, pink, translucent little nails.

But the flower of love often withers. So it is lucky that the human nail grows. And unless a woman or man chooses to wear the nails a la Chinois a photograph on one of them is bound to disappear. This fact has encouraged flirts, women and men, to adopt the fad and to decorate their nails with the features of their "newest flames."

But they must be patient. A learned physiologist has calculated that the finger-nails grow at the rate of two-fifths of a line (one-thirtieth of an inch), in a week. So three months' time and the persistent use of scissors will scarcely obliterate such a nail-picture — a long time for a pretty actress to wait for a new photograph.

But how happy could be a vengeful woman, thus adorned, who had quarreled with him she thought she loved. Try to imagine her supreme joy as she would snip from her nail his curly locks, then his eyes, his nose and lips, in turns, and, last, the tip of his chin.

In the District of Columbia, with 189,457 white people and 88,325 colored, there have been 29,839 arrests during the year; 15,727 whites, 15,112 colored. The great bulk of these arrests were for disorderly conduct and simple assault. The district is comparatively free of grave crimes.

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Now that the farmers of the United States Northwest have begun to raise macaroni wheat, the popularity of macaroni among Americans ought to increase. The Italians have long understood its value as a cheap and nourishing food, but its use in the United States has been confined chiefly to the large towns. With 150,000 acres of macaroni wheat in South Dakota alone last year, and macaroni mills in Minnesota and North Dakota, the food ought soon to be as common as potatoes on the country tables.

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An effort has been made to obtain special conditions and great reductions on Belgian railways for the blind, who, it is argued, cannot benefit by the beautiful scenery through which they may pass. The proposal has been rejected by the legislators considering the matter, who see the prayer of the blind followed by petitions from the legless, the armless, and, indeed, all the damaged, for a reduction in their railway expenses.

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The potato planter of today would make the farmer of a generation ago sit up and rub his eyes. It requires that the potatoes be supplied, but will do all the rest on its own initiative. It picks the potato up and looks it over—or seems to—cuts it into halves, quarters or any desired number of parts, reparates the eyes and removes the seed ends. It plants whole potatoes or parts thereof, as near together or as far apart as the judgment of the farmer on the driving part suggests. Having dropped the seed it covers it, fertilizes it, tucks it in like a child put to bed, and paces off the next row with mathematical accuracy.

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