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

London, Monday, April 22.

EDITORIAL POINTS.

Our contemporary the Free Press does not seem to favor any restriction whatever of the traffic in intoxicating liquors. Why, for example, asks our contemporary, should the hours of sale be restricted at all? "If it is wrong," says our contemporary, "to take a glass of beer or wine at ten, it is equally so at nine." Let us see. There are two directions in which opinion as to this traffic can go-towards restriction, or towards free trade in liquor. By almost common consent, the latter view is repudiated. For the protection of youth and weakness, governing bodies everywhere limit the number of those who may sell intoxicants, limit the hours of sale, and place various other restrictions around the traffic. By nearly universal consent, therefore, the principle of at least limited restriction (and restriction of any kind is, after all, simply prohibition by so much) is admitted to be right and necessary.

"That London stands foremost among the cities of the world in the purity of the water supplied to its inhabitants is a fact conceded by students of sanitary science," says the Philadelphia Record. The Record probably means London, England, but the remark would apply even more truthfully to London, Ont.

The Detroit Free Press says the free log provisions of the Wilson Bill have proved the salvation of the Saginaw Valley lumber interests. Michigan's timber supply is giving out, and the mills there are buying vast quantities of Canadian logs.

The tremendous deficit in Mr. Foster's budget is partly attributed in the speech from the throne to a "reduction of taxation." The actual reduction under Mr. Foster's bogus tariff reform schedule was one-tenth of one per cent!

"Take our taels, but spare our tails," is the cry of the vanquished Chinese.

The white feather should supplant the peacock feather as a Chinese decor-

The regulation Easter bonnet this season seems to be of such stuff as dreams are made of.

For extreme candor in criticism commend us to the Colorado writer who stigmatizes President Cleveland as a "yellow-bellied traitor."

Editor Pattullo, of Woodstock, is president of a dairymen's association the great convention of bicyclists the revolution in the cheese industry .-Dundas Banner.

"The Criminal Crowding of Public Schools" and "Crowded Schools as Promoters of Disease" are two subjects of pressing importance that will be taken up in the Forum for May. Prof. J. H. Penniman, of Philadelphia, by a study of school reports themselves of many of the principal cities, shows what lamentable lack of sufficient and wholesome buildings there are-how, indeed, much of the educational work in Boston and New York and many other cities is worse than wasted. Dr. H. D. Chapin, of New York, lays down the conditions that should govern the healthful building and arrangment of

The result in Antigonish, where Sir Charles Tupper, jun., took charge of the election and lost the constituency held by the late Sir John Thompson, will materially reduce the size of that young man's head. A picture can now be made of his hat with one flash, of the camera, and will not have to be taken in sections as heretofore.-Toronto Saturday Night.

Toronto is getting quite cosmopolitan. No university town considers Itself anything without a students' rebellion on hand; no considerable center of population regards itself as fashlonable without a Horse Show; and now Toronto has a "Theosophical Society." with its little paper called "The Lamp," to make the intellectual and spiritual darkness more visible.

A Georgia doctor, an eye and throat specialist, has been expelled from the Georgia Medical Association for adver-

who has a door-plate with his name on it advertises. To place a card in a newspaper is simply to multiply the door-plate many thousands of times. Not many years will elapse before this non-advertising fad will take its place alongside the Chinese pharmacopoeia.

THE CANADIAN COPYRIGHT ACT. That there are two sides to most questions is the moral of the following letter addressed by Mr. Goldwin Smith to "The Week," Toronto. That "the question has been too much in the hands of our publishers and printers

and too little in those of our literary men," may be the fact; but if the sentence were made to read, "Our Toronto publishers and printers," it would not be an inaccurate distinction, Says Mr. Goldwin Smith:

