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> All's right with the world. - BROWNING.

London, Thursday, June 23.

IT WOULD seem from the various glowing annual reports, that the banks, not the business people, got pretty much all the oyster there was last year.

THE total population of Canada is 4,829, 411. Of this number 645,705 are natives of other places than Canada. The native

AT A convention held yesterday Hon. Edward Blake was chosen Home Rule candidate for South Longford, Ireland. It is probable that Mr. Blake will be returned by acclamation. The Home Rule majority is about 3,000 in a total vote of 3,300.

THE BULLETIN, the organ of the American Protective Tariff League, now makes the following proclamation: "Wages will be reduced and advanced from time to time in obedience to laws beyond the power of man to control, no matter what kind of tariff we may have, just as the price of beef will be high one year and low the next." This is an absolutely true statement. But it plays ducks and drakes with the assertion, too often heard in political campaigns, that high tariffs on imports increase wages. They not only do not increase the actual wage of the worker, but they seriously decrease its purchasing power.

A WRITER in the North American Review for July makes this strong and sensible denunciation of the custom of wearing mourning. The writer well argues that the custom is outworn; it is an anachron ism in the nineteenth century. It is unchristian; it clouds the spiritual signficance of the resurrection with the ever present expression of temporal loss. It is cruel; it forces helpless and innocent people into action which entails privation and unnecessary suffering. It is untruthful; it makes false outward show of changes in sentiment. And it is essentially vulgar; for it presses private affairs upon public notice; it thrusts claims of fashion and frivolity upon a time which most greatly moves the heights and depths of being; and it forces its superficial worldliness into the fiercest threes which can ever rend human nature. Why then do we still wear mourning?

## UNTIMELY.

There is a disposition in certain quarters to sneer at and belittle the mayor and aldermen of London because they have not made greater progress in the disposition of the London and Port Stanley Railway. The ADVERTISER is just as much interested in the proper disposal of the line as any other business enterprise in the community; but we do not deem it wise to snarl at the men who are charged by the taxpayers to make the best bargain possible. It must be remembered that in this matter it takes two to make a bargain, and that it is better to make haste slowly than to enter upon a cratic convention on the first ballot position that is not tenable. Whether the this morning, it is noteworthy to railway is re-leased to the Grand Trunk or to another company, to be run either by steam or by electricity, are surely questions which are worthy of consideration. The information needed to reach an intellijudgment is still accumulating, and in due course will be acted upon. If any of the smart fellows who are grumbling because the council has not completed a lay before the mayor and aldermen than is w being pursued, the present is the time to take the council and the citizens into confidence. But it is no time for silly criticisms of the negotiations so far entered

THE CROP OUTLOOK.

The continued rain has seriously dam aged the prospects of various crops. Corn in Western Ontario will be almost a failure. Of peas there will be a short crop. Potatoes have rotted on low-lying or clay lands in many districts, and the total yield

At an early hour this morning Grover ated without a ballot. Cieveland was nominated as the Democratic candidate for the United States Presidency. On the first ballot, the Chicago convention gave the ex-President seventeen more votes than were necessary to a choice, two-thirds of the total vote being re-

quired. The selection of Cleveland is a strong testimony to the power of that statesman as a leader. Vithout intrigue, without agitation or organization of any kind on his part, Cleveland is for the third time selected as the representative of the Democracy in the conflict for national pres-tige. There was an organized opposition to him in New York because he failed to carry that pivotal State in 1888, and thus lost the Presidency; but it has been recognized that it was not Cleveland's blame, but discansion within the ranks that caused the defection. Now, while Tammany has protested against and worked to prevent Cleveland's renomination, its leaders have promised to support the ticket, and it is probable that they will do so. They will doubtless profit by the example of the Republicans, who had a very bitter fight over the renomination of Harrison, but are now trying to excel each other in the art of getting together in brotherly unity.

