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London, Wednesday Jan. 24.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is THE ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of To-

-Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these columns.

-Manitoba is having our share of the winter. It was 12 degrees below zero at Winnipeg on Monday.

-The United States House of Representatives has put sugar on the free list. The Canadian House of Commons cannot too soon follow suit.

-Despite the protestations of the "prctectionist" organ in that city, the philanthropic ladies of Hamilton insist that there is so much distress there that a soup kitchen is imperatively necessary. A meeting is called for Thursday next to promote the scheme. The soup kitchen would have been in operation before now, it is announced, but for the lack of funds.

-According to all accounts Hon. G. W. Ross will have a fight for his life in West Middlesex. The Patrons of Industry have nominated Grand President T. O. Currie to contest the riding with him, and the indications are that the Minister of Education will be the under dog in the fight when polling day comes round .- [Sarnia

Our contemporary is misinformed. It is for the House of Commons that Mr. Currie is nominated, and his victim is not Mr. Ross, but Dr. Roome, who would have been badly beaten at the last general election if there had not been three in the field.

-Despite the fact that a year or two since a Hamilton merchant was fatally burned through pouring kerosene on his lighted furnace, an ex-alderman of the same place has been assisting his fire in a similar foolhardy manner. His face was badly burned. The coal oil can is harmless so long as it is kept away from flames, but it cannot be too well known that the man or woman who uses it to assist even a smouldering fire takes the greatest of risks.

-It is confessed that the story sent from Vancouver, B. C., to the effect that a Canadian regiment was being organized to aid Queen Liliuokalani in reascending the throne of Hawaii, was the "joke" of a fresh newspaper reporter. He now finds his office besieged by men who want to enlist. The world has always plenty of idlers ready and willing to go on hazardous expeditions, but no more stupid trip than that to Hawaii with the object of chaperoning the dethroned queen, who is opposed by all the progressive men of the country, could be suggested.

-Though the people voted against municipal ownership of electric lighting this month, because of insufficient time to digest the various proposals, it by no means follows that they will not indorse a well-considered plan when it is placed before them. Other cities seem to profit by municipal ownership. Why should not London? The Lansing, Mich., civic electric light plant, it is stated, cleared \$10,000 over all expenses the last year. The Republican of Audubon, Ia,, reports that the municipal plant at that place will soon pay for itself. Hamilton, O., will issue \$500,000 in bonds for a lighting plant. Canton, O., is to erect a \$60,000 plant.

--- Most people will applaud the resolve of Miss Stapeley, of Ottawa, who was paid court by the man Hooper prior to his arrest on a charge of wife-murder. Though Hooper has been acquitted, there was enough evidence to show that he treated his unfortunate wife shamefully, and that he was a storyteller of the first class. Indeed, he made love to Miss Stapeley under false pretenses, for he pretended that he was a single man. Her resolution to have nothing further to do with him does her credit. A less sensible girl might have risked her future in his hands.

A CANADIAN PATRIOT'S ADDRESS TO HIS FELLOW-CITIZENS.

High though the telegraph reports rated the recent address by Hon. Wilfrid Laurier at the banquet tendered him by his constituents in Quebec East, the full report of the speech now before us shows that it was an even more statesmanlike effort than at first stated-in fact, the most notable deliverance on public affairs that has been given to the people of Canada for many a day. Let us entertain and instruct our readers with a few of the more salient points in the oration. First, as to the mission of the Liberal party, Mr.

"I am happy to be able to make the statement in this old French city of Quebec, to be able to proclaim that the basis and aim of our ideas and hopes as Liberals are that we are before and above all Canadians; Canadians in the fullest acceptance of the term. Canadians at Quebec, Canadians at Toronto, and Canadians from the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the famous mountains whose feet are kissed by the waves of the Pacific and whose crests are refreshed by the balmy breezes from the Orient. (Prolonged applause.) Our great object is the development of the work of Confederation; it is to draw closer, bind and cement together, the different elements scattered over the face of the whole of British North America, and to weld them into one nation. (Hear, hear.) This is, as understand it, the role of the Liberal party in the Confederation, and as long as shall have the honor to take a part in the shaping of our destinies this is the ideal towards which it shall gravitate. (Ap-

Having pointed out that the Confederation had not been so successful as it should have been because of the false system of taxation which had brought about the deplorable state of affairs revealed in the census returns, Mr. Laurier made a strong appeal in favor of the Liberal policy of trade freedom. Not one cent more than is necessary to economically govern the country will be taken from the people in taxation when the Liberals attain power.

