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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—Browning.

London, Friday, March 13.

A Back Number.

Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., must now recognize that he is a back number. His position is somewhat like that of the old countryman who comes out to Canada, lives here for twenty years, and then decides to go back to the Old Sod. He crosses the Atlantic, revisits his old haunts, only to find everything changed. The old folks have aged or died. The young folks have grown up into men or women. He used to know everybody, now he knows hardly anyone. Everything is changed. That pretty much is the position of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. He has been so long resident outside Canada—some 13 years—that he has grown out of touch with men and things on this side the big pond.

Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., is a back number.

Vanity Fair of London is authority for the statement that Cecil Rhodes "has never been under the influence of any one of the fair sex." He does not know the benefits which he has missed.

Denmark Establishes a Free Port.

Kaiser William of Germany thought to have controlled the commerce of the Baltic Sea by the great and costly canal which he constructed across the neck of land from the Elbe to the Baltic. But while this work was being carried on Denmark was also busy with circumventing plans, and almost without the world knowing anything about it a free port has been established at Copenhagen, with a grand system of basins, docks and warehouses, which can hardly fail to draw that way the large commerce of the Baltic Sea (now 16,500,000 tons per annum) which might otherwise take the shorter route through the canal. Among the attractions to shipping are a large and deep harbor, free from ice the year round; the most improved machinery for the quick dispatch of vessels; fire-proof warehouses, grain elevators, provision stores, etc., and freedom from all harbor dues and customs dues, and all the delay and vexation connected with them.

Within the limits of the free port is a land area of 89 acres, and a water area divided into three basins of 59 acres, while the length of docking is 12,350 feet or 2 1-3 miles. The depth of water in the basins is 24 to 30 feet, which is sufficient for the largest vessels entering the Baltic. The whole area is inclosed by a double iron fence 7,620 feet long, the outer one 9 feet and the inner 8 1-2 feet high and 6 feet apart, thus forming a patrol way for the prevention of smuggling. Within this inclosure vessels may unload and store merchandise into the warehouses free of tariff duties or inspection of customs officers. Factories may be located to use raw materials free of duty, and may export their products or send them inland. In the latter case they are dutiable; in the former it depends on the country to which they are sent.

A free port usually means one which is free from tariff duties only, but in Copenhagen all harbor dues as well are free, and therefore it is one of the cheapest harbors at which a vessel can call. It will be interesting to see how this experiment will work out in competition with the Kaiser's canal, and especially how business within the free port area will grow under the conditions established there.

A company which erected the warehouses, grain elevators, power house and administration building, laid the railroad tracks and water mains, and furnished the cranes, electric installation, etc., has the privilege of operating the port for 80 years.

New York has a cat show. Chicago has a dog show. Washington has the United States Congress. And Ottawa has a moribund Parliament.

Ups and Downs in Farm Prices

A Fairbury, Ill., dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat chronicles an exodus of Livingston county agriculturists to points in Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, and Northern Indiana. Their reason for moving from that section is that lands have risen greatly in price in the last ten years. There is an exodus of Ontario farmers to the Northwest also. But unfortunately they can-

not say they move because their farms are worth more than they were ten years ago. We know of a farmer who, in open market, paid \$11,000 for a farm in Delaware eleven years ago. He has since drained and improved it. But today he offers it for sale for \$3,500, and may not get \$3,000. Has the high tax policy made the farmers of Ontario rich?

An English expert points out that if England were to put all her battleships in commission it would absorb 40,000 of the 52,000 petty officers and seamen of the navy, leaving but 12,000 to man the 300 and more remaining vessels of all classes in the navy. This would leave 200 vessels unmanned. It is said that a reserve of 70,000 men is needed for the present navy, and the additions soon to be made. But as Britain has the money she will have little trouble in getting the men in a country that has so many and varied shipping industries.

Rah for Wabigoon!

The Department of Agriculture has, under the direction of Mr. Dryden, published a useful pamphlet on the Wabigoon country, in the Rainy River district, where the Government established last year a pioneer dairy farm. The district is described as one of the most wholesome to be found in the whole of Ontario. The summers are moderately warm, and the autumn months, with their fine bracing atmosphere and bright sunlight, are simply perfection. Plowing commenced at the farm last year on May 2, though it might have been started a trifle earlier, and in the fall it was kept on till Nov. 5. Clover and grass grow most prolifically, the former producing two crops a year. Fine natural pasture is supplied in the prairie grasses and wild peas, while cattle thrive on the wild hay to be obtained in all the creek bottoms.

