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THE FISHERY MIDDLE.

The middle about the close season for pickering around here is only what has occurred in other years. It is too bad when the Ontario Government assumed control of the inland fisheries it did not see fit to put an experienced fisherman in charge of the department, instead of a young gentleman whose main claim to distinction was having been private secretary to Hon. Oliver Mowat and Hon. A. S. Hardy. What could such an appointment be supposed to know about the practical needs of the fishermen? Here we find the Dominion authorities extending the pickering season, while the Provincial authorities have made no move. If the late spring be a justification for extending the season in one case surely it ought to be in the other. This the departments interested might reasonably be expected to keep posted on so as to act with some sort of system and make their announcements properly and explicitly. It seems that the middle in reference to the extended time for fishing is due to a case of divided authority. The Dominion Government controlling the lakes has put back the close season to May 1st. The Ontario Government controlling the River Thames has not made any change, so that the Thames fishermen are barred while those just around the corner, in the lake, can fish merrily on.

A SENSIBLE AMERICAN.

An American named D. B. Stewart, who seems possessed of a very level head, has been writing to the American press on the question which this South African war has again raised: "Why Do Americans Hate Great Britain?" In an article, recently, Mr. Stewart draws the attention of his countrymen to some plain facts. After referring to the hostile feelings that exist in some quarters, he says:

More as a matter of policy, is it advisable for us to remain in this position of almost open hostility? It was this policy that alienated Canada from us and drove her into the arms of Britain, and made the Canadians more British than the British themselves. In the rebellion of 1837, the two Fenian raids and the two Northwest rebellions, in fact, on every occasion where it was possible, we gave countenance and almost open aid to Canada's enemies. In our tariff, too, we have shown our hostility, and passed many a measure which hurt ourselves, and for no other reason than that we thought it would hurt Canada more.

Probably we thought we could drive Canada into the Union by these means, but we might have known that men of our race are not to be driven. The history of the United States from first to last has been a proof of that. Driven out of the American markets, the Canadians were forced to look elsewhere, and it was our own fault that they found a new market in Britain, a market which they expect to prove far more remunerative than that of the United States.

Had we cultivated trade relations with Canada, and shown her that her interests lay with us, rather than with a nation on the other side of the world, we might have induced her to cast in her lot with us. Britain would never have objected to a peaceable annexation had we always shown ourselves friendly to her. It may be a late now to reverse our policy, but it might be worth trying.

There are other purely material reasons why we should cultivate relations with Britain. She is a trade customer, and more of all our exports are sent to her. What would we think new qualities of a mere look every opportunity of dislike of his best customer.

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Attorney-General Gibson very properly makes a distinction between those who give and take bribes. The briber is to get six months' imprisonment without the option of a cash settlement. That is right. But what about the scoundrels who furnish the money to others to bribe? Are they to escape scot free?

Although the people of Canada are overwhelmingly patriotic they must be getting about enough of Soldiers of the Queen. Everybody that can thump a piano out of tune, whistle a few notes incorrectly, or screech vocally any old kind of a smattering of the song, proceeds, in a cat of season, early and late, to murder the Soldiers of the Queen. Somebody should call it in.

A military writer with Gen. Buller's forces says in To-day, an English paper, that General Buller, at the battle of Colenso really didn't know on which side of the river some of the Boer positions were which his army was attacking. No wonder it cost 4,000 men to relieve Ladysmith and even then Lord Roberts had to make it practicable.

This is the first execution which has taken place in Toronto for ten years. The last one occurred on February 12th, 1890, when Cane was hanged for the murder of his wife on DeLoe street.—Toronto Evening News.

All of which is small credit to Toronto. There have been numerous ghostly murders in that city in those ten years, for the worst of which the culprits have never been apprehended.

The London papers are wondering why the Government has published Lord Roberts' opinion on comments at this juncture after suppressing them for nearly two months. It doesn't seem to strike them that Roberts may have had something to do with the publication. The Government appointed Buller, Buller was a failure. War Office stood by him. Roberts captured him. The Government suppressed the report. Hence, Buller held his position. Roberts kept him. He wouldn't allow him to hang thousands more of lives away from the Drakenberg passes. Six weeks' protest. The government's hand was forced. It had to publish the report to get rid of Buller and Warren. Now it is all up to those gentlemen. When they go, Roberts will succeed them with men who are strategists as well as fighters. Then the advance will commence. All this is mere surmise; let us see how far wrong it will turn out.

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SUPERSTITION OF CHINAMEN

Discovery of a Devil in a Garden Hose and Its Serious Results.

