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Is a believer in Christian Union, and considers the time has come when the various Christian denominations should come closer together. Those bodies which are now nearest should unite first. Under the present system there is an unjustifiable waste of men, means and effort. The differences between most of the existing denominations are no greater than the differences, natural to thinking men and women, to be found in every congregation. Even those Christian bodies supposed to be the farthest apart, the Protestant and the Roman Catholic, have more of belief that is common than of belief that is antagonistic. To the laity the differences between the various Protestant denominations are microscopic. For various reasons the clergy, even when, as is true of the best of them, they favor Christian Union, are not in a position to be as outspoken as the latty. "The laity is the Church," says Phillips Brooks.

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Advocates Obligatory Voting. Most of the electoral corruption centers around "getting out the vote." Let the duty be laid on every elector of getting out

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Advocates the more general use of the Plebiscite, the Initiative and Referenum, etc., believing that the interest of the people in public questions, apart from persons, would be increased, and that something would thereby be done to promote independence of politica thought, as opposed to excessive party

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

-[BROWNING

London, Monday, Feb. 13.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX ELECTION. The South Middlesex Liberal convention, to neminate a successor to the late Mr. strong, M.P., will be held in the lage of Delaware on Tuesday afternoon, 21st inst. The total number of delegate elist inst. The total number of delegates will be 160, divided as follows: West-minster, 45; Lobo, 25; Delaware, 25; Caradoc, 40; London South, 25. It is expected that the delegation will be a thoroughly

LET THEM FIRST TEST THE RUS-

SIAN SYSTEM. The public will look with interest to see whether the Toronto St. George's Society will expel Goldwin Smith because that nent Englishman, believing, to use his on this continent should be healed by political union, openly speaks out his opinions as an Englishman in England is accustomed to speak them, be they ropular or unpopular. It has been suggested that onto St. George's Society, before the Toronto St. George's Society, before formally voting in favor of the suppression of free speech, should send a select deputation to reside for a year in Russia to ascertain whether, after all, the Russian method of submaning is an appeal, or the Russian delegation of the Russian method of suppressing free speech, or the British method of permitting and even encouraging

MR MEREDITH'S POSITION. Our local contemporary, alluding to Mr Meredith's coming retirement, speaks of the loss, financially, to any man who remains long in public life, and excuses the withdrawal on the ground that a man's own family have the first and greatest claim. This is doubtless true; and it is also true that public life demands a large penalty in loss of home comfort, as well as in pe-cuniary disadvantage. The Montreal Witness, after quoting the Gazette's words of farewell, remarks that there is a calm contentment about these Conservative good-byes which shows that Mr. Meredith is not at present exactly the man after the party's own heart.

THE COMING BUDGET SPEECH. There is an impression in Ottawa, and we believe it will be confirmed, that the Government will make few, if any changes, this session, and will keep its followers in the House in line, by promising to study up the whole question and arranging for more changes next year. In other words, the Ministers will adopt a policy of delay, with a decided "look to Washington" in it, hoping to ward off a rupture with the combines on the one hand and the consumers on the other until they get the voters' lists revised, and are able to

secure another lease of power. We warn the Ministers that the people are in no mood to be trifled with, and that we must have radical tariff reform-such a reduction of taxation as will keep our sons and daughters in the country and enable us all to make the most of our earnings, which is impossible under the present condition

MURDERS AND SUICIDES.

The Toronto News moralizes over the ncreasing number of murders and suicides on this continent, and asks clergymen, legislators and philanthropists to look into the reasons.

Is our contemporary certain that, relatively to population, the number of murders and suicides is increasing?

But assuming that the News is right, what is its remedy? Or, to get at it in another way, what is the cause or causes?

Is the trouble a lack of sound, practical plain spoken ethical training, alike in pulpit, and school, and home?

Is the trouble that what with so many organizations, and evening meetings, even religious meetings, that home evenings are secome more rare, and people have neither ime to give nor to receive ethical training? Is the trouble dollar-worship?

Are our schools too busy with a hundred ornamental ologies; our teachers too poorly ornamental ologies; our cachinat operation paid, changing their scene of work too often, to give any adequate attention to the most important thing of all, namely, character-building?

The News has run against a question involving much more than the statistics of murders and suicides, and we would be glad to hear its own views as to cause and cure.