The C. P. R. runs through the Government farm at the Falls of Wabigoon River, and two fine townships have been surveyed north and south of the railway. "We advise young farmers who read the 'Advertiser,' and who may contemplate migration, to write to the Department of Agriculture at Toronto for a copy of the Wabigoon pamphlet."

Attitude of the New West.

The Republicans of the United States made haste to have several Western territories received into full statehood under the belief that the new Congressmen and Senators would be supporters of their policy of trade restriction. But on the very first trial of the faith of the Senators from the new States, it was found that the old line high tax advocates over the border had been reckoning without their host. Even on so important a measure as the Tariff Bill, which was intended to partially restore the McKinley tariff, repealed by the Democratic Congress, the Western Senators refused to increase the tax rate on any pretense whatsoever, and the bill was defeated by the votes of Republican Senators who could not be whipped into line to advance the interests of the monopolists. "It is perfectly obvious," was the tart confession of Senator Morrill, who was prompting the measure, "that the Republican party is in a minority in this Senate." No one dissented from this conclusion, which emphasized the fact that the new West must be reckoned with in all attempts to increase the taxes of the consumers. Rather is it to be expected in the future to more and more join in the demand for greater freedom of commercial relations with Canada and other nations, arguing, as do its representatives, that legislation for the benefit of the few cannot be helpful to the many, and that all unnecessary restriction in trade is hurtful to a nation.

Coming Motor Car Test.

In view of the fact that one of the attractions at the Western Fair next September will be an exhibition of motor carriages, it is interesting to learn that in the greater London a motor car club has been formed as a limited liability company, to be managed by honorary officials only, and to consist of shareholders and members who do not look for dividends, the sole object of the club being to further the interests of the whole motor car movement, to secure the removal of legal impediments and to encourage exhibitions. The first international motor-carriage exhibition will be held at the Imperial Institute in May and last throughout the summer. This exhibition (which has received the approval of the Prince of Wales, president of the institute) will comprise motor cycles and carriages as well as motors and motor plant. Previous to this exhibition, and probably during this month, one or two receptions will be given at the Imperial Institute to the members of the House of Lords and Commons by the Motor Car Club with a view to securing their sympathy with the movement for the repeal of the restrictive act. In this country there are no restrictions on the use of carriages, whether driven by steam, by electricity, by petroleum, or by compressed air. All that is needed is to have it proved that the cars will be an improvement on the present system, just as the trolley has been shown to be an improvement on the old bob-tail cars, and the system will become general. The Western Fair will afford the best possible opportunity for inventors to bring their vehicles before the public of Western Ontario.

WHERE JINGOES FIGHT BEST.

(Hamilton Times.)
General Miles, of the United States army, is a strong advocate of arbitration. He has seen something of war. Your genuine jingo seldom actually makes war himself save on free lunches and schooners.

CALL HIM DOWN.

(Bobcaygeon Independent.)
The more Canada can get from Britain, the more Britain will be compelled to take from Canada. The Canuck deals in provisions; the Britisher keeps a hardware and dry-goods store. If the Canuck runs up a big account at the Britisher's store, you can bet your sweet life, the Britisher will be pretty active in getting provisions from the Canuck. Isn't this common sense?

If you are a farmer think this over, and should you conclude that the roasting is sound, and should you ascribe your present unsatisfactory position to the fact that the Government of Canada seeks by every possible means to keep British goods out of this country, then, the next time you hear a supporter of the National Policy trying to humbug the people, call him down.

LOST IN THE OUTFIT.

(Rochester Express.)
A correspondent writing from Cairo says that the Duchess of Marlborough, who is stopping there, has three rooms—one for herself and two for her clothes. It is inferred from this that her husband has got lost in the shuffle.

IMAGINARY.

(Washington Star.)
"Father," said the little boy "every now and then I hear you talking about somebody who was old enough to know better."
"What age is it, father?"
And the old gentleman, after some thought, replied:
"My son, there isn't any such thing. It's like the golden age; purely mythological."

SELECT KNIGHTS.

Biennial Session of the Supreme Legion—Officers Chosen.

Toronto, March 13.—At the biennial session of the Supreme Legion of the Select Knights of Canada, aside from the presentation of reports, which showed a reasonable amount of progress, the principal matter discussed was the new constitution, one of the main features of which is the formation of Grand Legions in any province or territory where there shall be ten or more lodges, with a total membership of 500 or more. It also provides for the division of the Province of Ontario into Ontario West, Ontario East and Ontario Center.