On a farm in the southern part of California a young Chinaman was employed to do odd jobs. His one great delight was to sprinkle the lawn with the hose. One afternoon when he was at his favorite occupation a visitor thought it would be a good joke to cut the water off by turning a faucet at one end of the piazza. Now the Chinaman had sprinkled the lawn hundreds of times, but had not the remotest idea where the water came from, taking it for granted that it was the most natural thing in the world or water to flow from the hose. Therefore when the visitor carried out his idea and the water stopped running, the Chinaman was greatly perplexed to know what happened. First he threw the hose on the ground, stamped upon it and shook it, and then as vigorous treatment produced no beneficial results he blew down the hose. Just then the owner of the house stepped up to see the fun. The visitor, seeing him coming, said in a low voice:

"Just see the fun. The next time he blows down the hose I will turn it on full force."

Sure enough, in a few minutes the Chinaman started to blow down the hose, and as he did so the visitor turned the water on full.

"Did you ever see such an astonished Chinaman?" remarked the visitor gleefully.

The Chinaman certainly was astonished. He threw the hose on the ground and made one beeline for his room, which was next to the tank in one of the outbuildings. In a few minutes he returned with a small bundle under his arm, and going up to his employer said:

"Give me my money. Me no stayee. Devil in hose. Devil in hose."

The joke had turned out to be of a more serious nature than had been expected. The Chinaman walked off in spite of all remonstrances. The owner of the farm laughed, and said he would go to the Chinese agent and get another boy. Bright and early the next morning a new Chinese boy arrived, and as everything seemed satisfactory he went with his small paper bundle to his room, the same one occupied by his predecessor. He had been in the room only a few minutes when he ran out, and going up to his employer said:

"Me no likee. Me no likee. Me no stayee."

Upon being questioned he would give no answer except that he didn't like it and wouldn't stay. Recourse was again had to the Chinese agent, and the next morning another Chinese boy arrived with his invariable little bundle under his arm. Going to his room, he returned almost instantly and, with a mystified way, and like the former one:

"Me no stayee. Me no stayee."

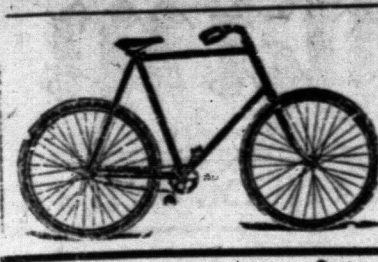
Things were beginning to look serious, and the visitor wished he hadn't played that practical joke. For the third time the Chinese agent was called upon. This time the agent made some inquiries and promised to call the next morning and try to find out the trouble. The next morning he arrived, and after looking around the place, went to the Chinaman's former room. There he discovered, written on one side of the wall, in Chinese characters, the information that the place was haunted and was inhabited with strange spirits or devils, and that Chinamen had better keep clear of it.

Fire Precaution in Paris.

In Paris theatres all but the electric light is forbidden and smoking is prohibited, except in the public smoking room, but a small fire was started recently in the Theatre Francaise by a cigarette which rolled through a grate in the sidewalk. This has caused officials to be even more strict than before. The comparative infrequency of fires in Paris is largely owing to the careful habits of the people and the excellent fire regulations regarding heating apparatus. When houses are built in Paris, the floors are invariably laid on brick and tiles; for, of course, the houses in Paris, with a few rare exceptions, are all what we term flats or apartment houses. The usual manner of building permits all the windows and balconies on the block to be on the same level, so that escape from one to the other is comparatively easy. This makes a uniformity which gives a very impressive character to the street architecture. The city authorities are now making precautionary fire regulations for hotels, including fire extinguishing apparatus, fireproof staircases, etc. It is very wise to adopt fire regulations at this time, when many hotels will be put up to accommodate visitors to the exposition next year.

Mr. Gladstone Met a Little Girl.

One day Mr. Gladstone was in the hall. A little girl ran up to him, called him "Man, man," and told him she had lost her ball. It had bounded inside the railing, and she was unable to reach it. Her nursery maid was much scandalized at the child's conduct, but the little one insisted that the "man" should recover it for her. Mr. Gladstone, always fond of children, acquiesced readily, and the world might have seen the spectacle of the Liberal leader engaged in retrieving a child's ball from behind the railings with the aid of his umbrella. When this was accomplished the nursery maid told the child to thank the gentleman, but her charge preferred her own title and said, "Thank you, man." Mr. Gladstone bowed as if to a princess, and went on his way.—To-day.



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