Sir,—Have the promoters of the Canadian Copyright Act fully considered the probable consequences of their legislation to Canadian literature? Would it not have the same bad effect on Canadian literature which American denial of copyright to English authors had upon the literature of the United had upon the literature of the United States. The American publisher naturally preferred reprinting English works without payment to paying for native production. The consequence of this was the depression of American literature, which continued till, by the adoption of reciprocal copyright, the American writer was placed, commercially, on a fair level with his English rival. I am inclined to attribute the anti-British acrimony, unhappily characteristic of American literature, partly to the illfeeling engendered by unfair competition. Should we not, under the proposed Copyright Act, have similar results in Canada? Would not the hopes, whatever they may be, of Canadian literature be killed by the exposure of the Canadian writer to competition with un-

paid authors? Ostensibly the author would, under the act, have a right to a royalty of 10 per cent. But what chance would the unfortunate writer have of collecting this royalty from a piratical publisher? How would he enforce true returns of the sale? It must be remembered that not only Canadians, but American interlopers might take advantage of the liberty which the act would afford. Practically the act would amount to a general license of piracy, which, apart from the injustice to the individual, would not be very honorable to us as a community. I do not mean to say or insinuate that the framers of the act mean to deny commercial justice to authors, but I do not see how, under their law, commercial justice could be secured. The Government, it is understood, declines to have anything to do

with the collection of the royalty. The author would, at all events, be deprived of control over his work, which might be dealt with in any way that the piratical publisher chose. This might be a source of serious annoyance even to writers, to whom, as from the nature of their subjects, they did not, like novelists, look for large profits; the merely commercial question would be a secondary consideration. The question, as it seems to me, has been too much in the hands of our publishers and printers, and too little in those of our literary men. Before it is decided, the attention of our literary men should be given to the subject.

Yours faithfully, GOLDWIN SMITH. Toronto, April 15, 1895.

A FOOLISH PREDICTION SOON EXPOSED.

When the McKinley Bill was assailed in the United States Congress, and the high taxes reduced by Congress, an attempt was made to make the dullness in trade arising from this over-taxation and from the bursting of the speculative booms in South America and elsewhere responsible for the financial difficulties over the border. Workingmen were asked to witness how the reduction of taxation had injured them, and they were informed that the great staple industries of the country were ruined. These cries are always raised by the privileged ones when they find that they cannot profit at the expense of their neighbors. Despite these contentions, however, wages have within the last week been increased in many United States industries, which it was predicted were to be completely destroyed and also of an association to promote by the tariff reductions made by the good roads. He has been impressing on | Wilson bill. Among the increases are these: Globe Iron Works, Cleveland, need of better roads, and it is said that 10 per cent; Thomas Dolan & Co., carpet he has in view a plan by which pedals | manufacturers, Philadelphia, 15 per can be attached to cheese, and in this cent to weavers; Moses T. Stevens & way ridden to market by bicyclists. Sons, woolen manufacturers at three This would certainly create a great points in New Hampshire, 15 per cent; Washington Woolen Mills, Lawrence, Mass., 10 per cent; the two principal Pennsylvania coke companies, 15 per cent. A general increase in the woolen and cotton mills is expected. High taxation injures rather than helps legitimate industries, as manufacturers in this city know to their cost.

> LIGHT ON A GRAVE PROBLEM. An imaginative contemporary makes the astounding statement that at the last Privy Council the Queen spoke of a certain matter of Colonial Office administration "in strong terms." More arrant rubbish has never been printed. Is it supposed that a "Privy Council" is the scene of debate and discussions? The proceedings at these functions are always of the most purely formal character, and, as Mr. Charles Greville merely "to repeat like a parrot whatever is put into her mouth."—London Times.

TAX ON BIRTHS. The first act of Parliament inflicting a tax on the birth of humanity was the 6 and 7 William and Mary, Ch. 6,

(1694,) and was entitled:, "An act for granting to his Majesty certains rates and duties upon mar-riages, births and burials, and upon bachelors and widowers, for the term of five years, for carrying on the war

against France with vigor."

Upon the birth of every child, ∈xcept children of those who receive alms, 2 shillings; of the eldest son of a duke, £30; of a marquis, etc., in proportion. The 24th section enacts that all persons in holy orders shall keep a register of persons married, buried, christened or born in their parish, under a penalty of £100 in default. The taxes on births, marriages and burials were continued indefinitely by 7 and 8 William and Mary, Ch. 35, and imposed a penalty of 40 shillings upon the parents who neglected to give notice to the vicar, etc., of the parish of the date of birth of any child.—Notes and Queries.