Several proposals to increase the graded assessment system were voted down. It was decided to issue no more \$3,000 certificates, but to issue a new class of certificates for \$500. It was decided that in future lodges be admitted to full membership on the same terms as male members. The Supreme Legion made an appropriation of \$1,000 for the purpose of increasing the membership of the endowment. The members of the endowment are as follows: W. J. Parkhill, Midland, Supreme Commander; S. B. Bell, Morrisburg, Ont., Supreme Vice Commander; B. J. Leubsdorf, St. Catharines, Supreme Recorder; J. McIl, Stevenson, Supreme Secretary; J. McIl, Stevenson, Supreme Treasurer; J. R. Bain, Montreal, Supreme Aide; Dr. J. S. King, Toronto, Supreme Medical Examiner.

SUDDEN DEATHS.

A Lady Drops Dead While Shopping, and a Railway Man Expires on a Train.

Mrs. Antoine Brulyea, a resident of Deseronto, dropped dead on Thursday while purchasing some goods in a store. Rev. G. A. Anderson, pastor of the English Church on the Mohawk Reserve, Deseronto, died Thursday. Roadmaster Richard McKee, of the G. T. R., died very suddenly on Wednesday night while returning home in a sleigh with her husband from the Hon. John Dryden's, her brother's place, near Brooklyn. The bursting of a blood vessel is supposed to have been the cause of death.

GREATER NEW YORK.

The Movement Gets Another Lift—Called a Republican Blunder.

Albany, N. Y., March 13.—The Senate has practically decided the Greater New York question by passing the bill providing for a commission to make a final report to the Legislature. The vote, 38 to 8, is significant, and it is understood, the first election by the consolidated cities will occur November, 1897.

Senator Malby voted with the majority, said the Republican party was committing the greatest political blunder of the century.

Perfect Wisdom.

Would give us perfect health. Because men and women are not perfectly wise, they must take medicines to keep themselves perfectly healthy. Pure, rich blood is the basis of good health. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. It gives good health because it builds upon the true foundation—pure blood.

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Look out for burglars. We notice that a number of stores, houses, offices, etc., in Hamilton, a Catholic church and a priest's house in Peterborough, were entered by burglars Tuesday night, and much valuable stuff taken, and on Sunday night, between 8 and 10, N. A. McDonald's house, 63 Huron street, Toronto, was burglarized of two gold watches, two rings and \$35 in money.

In London a couple of nights ago, a lady, going through a dark hall in her house after the rest of the family had retired, ran against a burglar, who caught her by the throat. Her screams aroused the family, and the burglar escaped through an open window. Is the public aware that the Dominion Burglary Guarantee Company will insure them against loss by burglars? Call on E. W. Scattergood, western agent, for rates and particulars.

—When making purchases of merchants who advertise with us, you will confer a favor on this paper by mentioning that you saw the advertisement in the "London Advertiser."

Cuba's Side.

A Different Account of Recent Engagements.

Revolutionary Leaders Concentrating Near Havana.

Alleged Government Victories Stated to Have Been Defeats—Spaniards Losing Heart.

Havana, March 13.—Gomez, Maceo, Lacerda and other leaders have united just east of the Havana line, near Nueva Paz. It is supposed their intention is to return to this province. The troops have recently made several combinations for the purpose of crushing Maceo and Gomez separately, but all failed. There is considerable uneasiness in official circles in regard to the concentration of rebel forces. During the last ten days the cane has been burned in all parts of Matanzas, showing the impossibility of resuming grinding.

All the recent encounters with Gomez and Maceo were nothing but outposts fights, and the losses were trifling on both sides. It is now learned the attack upon Sagua de Tamino, reported as a Government victory, resulted in the rebels capturing the town, using cannon in the bombardment.

Refugees from interior districts continue to arrive. They report great destitution in all the districts. The operations of both armies have involved cutting and grinding cane and shipping of other crops is reducing the peaceful inhabitants to a deplorable condition. The Government proclamation declaring property of absentees liable to confiscation, is denounced.

COL PEREZ'S STATEMENT.

