

PROGRESS OF LEGISLATION.

As an evidence that the long continued agitation of the trade unionists of England against the Criminal Law Amendment Act are having their effect, and forcing the question of its repeal or amendment upon the legislators of that country, we reproduce the following clause from the Queen's speech, delivered on the occasion of the reassembly of Parliament on Thursday last:

"Serious differences have arisen, and demonstrations have been made by large classes of the community, as to the working of the recent Act affecting the relationship between master and servant, and of the act of 1871, dealing with offences connected with trade, and of the law of conspiracy. On these subjects I am desirous that, before attempting fresh legislation, you should be in possession of all the material facts, and of the precise questions in controversy. For this purpose I have issued my Royal Commission of inquiry into the state and working of the present laws, with a view to their early amendment."

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Four new stars have appeared at the Academy of Music this week. Mlle Carrie, in her vocalisms and burlesques, has given evidence of considerable talent in that line. Mr. F. Dillon, in his character songs has been well received, and in the laughable burlesque entitled "Poor Pillsbury," is irresistibly comic. Warden and Mack, the great Song and Dance men, are eminently entitled to the high encomiums pronounced by the press wherever they have made their appearance. Under the able management of the Proprietor, Mr. Z. R. Triggane, the Academy grows in popularity, and a first class evening's entertainment may always be relied on by visiting this place of amusement.

PRESENTATION.

On Saturday evening last the members of the Hamilton branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers presented Bro. Matthew Wilson, with a handsomely elaborated address, also a framed certificate and key and a gold badge, as a mark of their appreciation of the service rendered by him while acting as secretary for the year 1873. Brother Wilson replied in fitting terms.

ANSWER.

We have received from Mr. John Oates, St. Catharines, the following answer to Transposition No. 2 which we published in a recent issue.

Mal res Jue—Jerusalem.
The az nar—Nazareth.
Par can mea—Capernaum.
Nil tap ese—Palestine.
The gan seem—Gethsemane.

POPULAR CONSERVATISM.

The Conservative workingman, who has in no small degree contributed to Mr. Disraeli's return to power, is to have his wishes attended to by the new Government in some matters which he regards as of importance, so we learn by the Queen's speech. The working of the law of master and servant, and of relating to "conspiracy," are to be inquired into by a Royal Commission, with good probability that something will come of the inquiry. Meantime the Home Office will be likely to see to it that no flagrant cases of persecution under the existing laws are allowed. Laws affecting friendly Provident Societies are to be amended, and Parliament will be asked to do away with causes of complaint under the present laws for regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. Let moralists talk as they may, the existing spectacle of rich men's clubs open at all hours, while the poor man is peremptorily shut out from what he regards as his club at a certain hour, is one fitted to breed dangerous discontent. And, until Parliament is prepared to legislate for the rich and poor alike—a distant prospect by the way—the poor man's "public" will have to be cautiously dealt with. People who have never been in England, in London, especially, can have but a very inadequate idea of the strong feeling which legislative interference in this matter, beyond a certain point, is sure to provoke. It appears as if Mr. Disraeli was making a good bid for the support of the working classes, and as if he was likely to get it too.—*Mail.*

The ladies at Cleveland, Ohio, were assailed by a crowd while out on a praying tour last week, a policeman attempted to arrest one of the roughs and a fight followed, the police were obliged to use their clubs, which they did with good effect and made several arrests. The streets were crowded with excited Germans and a riot at one time was imminent, but the arrival of reinforcements from the police headquarters, put matters in a better shape. During the excitement the German brewers organized a procession composed of lager beer wagons loaded with beer jugs, on which sat a large number of men drinking beer as they moved through the streets.

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LINES.

Mr. Editor.—These lines were written on the death of Lilly Butland, a little girl who was killed by a sleigh, and by kindly giving them a corner in your paper you will greatly oblige.

Pure, unspotted Lilly,
Budding into life,
Leaving every earthly cloud,
Free from sin and strife.

Sunbeam of our household,
Fading from our sight,
Going to live with Jesus aye
In his home so bright.

Sadly we will miss her,
But, we won't complain;
God it was who gave us her,
And her he claims again.

Pain we are to keep her,
But that's beyond our power;
We know that she'll be happier
In that heavenly bower.

Hard it was to see her
Lying so still and pale;
Our Lilly, once so full of life
Has passed beyond death's vale.