The misanthrope is the result of too

#### House and Lobby

The Vice Regal Drawing-Room-Hon. Mr. Sifton's Important Statement-Toronto M.P.s Kick-Budget Speech in Sight-The Hero of Antigonish-Another Big Railway Deal-There Must Be No More "Milking" of Subsidies for Political Purposes-A Suspicious Proposition-Hon. Mr. Davies May Speak in London This Summer.

[Specially Telegraphed by Our Own Representative.]

room held by his Excellency and Lady Aberdeen on Saturday evening was brilliant, though the attendance was slim. Of the 317 persons who made their bows before their Excellencies who sat on the so-called throne in the Senate Chamber almost 300 were Senators, M. P.s and their lady friends. The remaining few were the general public. One cause of the falling off in attendance is alleged to be the friction over the recent carnival; another explanation is that times are hard, and the civil ser-

-who make up a great portion of Ottawa society-are not in a mood to go to the expenditure for dresses, etc., necessary to keep up with the vice-regal procession. The Governor's party embraced their Excellencies, Lady Tweedmouth, Miss Mysie Browne and other aides. Lady Aberdeen looked charming in her elegant costume, with a train several yards long, borne by Hon. Archie Gordon and Master Gordon. Lord Aberdeen wore his Windsor uniform. As an escort their Excellencies had the Governor-General's Foot Guards, and while the presentations were in progress the band played in the Senate lobby. There were many striking and expensive costumes, and low-necked gowns were plentiful. The only Londoners presented were Hon. David Mills and Mr. J. D. Clarke. Among the M. P.s in attendance were Mr. Allan (South York), and Mr. Grieve (North Perth).

vants and those who supply their wants

Attorney-General Sifton, of Manitoba, while here told a friend that he had been misrepresented on the Manitoba school question. The Dominion Government, he said, has ordered that we establish separate schools in Manitoba as they were prior to 1890. I have said that Manitoba's attitude is that this demand from Ottawa cannot be carried out, as the schools were inefficient in every respect. Further than that, I have not gone. By the way, the Privy Council decision asserts that it is not necessary to re-establish the schools as in 1890. In this respect it differs from the dictatorial order of the Ottawa Government. I hear that the three Toronto members deem it wise to oppose the Ottawa Government on this point, and Mr. McLean (East York) is expected to follow suit.

The estimates are expected tomorrow, and it is possible that the budget speech may be delivered on Thursday.

A telegram was received here today announcing the death of Robert Mc-Lean, of Brockville, father of Mrs. Smith, wife of Rev. Mr. Smith, of Mor-

Stalwart Duncan Fraser, the Nova Scotia M. P., who, a couple of years ago, paid a visit to London and the west, will, with Mr. Laurier, introduce Hon. Mr. McIsaac, the hero of Antigonish, when he comes up next week. The capturer of Sir John Thompson's seat is a very able man. He is of Highland Scottish blood, a tried statesman in politics and only 39 years of age.

I was told today that Hon. Clarke Wallace will be permitted to "break" with the Government when it is no longer possible to maintain a doublefaced attitude.

I hear that there are prospects of a lively discussion of the Hudson Bay Railway bonus deal. The proposition, I am told, is to grant the speculators who are promoting a railway from Winnipeg to as yet nowhere in particular, and misnamed the Hudson Bay Railway, a straight bonus of \$2,500,000 instead of the subsidy of \$80,000 a year for twenty years voted at last session. How the deal is to be carried out I have not learned, but it is reported here that the dying Government hopes to accomplish the change, so earnestly sought after by the speculators, without consulting the representatives of the people in Parliament, on the recommendation of Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways, who is alleged to have taken legal advice from a prominent counsel in Toronto as to whether this can be done without the embarrassment of coming to Parliament for its approval It would doubtless be a good thing for the speculators if they could get the immediate control of two and a half millions of dollars of public money to do as they please with while the line is yet practically in the clouds. They could then sell out their interest to others, and betake themselves to a fresh field of speculation, to the decided detriment of the public interest. If a change so radical is contemplated, it certainly should not be made by a moribund Administration, or even by a Parliament in its dying hours. Indeed there are well-defined rumors that if a two million and a half grant is made those to whom it is voted will be pledged to grant a rebate of 10 per cent—or \$250,000—to help along the trade restrictionist politicians in their struggle to retain place and power. This would be no new experience in Canada, I heard Mr. Caron, the Postmaster-General, confess in Parliament that he had accepted huge subscriptions for election purposes from men to whom railway subsidies had been granted. The sums so accepted were so large that no man in his senses would have handed them over to a politician except as a quid pro quo for favors received at the expense of the taxpayers. Indeed, one speculator who received a subsidy, and handed back a good many thousands of dollars, confessed that he did so, though he really had no interest in the elections, to influence which the money was put up. He was, in fact, an alien, and had no other aim except to make himself solid with the men in power. Under those circumstances, any attempt of the same Administration to change the terms already made with the Hudson Bay Railway speculators will be viewed with the gravest suspi-cion, and it is to be hoped that means will be adopted to expose the alleged compact, and, if it exists, to prevent its being carried out. The country will countenance no improper expenditure of public money; of that there has been already far too much. The public debt has been added to by millions