Another cause which has retarded the progress of the Dominion, and has prevented the binding together of the different races grouped by Providence in this corner of the globe, said Mr. Laurier, is the repeated appeals of the men in power, not to the patriotism of the people, but to sectional and race and religious prejudices. Mr. Laurier said:

"Our rulers, in governing, have never appealed to the patriotism which is to be found in the hearts of all the inhabitants of this country, whom they have governed by an alliance of coteries recruited from all the elements, and appealing to all the worst passions in the country. This is what has happened, and this is the truth. The alongside of the best in English literature: Tories of Ontario and the Bleus of Quebec ave joined hands to appeal to all the nas sions in both Provinces, not to govern, but to capture and retain power. What matters it to these men whether our divisions are becoming deeper and deeper, that harmony is becoming more and more difficult of attainment, and that the future of Confederation is jeopardized? What matters all this to these fierce Tories and these wild Bleus, these hot-headed Englishmen, and these ultra-Frenchmen, when they are always ready to arouse the prejudices of Ontario and Quebec, and to embrace each other over the ruins of their common country, provided that by doing so they can hoist themselves into power."

On the other hand, Mr. Laurier contended, the Liberal party of the Dominion has been true to the idea of the Confederation, and true to the idea of an alliance of the races of the English and the French, in order to make of them a great nation on this continent. They know no dividing line or race or religious distinctions in promoting the common good. They had chosen him, a Canadian of French origin, as their leader, though he had been attacked and sneered at by the principal organs of the Conservative party as "the French Mr. Laurier." This is the idea of patriotism entertained by the firebrands in the two Provinces, as ably set forth by the

"In this Province of Quebec the allies of those who in Ontario are thus treating me because I am of the French race, are also attacking me because I am not sufficiently French for them. (Applause.) They are trying to make believe that I am English, which does not surprise me, as it is conformable to their traditions. But, gentlemen, let me tell you this, and I appeal to every one of you on the subject; we are all citizens of the same country; we wish to arrive at the same result, and when the Tories in Ontario charge me with being French, and the Bleus in Quebec reproach me with being English, what should we conclude? Simply that these gentry have but one thing in view, and that is to appeal to the prejudices, among the French-Canadians in Quebec and the English-Canadians in Ontaric and to thereby create sympathies for themselves that will maintain them in

Mr. Laurier scornfully rebuked the mis-

chief-makers, and continued: "I acknowledge that I am of French origin; but if I recognize the fact, I also recognize the position in which my race have been placed by the battle which was fought on the Plains of Abraham, and which is commemorated by a monument reared by you to the memory of the two commanders who there lost their lives. There are some amongst us who forget this state of things, who affect to believe that a small French republic or monarchy-I hardly know what they want-should be established on the banks of the St. Lawrence. I cannot accept this idea, because those who use this language speak like slaves who would break their bonds if they dared, but who do not do so because they are cowards. For my part, I believe myself to be a free man, and this is why I am in favor of the actual regime.'

"As far as I am concerned, gentlemen, I want no little republic of San Marino, no principality of Monaco; and although Cæsar said that he would rather be the first in a village than the second in Rome, I say that my ambition is to be a great citizen of a great country. I look forward to the day when Canada will have a population of 30,000,000 inhabitants, of 40,000,000 perhaps, and when its voice will weigh in the destinies of the world. (Applause.) I ask you, gentlemen, of whom the majority ar

French like myself, is there a single man amongst you who would seriously like to see Canada cut up, who would detach from our patrimony a single portion of what was the country of our ancestors? No; and, for my part, I say that this country is ours and ours it must remain. There is room enough in this great country for all the races, all the creeds and all the religions.' (Applause.)

"Need I say to you, gentlemen, to you who remember history," continued the orator, amid great applause, "that if we are separated from our fellow-countrymen by language and religion, we are united to them by a bond which is perhaps just as dear-by liberty?" And 33 illustrated this point most aptly by showing that side by side with Papineau in the struggle for the rights of the people and the constitutional liberty that we now enjoy stood John Nelson, the Scotchman, O'Callaghan, the Irishman, and Wolfred Nelson and Thomas Brown, the Englishmen. He

"How can these men or their descendants -English, Scotch, Irish and French-who shed their blood to win for us the liberties we enjoy to-day, make use of the same liberties to tear each other to pieces? Ah! no. Far be from me the thought. Let us be more broad-minded, and say that these who shared in the labor shall also share in the reward. (Applause.)"