We'll meet again above,
Where all is joy and peace;
There we'll reign mid Jesus' love
With the God of grace.

A. J. A.

Oshawa, March 23rd, 1874.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The total number of Co-operative Societies in the United Kingdom, according to the *Newcastle Chronicle*, is 1,200 to 1,300, and their membership must considerably over 400,000.

Gen. Wolseley arrived in London on Saturday, and was welcomed by a vast multitude who turned out to see the hero after his triumphs in Ashantee.

The returned Highlanders from the Ashantee War landed from the steamer *Samaritan* at Portsmouth, and a grand *fete* was given in their honour by the populace on Monday.

A million postal cards were shipped to New York on Saturday from a factory in New Haven. New York city has used twelve and a half millions since May last, or little over a million a month.

A prize fight for 100 dollars a side, took place at New York on Monday morning McCoy and Reigan, the former being declared winner on the 15th round. Both men were badly cut up.

Mrs. Carrie Jessop is the New Haven lady who has invented a compartment pot in which potatoes, corned beef, codfish, and plum pudding can be simultaneously boiled.

The London *Hornet* gives the following as one of the effects of the late royal marriage:—Bookseller:—"Will you have these volumes bound in Russia or Morocco, sir?" Retired coal dealer:—"Well, if I can't have 'em bound in London, send 'em to Russia. We must encourage the Czar, now, you know."

A list of the Republican newspapers of Michigan shows that 29 are against inflation, and 8 in favor of it. In point of ability, circulation, and influence, the difference is far greater in favor of "hard money" and contraction. Senator Ferry's hobby does not seem to be well supported at home.

They have a town in Illinois which boasts of having no liquor or beer saloons, and of having none in eight years. It rejoices in the somewhat singular name of Onarga, is said to be a lively business place, contains 1,300 inhabitants, and is growing rapidly.

The most astonishing case of spontaneous nuptials has occurred in Hardin County, Iowa, where a couple was recently married, and after the ceremony the bride was obliged to ask her husband what her name was. The parties had been acquainted only a few hours.

California has taken hold of the liquor question at the other end from that which is usually dealt with by the law. The Assembly of that State has just passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to invite any person to drink or to accept an invitation to drink liquor at any public bar.

Wall street N. Y., was excited on Saturday afternoon over the sudden disappearance of a German lumber exporter named Gottentrent, who had sold various foreign bankers a large amount of sterling bills reported at £40,000 on forged bills of lading.

Elizabeth Seance a farmer's wife living near Georgetown, Ky., cut the throats of her two children, aged respectively 9 and 2 years, on Friday last, and then cut her own throat. The children will probably recover. No cause is assigned for the deed.

Havana dates of the 12th say, the Spaniards claim to have effectually suppressed all the outbreaks, in the departments of Villa Clara and Sagua are preparing for a powerful and offensive movement; when all the recently mobilized volunteers and regulars have reached the central department.

The Ashantees tried to hedge up the path of the British army by erecting fetiches, consisting of bundles containing all sorts of stuff, stuck on sticks in the ground, occasionally long cotton threads laid along and across the path. One consisted of a lot of wooden dag-

gers tied to a stake, with a wooden gun pointing down the road. The soldiers kicked them aside and marched on to victory.

The Boston committee having in charge the procurement of subscriptions from teachers and pupils throughout the country on Agassiz's birthday, May 23, for the establishment of an Agassiz monument, has commenced its work, and is in correspondence with the State Superintendants of public instruction, with a view to secure the successful accomplishment of its object.

Serious disturbances are reported in the vicinity of Gowan, Montcalm county, N. Y., caused by the efforts of the raitsmen to destroy the dams on Flat River. The sheriff of Montcalm county has called on the State authorities for assistance to preserve the peace. The Governor has ordered a company of militia, to be sent from Grand Rapids, to the scene of trouble by a special train.

During the wedding feast on Saturday night at 409 Second Avenue New York, Carl Stretzel got into an altercation with John Murphy, another tenant, and the wives of both also engaged in hostilities. Murphy was stabbed in several places and dangerously injured by Stretzel, who used a carving knife, and Mrs. Murphy was also badly beaten by the bride. All parties were arrested. Murphy was taken to the hospital in a dangerous condition.

It is reported that the Chinese Government has notified the Foreign Ministers at Peking that it cannot guarantee the lives of foreign residents at Tientsin in consequence of the inflammatory placards which are being circulated against them. The naval authorities at Hongkong have been communicated with, and requested to despatch ships to the north for protection of foreigners.