OTTAWA, April 21.-The drawing- | of dollars because of the carrying out of such corrupt bargains as the Baie des Chaleurs Railway grants, and the incidental "milking" for political pur-poses, and, in the public interest, it is time a halt were called.

> Hon. Mr. Davies, the Maritime Province leader, has arrived in good health and spirits. He is especially pleased with the capture of the late Premier's seat by the Liberals, and holds that it is an indication that the tide has turned strongly in favor of trade freedom. Hon. Mr. McIsaacs, the member for Antigonish, will be a strong recruit to the Maritime Province Liberal contingent. Mr. Davies tells me that he hopes to pay his promised visit to the west some time soon, when he will, as long ago requested, speak in London. The honorable gentleman is an orator, and a most attractive public speaker The many admirers of his public course can be relied on to give him an enthusiastic welcome to the chief city of

#### BUCHANAN'S TIME IS BRIEF.

Governor Morton Refuses to Give Him a Respite.

He Must Take His Place in the Death Chair Some Day This Week.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 21.-Governor Morton has refused the application of Dr. Buchanan for a respite, Buchanan is to be electrocuted at Sing Sing Prison during this week for the murder of his wife by poisoning.

Dr. Buchanan obtained a divorce from his first wife in Nova Scotia, and came to this city, where he met and married Anna B. Sutherland, a woman who had accumulated a fortune by keeping disorderly houses in Newark, N. J. They lived at 26 West Eleventh Street. Mrs. Buchanan died in April, 1892, and soon after death the doctor remarried his first wife. This aroused suspicion, and the body of the second Mrs. Buchanan was exhumed, and traces of morphine and atrophine were found in the re mains. It was charged that Dr. Buchanan had murdered his wife by administering morphine, and had also given her atrophine to neutralize some of the effects of the former poison. He was tried and convicted before Recorder Smyth on Aug. 14, 1893. The trial attracted widespread attention

and continued for six weeks. On the appeal to the Upper Court counsel for Buchanan pleaded that the testimony showing that Buchanan's wife had come to her death by morphine poison should be stricken out, because there had been an attempt made to show that other kinds of poison had been used. Buchanan had frequently told friends that his wife had been a morphine eater, and that if she died from an overdose of morphine and they dug her up, the case coming so soon after the Harris trial would make it bad for him. He therefore thought it best to sell out and move away. Counsel further argued that while the prosecution had tried to show that atropine had been used it had

not proved such to be the case. On the trial Juror Paradise, an epileptic, had several fits. Counsel held that he was incompetent to deliver a just verdict, and this was the principal point on which the case was carried to the Court of Appeals. The conviction was affirmed Feb. 26 last, and the Supreme Court refused to Interfere. Prisoner's counsel then appealed to the British Minister at Washington on the ground that Buchanan was a British subect, and had not received justice in the United States courts, but this plea proved

SING SING, April 21.—Dr. Buchanan still clings to the hope that the Governor may yet do something in his case. Warden Sage called at Buchanan's cell this morning shortly after the condemned man had finished breakfast and informed him of the Governor's action. He seemed disappointed but not entirely discouraged. His wife called at the prison today and had a long interview with him. He gave her instructions in regard to the new matter which is to be presented to the Governor tomorrow in a further effort to secure executive

Warden Sage does not think there is any chance for the condemned man. The invitations to the execution will probably be sent out tomorrow, and the execution will take place Thursday or Friday.



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