It speaks well for the United States that the respective parties have put men at the head of their tickets that are of unex-ceptionable private character. Cleveland and Harrison differ, and differ widely, in their views regarding the details of government, but as unprejudiced outsiders we readily concede that they hold their views honestly. They are not the candidates of what is known as "the machine." They are not put up to be Democrat or Republican without regard to the consistency of their public actions. In a very arge degree, the two men are representatives of the best elements in each of the espective divisions of the United States people, and a strong, vigorous campaign will be the result. It will be an educative conflict beyond a doubt. On the great dividing issue the two men and their supporters are wide apart. The Republicans indorse the McKinley Bill, with all its vexatious and restrictive provisions. The Democrats, despite a "straddle" report on the taxation question, take strong ground in favor of tariff reduction, and ffirm that taxes should only be imposed for revenue, not for the benefit of classes

Thus the dividing lines are well defined. It would be idle to prophesy as to the esult. It always is idle to speculate as to the outcome of United States elections, for as often as not it is the unexpected that happens. So little turns a pivotal State that it may be anybody's battle down to a day or two from the time of polling when a false step may be taken by one or other of the parties, and the fight is lost or

To Canadians the campaign will possess must interest. With one-fourth of our people living in the States and our trade and social relations with our neighbors constantly becoming more closely identified, it is but natural that we should take ar ntelligent interest in the election, no mat ter how the fates may deal with the con

## CHURCH SALOONS.

Rev. Dr. Rainsford, formerly of this city, s rapped over the knuckles by his fellow preachers for recommending the Church to take over and run the saloons. There is the germ of a true idea at the base of our former townsman's suggestion, namely, that something equally convenient and sociable should take the place of the saloon. But leave out the liquor, we say. There is another view. A union of church members could at any time extinguish or at least largely restrict the liquor business. If they can suppress something, and do not do t, they are responsible for its continuance. So it seems not unreasonable ground that if the Church will not suppress the saloon, it might consider Brother Rainsford's sugges unregenerate world how saloons should be

FIRST BALLOTS In view of the fact that ex-President Cleveland was nominated by the Demofind that in the last 24 years he is the only Democratic candidate chosen either by acciamation or on the first ballot. In the 1868 convention this was the vote on the first ballot: George H. Pendleton 105, Andrew Johnson 65, Winfield S. Hancock 33, Sanford E. Church 33, scattering 79. Total 315. Necessary to nominate, 210. Pendleton fell short on the first ballot, and after a protracted contest Horatio Seymour was pominated on the 22nd.

The Democrats in 1872 ratified the choice of the Liberal Republican convention in Cincinnatti. At that convention, on the first ballot, Charles Francis Adams received 205 votes, Horace Greeley 157, Lyman Trumbull 110, B. G. Brown 95, David Davis 92, Audrew G. Curtin 62, Salmon P. Chase 2. Total, 723. Necessary to nominate, 362. Mr. Adams was short of the required number, and on the eigth ballot

Horace Greeley was nominated.

The Democratic national convention of 1876 thus voted in its first ballot: Tilden

CLEVELAND WILL FACE HARRISON of 1888 Cleveland was unanimously nomin

This year, the vote at Chicago on the first ballot stood: Cleveland 616g, Hill 112, Boies 103, Gorman 361, Stevenson, of Illinois, 16g, Carlisle 15, Campbell 2, Pattison 1, Whitney 1, Russell, of Massachusetts, 1. Necessary to a choice 599.

THE RIGHT TO ARGUE FREELY In a recent issue we alluded to a rumo that Mr. Myers, county crown attorney of Dufferin (not Wellington, as was stated), had been asked by Sir Oliver Mowat to resign his office because of public advocacy of Continental Union. A published correspondence shows the rumor to be founded on fact. Mr. Myers, however, has declined to resign, holding that he would thus become a party to his own condemnation. The onus of dismissal, if dismissal it is to be, is thus laid on Mr. Mowat.

