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—BROWNING.

London, Thursday, Oct. 13.

## MR. McNEILL'S PILGRIMAGE.

It is the misfortune of Canada that at the present time its rulers are despised equally in the United States and in Great Britain, the two great countries with which the people of the Dominion trade.

Mr. McNeill, M. P. for North Bruce by virtue of the gerrymander, has been over at Sheffield telling the people that what they need is not complete freedom to trade with Canada and the other colonies, but a system of discriminating taxes, that shall be levied on all products that do not come from the colonies. Because the British people will not resort again to the taxation of food products at the behests of the Canadian high tax advocates, Mr. McNeill informs them that "Canadian loyalty is being subjected to a terrible strain," which means that the loyalty of the "protectionist" is conditioned on his having his own way. The Independent, the most influential newspaper in Sheffield, acknowledges that Mr. McNeill is a good talker, but plainly tells him that he has a poor opinion of the intelligence of Englishmen if he thinks they propose to quarrel with their largest customers for the sake of a small raise in prices for themselves. "Canada proposes to smother us in corn," says this representative British journal, "but if Canada reduces the hostile tariff now existing against Britain, its action will be a very practical evidence of good-will. There is nothing in Mr. McNeill's address calculated to beguile any one not already an infected protectionist." This is strong talk, but it is warranted. There could be nothing in the so-called preferential tariff arrangement if it would not reduce the tax on British manufactured articles entering Canada, or increase the price of breadstuffs sent to England.

But the Canadian "protectionist" is determined that there shall be no reduction in the tariff on British manufactured goods entering Canada. As the British Saturday Review, the ablest of English Conservative papers, says: "There are many interests protected by colonial tariffs which would tear the empire to pieces before they left themselves exposed on equal terms to the competition of English manufacturers." Without a doubt of it. The Canadian combines which have furnished hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep a high tax government in power let their loyalty go no further than their pockets, and they would be the very first to oppose any scheme that did not maintain to the full extent the present juggling arrangement by means of which the Canadian people are fleeced every time they are compelled to exchange trade with their British brethren, to the serious loss of both parties to the transaction.

Mr. McNeill went to the wrong vineyard to toil when he visited Sheffield. If he is honestly anxious to promote trade with Great Britain and increase the stock of loyalty in the compact, he should begin right at home. It savors somewhat of impudence for a Canadian to go to a Britisher and complain of the present fiscal relations between the colony and the motherland when the remedy is entirely in the hands of the Canadian people. Great Britain takes from us, at its market value, all we send to her. Mr. McNeill and those who think with him believe that our loyalty will go to smash if she does not favor us, at her own expense. What Mr. McNeill should do is to wrestle with his friends who keep up a high tax barrier at the seaboard to prevent that trade which he professes to be anxious to promote. He will never succeed in his Quixotic mission to hard-headed, freedom-loving Englishmen.

Where Columbus got ahead of his fellow-explorers was in the fact that he was a good reporter as well as an intrepid navigator. Alert reporters are always in demand.

THE ASSESSORS' DISCOVERIES.  
According to the assessors' returns just published the population of Toronto, Brantford, Halifax, Kingston, Brockville and Sherbrooke has decreased in each case by several hundreds. Toronto has 1,552 fewer citizens, and Hamilton only shows an increase of 264.

## OLIVER MOWAT'S OPPONENTS.

A Toronto paper points out that the opposition in the Ontario Legislature is "growing beautifully less." How can it help it? There is no substantial grievance against the way in which Hon. Oliver Mowat has ruled the Province, and outside Ontario the record of his administration is pointed to, by Liberals and Conservatives alike, as a model for other local governments to copy.

## WHAT NEXT?

A high tax contemporary credits the discovery of a rich deposit of salt at Mooretown, Lambton county, to the "N. P." The policy of high taxation must be on its last legs when the discovery of a salt deposit is laid to its efficacy. We will be told by-and-by that the "N. P." makes the trees to grow, and the sun to shine, and that it placed the rich soil of the West on the top of the rock formation! These claims would be about as well founded as the assertion that the more taxes people pay the richer they become. Hon. David Mills, in his speech at Bothwell, shows how utterly untrue this contention is.

## TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

There ought not to be any suffering for food in the world when the valley of the Amazon, one of the most prolific of regions, remains untenanted save by a few savages. It is three times as large as the valley of the Mississippi, and has one stretch of land 1,500 miles long and 1,000 miles broad which has never been explored.