Mr. Laurier then condemned, in terse language, the conduct of his political opponents in Quebec who endeavor to use the priesthood as a means of attaining or retaining political power. He quoted, as expressing his views, the statement made by the late Cardinal Newman, in which that noted church dignitary said:

"Were I a soldier in her Majesty's serrice, and sent to take part in a war which could not see to be unjust, and should the Pope suddenly bid all Catholic soldiers to return from the service, I should not obev him.'

Mr. Laurier maintained that this was the correct view of a citizen's duty-allegiance to the church in matters spiritual, and toleration of no dictation in matters of state. This is an effective, a conclusive, rejoinder to the mischief makers, who for the purposes of advancing their own selfish interests have, in the name of religion, been circulating statements to the contrary regarding the attitude of Liberal Catholics.

Mr. Laurier has been taken to task by French-Canadian Conservative politicians for indorsing the reunion of the Englishspeaking race, and he reiterated his well known views, which are those of a farseeing, courageous statesman. Then came this beautiful passage, fitted to be placed

"You are aware that in the eleventh century certain men started out from Normandy, Anjou, Brittany and Angouleme to capture England. Duke William of Normandy was their leader, and our present sovereign is the last scion of a royal race that dates back to William the Conqueror. In the sixteenth century men started from the same Provinces of Normandy, Anjou, Brittany and Angouleme to colonize the fertile lands on the banks of the St. Lawrence. In the next century the men of both races met face to face here, and you know what happened. Well, is it not permissible to hope that a day will come when, instead of facing each other on hostile purposes intent, the men of the two countries, the descendants of the Bretons, Angevins and Normans who invaded England in the eleventh century, and the descendants of the Angevins, Normans and Bretons, who peopled Canada in the sixteenth, will meet together, not to fight, but to hold the grand assizes of peace and commerce. (Ap-

It will indeed be a glorious day for the race, aye, for the whole world, when the reunion here foreshadowed takes place, as take place we feel confident it will. He is an enemy of the English-speaking race, that is destined to rule the greater portion of the earth for the benefit of mankind. who would put the smallest obstacle in the

The peroration of this masterly address was in these eloquent terms:

"Gentlemen, our situation as a country is full of difficulties, and those difficulties are no doubt immense. Still, there is nothing desperate about them. What this country needs above all is peace, concord and union between all the elements composing its population. Let us show to the world that, if we reverence the past, we also have a regard for the future. Let us show to the world that union does not mean absorption, and that autonomy does not mean antagonism. Victor Hugo, recalling his double origin, used these fine

"Fidele au double sang qu'ont verse dans ma veine, Mon pere, vieux soldat, ma mere, vendeenne."

"True to the double blood that was poured into my veins by my father, an old soldier, and my mother, a Vendean." Let us also be true to our double origin, true to the memory and the reverence of the great nation from whom we have sprung, and true also to the great nation who have given us freedom. (Applause.) And, in all the difficulties, all the pains, and all the vicissitudes of our situation, let us always remember that love is better than hatred, and faith better than doubt, and let hope in our future destinies be the pillar of fire to guide us in our career. (Enthusiastic and prolonged applause.)'

These sentiments carry their own commendation. Their utterance in the city of Quebec, in language identical with that used by the Liberal leader while speaking in English-speaking Ontario, once more proves, as Mr. Laurier pointed out, that his policy and views are applicable to all parts of the Dominion, and do not resemble the policy and views of the men who oppose and misrepresent him. These men have one policy for Quebec and another for other portions of Canada.

-Attorney-General Sifton of Manitoba has introduced a measure into the Legislature authorizing the Salvation Army staff to celebrate marriages. This is following the example set by Ontario. This Province



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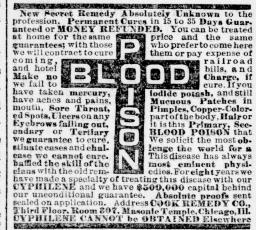
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