HOW THE RICH ARE BENEFITED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE

A section of the manufacturers of Canada uphold an organization called the "Manufacturers' Association," whose aim is to retain as many tax burdens on the people as they can. The membership is comparatively limited, for, as readers of the Advertiser are aware, hundreds of the more intelligent manufacturers of Ontario favor the freest possible interchange of commodities between this and other countries consistent with the revenue requirements of an economically-governed country. We have many such independent manufacturers in London and the west, who are opposed to all class legislation. But within the ranks of the Manufacturers' Association are to be found members of every combine in the country, and it is well to bear this in mind when asked by those men to continue the system which keeps many poor in order that a few may become rich.

Especially is it necessary to watch the attitude of representatives of the people at this time, when the demand is made that no change shall be made in the N. P., lest the whole fabric topple to the ground. Mr. the whole fabric topple to the ground. Mr. Foster waited for the ultimatum of the Red Parlor before he made the announcement that he would introduce his budget, dealing with the many propositions for the reduction of the grievous burdens of the people, and there is a suspicion abread that he is inclined to nay more attention to the declined to pay more attention to the de-mands of this coterie of producers than to mands of this ceterie of producers than to the great farming class, whom, as Mr. Davin, a westorn Conservative M. P., so strongly put it, received no benefit what-sover from protective taxes on their productions, and who can only be benefited by a wholesale reduction in the tax burdens on what they must buy. We shall not have long to wait to see, but we tell Mr. have long to welt to see, but we tell Mr. Foster in advance that no matter how he may trim, and endeavor by appeals to party prejudice to keep his followers in the House in line, he cannot delay the movement for freedom of trade, for a great reduction of all taxes on commodities consumed by the mass of the people. They can see, when not blinded by prejudice, that their interest is not in manufacturing combines, by the agency of taxation favoritsm, and that a system of tax collection own phrase, that the schism between the that opposes grievous burdens on the two sections of the English-speaking people two sections of the English-speaking people oannot be permanently beneficial except to a few. Let us give a few illustrations of the unjust and discriminatory training openly speaks out his political union, openly speaks out his ratifexactions of the law now in force, as the the Taranta Globe of a recent given by the Toronto Globe of a recent date. Dealing with the specific duties that are imposed so as to press heavily on the poor and lightly on the well-to-do our con-

poor and lightly of the well-to-de stemporary says:

"A duty of as high as 175 per cent. on cheap wallpaper is covered up by a certain rate per eight-yard roll, a rate that on the more expensive grades is as low as 1½ per cent. Oilcloth is taxed at a certain rate per yard, the cheap grades paying as high as 100 per cent., while the duty on better

qualities is as low as one-fourth of that rate. A still more unfail discrimination is made in the tax on tweeds and coatings, a levy of 10 cents a pound being excessively heavy on coarser and cheaper grades, which are heavier than finer goods. There are, also, many special absurdities, such as a tax on albums of 6 cents a pound. It is sometimes argued that consumers may evade the duty by buying goods from Canadian manufacturers. But a duty cannot be evaded. Canadian manufacturers of goods similar to those upon which an import duty is levied are enabled, by the duty, to levy an equal tax upon their customers. And consumers have only the option of paying the duty to the Government or to the Canadian manufacturers.

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turers.

"The following list does not contain all the articles in which there is a discrimination against cheap goods, nor does it exhibit the wildest discriminations nor highest duties. It shows how the rate of taxation varies on the articles named in proportion to the price, and makes very decidedly against the contention that the N. P. is a poor man's tariff:

Rate per

Cost. of duty. Bed ticking per yard...\$
Bed ticking, per yard...
Ginghams, per yard...
Ginghams, per yard...
Striped zephyrs, per yard
Ducks, colored, per yard
Ducks, colored, per yard
Drills, colored, per yard
Drills, colored, per yard
Striped shirting, per yard
Striped shirting, per yard
Kentucky jeans, per yard
Liankets, per pound...
Blankets, per pound... 4 50 Knitted underwear, per 20 00 dozen..... Oilcloths, per yard..... 08 75 Oilcloths, per yard..... Collars and cuffs, per

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Cottons, unbleached, per yard...
Cottons, unbleached, per yard...
Cottons, bleached, per yard... 06 16 09

Cottons, bleached, per Cottons, bleached, per yard.
Canton flannels, per yard.
Canton flannels, per yard.
Silesias, per yard.
Cotton shirts, each.
Cotton shirts, each.
Tweeds, per yard.
Tweeds, per yard.
Coatings, per yard.
Coatings, per yard.
Overcoatings, per yard.