The number of members returned to the new English Parliament who have voted or declared in favor of women's suffrage is 217. The gain by the removal of opponents is 102. The hostile majority is consequently reduced from 107 to five. The list of those who have voted for the bill includes the Prime Minister and several members of the new Cabinet.

A workingwoman of Dundee, Scotland, writing of co-operation in that town, says that about a year ago a few men clubbed together and bought a box of soap and a chest of tea, and retailed it among themselves. The results were astonishing. There are now one hundred eighty shareholders, and they have a shop of their own.

BAD MANNERS.

Many people who consider themselves very well bred distinguish themselves in public places solely by their bad manners. These people are conspicuous at lectures and concerts, the theatre and opera, and even at church. The crowding in and pushing out, without regard to the rights, comfort or even safety of others, stepping on dresses and toes, sometimes approach barbarity. Sometimes the finest strain of an exquisite piece of music are lost in the chatter of a pair of girls, or the loud chattering of what might otherwise have been mistaken for a young lady and gentleman. Often the climax of a lecture is destroyed by the going out of people who advertise their ignorance and bad breeding in that way. Sometimes the pleasure of a dozen people, during the most touching part of the performance, is dissipated by the restlessness of a fruit-eating couple near them, who forget they are not at home. And this is one of the ills for which no cure has yet been found, and must be borne patiently by a suffering public.

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF TORONTO.

The petition of the undersigned qualified voters under Municipal Act, being resident freeholders rated on the last revised assessment roll of the Municipality of the City of Toronto, sheweth,

That your Petitioners, in conformity with the Municipal Act and Acts, Chapter 40, thirty-four Victoria, Statutes of Ontario, and Acts amending the same, desire to aid in the construction of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, by granting a bonus to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company of one hundred thousand dollars, and to be assessed therefor.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your said Council shall, in accordance with the said Acts, introduce the requisite by-law, and submit the same to the qualified voters of the said Municipality of the City of Toronto, and in due course pass the same for the purpose of raising the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, in the said Municipality of the City of Toronto, for the amount of said bonus, payable in twenty years, with interest thereon half-yearly, and for the delivery of the same to the trustees appointed under the Act of the Incorporation of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company, and amendments thereto, on the terms that the proceeds of such debentures are to be applied in and towards the construction and works of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway from Weston to Toronto, and for assessing and levying upon all the rateable property in the

said Municipality of Toronto an equal annual special rate sufficient to include a sinking fund for the repayment of the debentures, with interest thereon.

Dated at Toronto this 28th day of February, 1874.