The Toronto Mail does not agree with Sir Oliver, holding that "the more advanced portion of the civilized world, comprising the communities in one of which it is our happiness to live, has now embraced in its fullest extent the doctrine of liberty of opinion. The world has been brought through much tribulation the final conclusion that truth is her own best guardian, and that in respect to all questions alike, religious political or social, our only security for a right decision is perfect freedom of discussion. \* \* Sir Oliver must know that the Canadian people will not suffer a great question, when once it has been raised, to be disposed of otherwise than by fair discussion, and that the only way they can be ultimately induced to discard and detest the idea of political change is to convince them that they are better governed and

happier as they are."
So far the Toronto Mail. The Toronto Globe takes ground on the main principle not very different from the Mail. "It is no treason," as Sir John Thompson has recently said, "for a person to champion that or any other radical change so long as he proposes to bring it about by constitutional means." But the Globe takes the point that what Mr. Myers might do in the way of advocacy with pro-priety as a private citizen he should not be llowed to do as a public official.

It must be admitted that there is some thing in this point, especially if it is enforced all along the line. But why Col. Denison, the police magistrate of Toronto, should be allowed to appear on white interest of the control of the contr public platforms to argue, rather violently sometimes, in favor of Imperial Federation while Mr. Myers, the county crown attorney of Dufferin, is not to be allowed to argue in favor of some different solution of the problem of Canada's future, is not exactly apparent.

We have no doubt that good will grow out of the little complication between Attorney-General Mowat and County Attorney Myers. Judging from the con ments of the press, the final outcome will not be to diminish by one jot or tittle the right to discuss as free men every question which has to do with Canada's unsettled future.

## TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

History repeats itself, and as it has been for years so it is now. Foolish people who brave the sun and its blistering heat invite the prostrating blow. :::

The London Free Press refers to Hyman's election in 1891 as an "illegal fraud." Does that mean that Carling's election in 1892 was a "legal fraud"!—[Forest Free Press. There was no election of Carling in 1892. It certainly was a "legal fraud."

Clerking in the drygoods and millinery stores of Chili must be anything but pleasant occupation, frasmuch as in the towns and cities the shopping of any conse quence is done in the evening. In Santi-ago the stores are open until midnight, and during hot afternoons they are locked up.

Recently a very large concern, which has been manufacturing gold watch cases in Bond street, London, for many years, decided to go out of business. After all the other arrangements had been concluded the building was sold, the sellers reserving the right, however, to remove everything except the exterior walls. The inner walls and floors were taken out and burned, and the ashes were carefully searched for and the ashes were carefully searched for gold dust and filings. Fifteen thousand dol lars worth of gold is said to have been re covered in this manner. :::

A fashionable London elergyman thus addressed his congregation not long ago: "I hear that the incumbent of a certain "I hear that the incumbent of a certain very 'fashionable' church animadverted last Sunday in severe terms on the subject of the offertories whose flea-skinning parsimony had excited the indignation of their pastor. 'I'm often congratulated,' exclaimed this divine, upon having a rich congregation, and, looking to the general expenditure upon dresses and establishments, they should, indeed, be wealthy; but looking to the amounts given by them in the church, they could only be regarded as genteel panpers. There is a decent liberality which is midway between beggarly meanness and imprudent generosity.' It may be hoped that the incumbent's forcible remarks will produce satisfactory financial results."

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To the overcautious and conservative opposers of the enfranchisement of women will be short. A great deal of the fall wheat has been thrown down, and may not be able to gain strength enough to estand up and ripen unless the weather changes very materially, and that soon. There will be an immense crop of hay, and the yield of roots will also be large. Reports continue to come in regarding the fall of apples from the trees. There will be a shortage of this most useful and profitable fruit if the fall is general. Berries of all kinds will be more plentiful than usual. In the Nisgara Peninsula, the crop of strawberries and raspberries is enormous. The peach crop is not so promising, and the luscious fruit is likely to be scarce.

1876 thus voted in its first ballot: Tilden on the grounds that the right of suffrage on the grounds that the right of suffrage would perrert and corrupt woman's instincts and purposes, would canse division and discomptor in the home, and would result in the neglect of children, there is interesting food for reflection in the history of the practical workings of equal suffrage in Its leads to the second ballot. Hannock was nominated. He hand the profit of 1880 this was the first ballot: Hannock 49, Field 65. Morrison 62, Hendricks on the grounds that the right of suffrage



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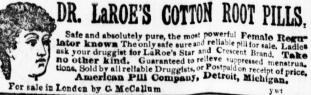
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