Coatings, per yard..... Overcoatings, per yard.. Overcoatings, per yard.. Albums, each..... Albums, each

Albums, each.
Carringes, each
Carringes, each
Carringes, each
Carringes, each
Carringes, each
Skates, per pair
Skates, per pair
Ladies' jerseys, each
Ladies' jerseys, each
Sewing machines, each
Clothes wringers, each
Clothes wringers, each
Plated knives, per dozen.
Plated knives, per dozen.
Ready-made clothing, a
suit. 25 00 65 00 4 00 10 00 2 00 12 00 8 00

50 Ready-made clothing, a Ready-made clotning, a suit.

Buttons, per dozen.
Buttons, per dozen.
Chicory, per pound.
Coffee, per pound.
Coffee, per pound.
Nuts, per pound.
Nuts, per pound. Coffee, per pound

Coffee, per pound

Nuts, per pound

Nuts, per pound

Marble blocks, small

Marble blocks, large

Sole leather, per pound

Rice, per pound

Rice, per pound

Rice, per pound

Show cases, each

Raisins, per pound

Woolen socks, per dozen

Woolen socks, per dozen

Hosiery, per dozen

Hosiery, per dozen

Woolen shirts, each

Window shades, per yard

Window shades, per yard

Glass tableware, per

Glass tableware, per dozen.

Glass tableware, per dozen.

Grapes, per pound.

Grapes, per pound.

Cherries, per quart.

Cherries, per quart.

Currants, per quart.

Currants, per quart.

Starch, per pound.

Prunes, per pound.

Prunes, per pound.

Prunes, per pound.

Wall papers, per roll.

Wall papers, per roll.

Wall papers, per roll.

Sances and catsup, per gallon. 1 00

Sauces and catsup, per gallon....
Vinegar, per gallon....
Vinegar, per gallon....
Fruit syrups, per gallon...
Fruit syrups, per gallon...
Cauned fruits, per dozen. 10

60

30

cheap dear 50 00 150 00 500 00 Coal oit.
Carpets, cotton warp,
per yard.
Carpets, cotton wrap,
per yard.
Carpets, all wool, per
yard.
Carpets, all wool, per
yard.
Carpets, higher grades.,
Cotton, per yard.
Ducks, uncolored, per
yard. 20 59 50 1 00

Late Canadian News

The Stratford Young Liberals have invited Hon. L. H. Davies to address them at an early date.

Two young Hamilton pigeon thieves named Fitzgerald and Marshall have been sentenced to eight months in the Central prison.

The contract for the new iron and wood bridge over the Red River at Winnipeg has been let to W. G. Reid, of Montreal. The

cost will be \$60,000.

Rev. Dr. Strachan, B.D., son of Rev. D. Strachan, Rockwood, have been ordained and inducted into the charge of the Presbyterian Church at Hespeler.

At St. John, N. B., Saturday night, at Cradle Hill, Wm. Tower, aged 14, while coasting, was run into by a double runner carrying a party of seven and was almost instantly killed.

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The Vandreuil election case, which has been appealed in the Supreme Court, cannot be argued till a new judge is appointed, because Mr. Justice Taschereau is brother-in-law of the defeated candidate, and without him there is not a quorum of judges.

A number of suspicious cases of typhoid fever have occurred in Montreal lately, and they have all been traced to the same source, a milkman in St. Laurent, who has been selling milk to the best families in the city. There are a number of cases in St. Laurent parish also.

Miles Robertson, of Belleville, aged 42, was fatally injured at the Point Ann quarry on Saturday. He was superintending the hoisting of a large stone, when it tipped on one side, pinning the unfortunate man against a wall. He died in five hours after the accident. Robertson leaves a wife and four children.

Died at Dinner.

Brantford, Feb. 12.—R. M. Copeland, formerly market lessee, died suddenly while sitting at dinner to-day. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause. Deceased was highly respected.

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