New York, March 13.—Col. Frederico O. Perez, chief of staff of Gen. Maceo, of Cuba, is in this city on a secret mission. He will return to Cuba in a few days. In an interview last night he said:

"When I left Cuba Gen. Gomez and Gen. Maceo were very well satisfied with the conditions existing, and hoped to be able to do something more decisive in the near future. The raid through the central provinces has brought good results. The Cubans gained arms, ammunition and men. Many Spanish volunteers have taken the field with them. In the eastern part of the island over 1,000 Spanish regulars have deserted to the Cubans."

A CUBAN ARMY OF 60,000. "Since I left Cuba there has been a reorganization and some changes. Maceo and Gomez were about to unite their forces again. They now have an army of about 25,000 men in the central provinces. The Cubans have throughout the island about 60,000 armed men, of the armed men about one-third are cavalrymen who have plenty of good horses. The Spanish mounted infantry men are no match for them. Many of the Spaniards are not able to ride, and when they charge they cling with both hands to the pommels of their saddles, and cannot control their horses."

INACTIVITY OF THE SPANARDS.

"Since Gen. Weyler took control the Spaniards have done nothing. They have a great many flying columns in the field, but they are always with the rear guard, following along, and never by any chance coming in contact with the vanguard. That is the reason Gen. Maceo was able to pass from the Province of Pinar del Rio to the Province of Havana without firing a shot, though the Spanish army was marching in the region. I was in the ten years' war and saw the Spaniards fight like demons. Now there is a change. They seem to have no heart for their work. They fight weakly, and do not seem to care how the battle may go."

DEMOBILIZED.

"The Spaniards appear to be very much demoralized, both on account of the movement of the Cubans and the action of the American Congress. The resolutions passed by the House and Senate have given much joy to the Cuban leaders. I had no trouble in getting away from Cuba. In fact there were many facilities. I left the island at a point not far from Havana. The whole interior of the island and the harbor held by the Spaniards are practically under the control of the insurgents."

AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

Madrid, March 13.—Further demonstrations of students against the United States as a result of the Cuban resolutions of Congress, have occurred. At Corunna 200 students belonging to the university joined in a parade yesterday, cheered for Spain, and burned the American flag. The police, however, succeeded in preventing the riot from approaching the United States consulate. At Alicante, the mayor and police, while dispersing a similar anti-American demonstration, were pelted with stones. A number of policemen sustained injuries.

"Don't 'Phale' to be There."

So the young girl wrote her lover by way of poster to him. "I'll be there," said she to herself, "for there is no such word as 'phale' in my dictionary." Mothers do not fail in your duty to your daughters. Many a girl's health is imperiled by functional irregularities, at her critical period of life. That is the time to take a brief self-treatment with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It purifies and enriches the blood, gives healthy activity to the kidneys, stomach, bowels and other organs and insures robust health. For nursing mothers and debilitated run-down women generally, it is the most reliable restorative tonic and most soothing nerve known. To those about to become mothers it is a priceless boon, for it lessens the pains and perils of childbirth, shortens labor, promotes an abundant secretion of nourishment for the child and shortens the period of confinement.

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BARGAIN

DAY!

March 13th, 1896.