PETITIONS OF

Wm. Cawthra, John McMurrioh,
Wm. Gouderham, H. S. Howland,
J. G. Worts, John Fiske,
Wm. G. Denison, L. A. Oliver,
J. Jackson, S. Nordheimer,
Robert Hay, M. Staunton & Co.,
George Craig, William Frelan,
William Wharrie, A. Morrison,
Joseph Robinson & Co., R. A. Hoskins,
John Kay, John Brounston,
John MacDonald & Co., Benjamin Walton,
W. S. Finch, James Campbell,
Peter Paterson, S. R. Briggs,
John Paterson, William Thompson,
James E. Ellis, E. Lash & Co.,
M. & D. Osler, Wm. Cawthra,
T. P. Martin, W. Townsland,
Simon Breen, Robert Marshall,
Robert McLennan, Robert Graham,
Donald Hossack, P. Cooney,
G. Rooney, H. P. Herrick,
Richard White, Joseph Power,
George White, George Clarke,
George Harding, John Clarke,
William Hurley, W. Lyons,
John Thompson, A. McInnes,
John Roberts, P. Vaughan,
George Whines, John Moss,
John Feys, George Cox,
Wm. Doran, J. W. Cox,
George Kerr, junr., C. B. Lee,
W. B. Hamilton, Hugh Macdonald,
E. M. Chadwick, Henry Howell,
L. A. Lash, Walter S. Lee,
J. Croucher, J. J. Smith,
Henry S. Mond, Edward Bortan,
E. Hooper, W. McCabe,
B. Morton, Charles Belford,
Richard Brenn, Thos. Henry O'Reilly,
Wm. Sterrett, Walter Armour,
George Crane, Frank Jackman,
Thomas Bailey, Geo. Boswick,
W. Lonsdale, Merriek & Co.,
James Richardson, T. Barnett,
Wm. Brown, W. Hope,
Joseph Davidson, S. Crane,
J. Draper, H. Crane,
Wm. Oxenham, J. Crane,
Thomas Ferguson, F. Bells,
John Mylbrand, H. Spence,
Robert Mann, A. W. Godson,
Robert Cowan, Bickerstaff & Bro.,
Benj. Hinchcliffe, James McQuialin,
James Wey, A. Lette,
Richard Duplex, William Wash,
T. Mullingham, Thomas Puravis,
Adam Bealy, John Kerr,
John Bamer, W. T. Mason,
J. S. Hayham, N. Dickey,
S. Moffatt, James Michie,
W. M. Davidson, Henry Graham,
J. C. Fitch, John Fiske,
Wm. Logan, John Connor,
John B. Smith, Daniel Mackay,
R. J. Jackson, John Allan,
John J. Gertshore, George Bremner,
J. Hirkles, Wm. J. Burgess,
R. B. Hughes, Wm. E. Murray,
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G. M. Hawke, John Horbert,
James Smith, D. Devlin,
Arthur Hall, A. T. Callanuch,
H. J. Weeks & Co., C. Wambauy,
James Wills, Wm. Barber,
John Haiston, J. H. West,
John Wells, A. G. Walker,
Robert Carruthers, H. Matcherson,
Robert Smith, Chas. Carnegie,
John Henderson, John Winchester,
James Anderson, W. H. Luke, 562 Queen
William Galbraith, st west,
John White, Alex. Rhind, Major st,
Wm. Cooney, W. Black, Robinson st,
John Martin, John Gille, Bathurst st
Ed. Worth, W. Turner,
J. Townsend, R. H. Flint,
James Crocker, John Clark,
C. Matthews, Kerr & Anderson,
W. Spencer, Thomas McDonald,
Jas. Cavanagh, H. L. Howland,
E. K. Lindsay, Benj. Haldon,
Geo. Connorsworth, Fred. R. Sorlace,
Francis Riddell, W. Bright,
Robert Peter, R. H. Ramsay,
Samuel Marshall, James Smith,
Wm. A. Lee, D. Walker,
G. Wagner, J. Gillespie,
Geo. Torrance, C. T. Bell,
Jas. G. Worts, J. M. Trout,
Wm. Gouderham, jr., Geo. Holland,
Wm. Gouderham, W. Mason,
Crawford & Smith, Chas. Potter,
James Hunter, John T. Lash,
John Graham, Robt. James,
W. Amlin, A. M. Smith,
Thos. H. Lee, A. Morrison,
John J. Kers, R. W. Gooch,
Charles Moore, W. M. Westmacott,
D. Lewis, C. B. Doherty,
James Campbell, Richard Brown,
John Shaw, Edward Henshaw,
Josiah Rogers, Wm. J. Dugan,
Thomas Dick, Henry Winette,
Geo. H. Irwin, Martin Murray,
Daniel T. Keith, Andrew Murray,
John Dolan, Jos. Stewart,
John Armond, Robert Jenison,
Hugh Bains, Wm. Griffith,
James Tipler, Arthur Farley,
Joseph G. Mills, W. B. Maird,
John Riddell, W. D. Matthews,
H. Thompson, W. Mather & Son,
Wm. Parry, Samuel Hunter,
Ed. William, John Buckworth,
Ed. Black, Thos. Foster,
C. Abbott, Christopher Moody,
Jno. Jackson, J. Watson,
C. Lowrie, Robert Miller,
John Moore, P. Barnes,
W. Luckor, John Moroye,
Daniel Quinstone, W. P. Hubbard,
G. Ward, G. Furce,
John Loony, John Kerr,
F. W. Unitt, Albert Howard,
D. Brody, James Granerof,
Michael Scanlon, Hugh Devlin,
Daniel Devlin, M. Furlong,
F. Milligan, C. K. Rogers,
R. Flanagan, Mm. Thompson,
Michael O'Connell, Timothy Gillooby,
Alex. Montgomery, Reuben Croons,
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Miscellaneous.

H. J. SAUNDERS, PRACTICAL TAILOR, 382 Queen Street West, opposite W. M. Church.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Confederation Life Association will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Association, by changing the time of holding the Annual Meeting and other amendments. W. E. HOWLAND, President.
Toronto, Jan. 20th, 1874. 93-4

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E. F. RODEN,

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