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- 1st—10 pieces Tinselled Drapery, worth 25c yard, today, Friday, for 18c and 20c yard.
- 2nd—10 pieces China Silk, regular price 25c, a snap today 15c.
- 3rd—One table assorted Dress Goods, regular prices 35c, 44c and 50c, all new, bright, stylish goods, today for 25c.
- 4th—One table of Braid and Segmuse Trimmings, today your choice for 10c yard, worth double the money.
- 5th—6 pieces All-Wool Plaids, fine goods, worth 50c, today for 25c.
- 6th—6 pieces Bousti Tweeds, regular price 50c, on Bargain Day for 39c.
- 7th—13 pieces Union Challies, black and navy grounds, with spots, stripes and figures, worth 20c yard, today, Friday, for 12 1/2c.
- 8th—All-Wool Henrietta, 46 inches wide, only 4 pieces, worth 50c, to be sold today, Friday, Bargain Day, for 39c. A snap.
- 9th—6 pieces Tweed Dress Goods, combination checks, worth 35c, today 25c.
- 10th—Curtain Ends, 49 only, about two yards long, today for 15c, worth 30c.
- 11th—40-inch Unbleached Cotton, very fine, worth 8 1/2c yd., today 14 yds. for \$1, or 7 1/2c yd.
- 12th—Twill Sheeting, unbleached, 2 yds. wide, worth 20c, Friday for 17c.
- 13th—White Quilts, with or without fringe, extra large, worth \$2, today, Friday, for \$1 69.
- 14th—Linen Huck Towels, large size, colored border, very fine, half bleached, worth 15c, today 12 1/2c.
- 15th—Victoria Lawn, 45 inches wide, fine, worth 12 1/2c, today 10c.
- 16th—Best Feather Ticking, worth 25c, Bargain Day 18c.
- 17th—Chenille Table Covers, heavy fringe, two yds. square, worth \$2 75, Friday \$1 85.
- 18th—White Quilts, 8 1/4, very fine make, worth \$1 25, today for 75c.
- 19th—Bleached Table Damask, 66 inches wide, worth 65c, for 50c.
- 20th—Down Comforters, full size, only a few left, worth \$6 50, for \$4 75.
- 21st—40-inch Bleached Pillow Cotton, worth 12 1/2c, today 10c.
- 22nd—Red and white Linen Table Covers, fancy border, with fringe, 2 1/4 yds. square, worth \$1, for 70c.
- 23rd—Dark Flannelette, wrapper patterns, worth 13c, on Friday for 10c. A snap.
- 24th—All-wool Flannels, plain or twill, light shades, worth 25c, today for 19c.
- 25th—Tweed for Boys' or Men's Suits, dark colors, very serviceable, worth 75c, today 50c.
- 26th—Ladies' Plain Wool Hose, double heels and toes, worth 25c, today 20c.
- 27th—Boys' heavy Ribbed Wool Hose, double heels and toes, worth 25c, Friday 20c.
- 28th—Ladies' All-Wool Fancy Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double heels and toes, worth 40c, for 27c.
- 29th—Ladies' All-Wool Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double soles, heels and toes, worth 50c, for 36c.
- 30th—Ladies' All-Wool Plain Cashmere Hose, spliced heels and toes, worth 40c, Friday 32c.
- 31st—Ladies' Colored Cashmere Gloves, worth 15c and 20c, Friday our Bargain Day, 9c.
- 32nd—Ladies' Black Lacing Kid Gloves, worth 90c, Friday for 62c.
- 33rd—Ladies' Fancy Wool Shawls, worth \$1 25, today for 75c.
- 34th—Ladies' Black Wool Mitts, worth 25c, today for 16c.
- 35th—Ladies' Flannelette Drawers, worth 50c, today for 38c.
- 36th—Ladies' Wool Combinations, worth \$1 50, today for \$1.
- 37th—Children's Corsets Waists, worth 25c, today for 20c.
- 38th—Men's Storm King Heavy Frieze Ulsters, worth \$7, today \$5.
- 39th—Men's very heavy Storm King Frieze Ulsters, worth \$10, today \$7 50.
- 40th—Men's Fawn and Brown Melton Overcoats, worth \$8 50, today \$5.
- 41st—Men's Blue and Brown All-Wool Tweed Suits, worth \$11, today \$8 50.
- 42nd—Men's All-Wool Pea Jackets, worth \$5, today for \$3 25.
- 43rd—Men's double-breasted Grey Melton Pea Jackets, worth \$10, today \$6.
- 44th—Men's All-Wool Hair Lined Tweed Pants, worth \$1 75, for \$1 25.
- 45th—Men's fine All-Wool Tweed Suits, worth \$7 50, today \$5 50.
- 46th—Boys' Tweed Overcoats, your choice today for \$2 75, worth \$5.
- 47th—Boys' Heavy Frieze Ulsters, worth \$4 50, today for \$3 25.
- 48th—Boys' Nap and Serge Pea Jackets, worth \$2 50, today for \$1 49.
- 49th—Boys' 2-piece Tweed Suits, worth \$3, Bargain Day \$2 45.
- 50th—Men's Negligee Shirts, all sizes, fast colors, regular price, 75c, Friday 50c.
- 51st—Men's fine Merino Socks, worth 25c, today 3 for 50c.
- 52nd—Men's All Wool Socks, ribbed top, worth 15c, today 10c.
- 53rd—Men's Blue Overalls, with bibs, heaviest made, worth \$1, today 75c.
- 54th—Men's Home-Made Mitts, worth 35c, today 25c.
- 55th—Men's and Boys' Blue Caps, military trimmed, worth 50c, today 25c.
- 56th—Men's Silk Ties, reversible, washable, worth 20c, today 15c.
- 57th—Men's Silk Trimmed Fedoras, worth \$1, today 75c.

TERMS CASH.

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