The novelist in quest of realism undertakes some curious experiments in search of material. Here is Mr. Morley Roberts, the British story-writer, working as a laborer at the London docks to get his "local color." He is said to be an unrecognizable figure in his overalls, with paint smeared on his hands and arms and other marks of the rough and dirty work that falls to the lot of the longshoreman.

Amelie Rives-Chandler, the novelist, rides into Richmond frequently on horseback from her home, which is a few miles out of the city. During the winter she is a regular attendant at the theaters. She has many sincere admirers in the old capital of the Confederacy, and yet according to a correspondent, she illustrates the truth of the old proverb about a prophet not being without honor save in his own land.

A well-known physician said recently in conversation: "Of course I believe in the Keely cure. I believe in anything that will make people well. I believe in the Father Mollinger cures, and the shrine and spring and miraculous vision cures. And the Keely cure is just like them—purely a matter of faith. There may be gold in it and there may not. My own impression is that there isn't any. But gold or not, the thing that cures the patient is the belief that he is being cured."

According to the latest story told of Tennyson, the poet was very deaf. A lady whose father had been a near neighbor went to visit him at Haslemere. She was accompanied by her husband, who is described in the British Weekly as a "modest and retiring barrister." While the wife talked to Lady Tennyson the husband endeavored to keep the laureate in countenance. The poor man did his best to humor the poet but without success. Lord Tennyson regarded his visitor silently for a time, and then remarked: "I don't know who you are, and I don't hear a word you say."

The Century Magazine will take up the Bible and science controversy. In the November Century Prof. Chas. W. Shields, of Princeton, answers the question "Does the Bible contain scientific errors?" with an emphatic "No." He says: "Literary and textual obscurities there may be upon the surface of Holy Writ, like spots upon the sun, or rather, like moles in the eye; but scientific error in its divine purport would be the sun itself extinguished at noon. Such a Bible could not live in this epoch." Prof. Shields' article will be followed by one in the December Century on "The Effect of Scientific Study Upon Religious Beliefs."

In some interesting experiments made by Prof. Dewar of England, with oxygen, attempts were recently made by him to determine what effect a temperature of 180° C. below zero would have upon that gas in the magnetic field. Having previously ascertained that liquid oxygen does not adhere to rock crystal, and consequently would not be in contact with that substance a perfect spheroidal condition, Prof. Dewar poured the liquefied gas into a shallow saucer of rock crystal, and placed it between the poles of a powerful electro-magnet. The result looked for was that the violent agitation caused by ebullition of the spheroidal mass, but, on the contrary, on the magnet being excited, the whole through the air and remained adherent to the poles until dissipated by the heat of the metal; briefly, the feeble magnetism of oxygen at ordinary temperature had become a force to which no solution of a magnetic metal offers any parallel. Thus, in a word, was strikingly and beautifully exemplified the relation between magnetism and heat, of which the entire loss of magnetic qualities suffered by iron at a red heat is a familiar illustration.

Three Men Drowned.  
TASLEY, Va., Oct. 13.—A schooner capsized in Chesapeake Bay yesterday. Capt. John Marsh and two men named Madeoup and Baker were drowned.Tights or Divided Skirts?  
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Oct. 13.—The Board of Education is divided as to who shall hold the place of physical instructor, a man or a woman. One of the members of the board thought that if a woman held it she ought to wear tights, so as not to be handicapped in the free use of her legs. The board is so divided that there will be no physical instructor for the present. The question is of the endurance of man and woman, of tights or divided skirts, of the vigorous and robust German system or the gentle Swedish system.The World's Naval Review.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The Danish Government has informed the Naval Department that it will not be able to send any vessels to participate in the world's naval review next April for the reason that its fleet is not large enough to admit of a creditable representation in these waters. Mexico has also declined the invitation for a similar reason. England and France are the only countries which have accepted the invitation thus far, but it is known unofficially that Russia, Germany and Italy will each send a large fleet and it is expected Japan and each of the South American countries will be represented by one or more of their best vessels.The Advertising of Hood's Sarsaparilla is always within the bounds of reason because it is true; it always appeals to the sober, common sense of thinking people because it is true; and it is always fully substantiated by inducements which, in the financial world would be accepted without a moment's notice.  
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## Late Canadian News

The Department of Agriculture  
May "Go."Big Shipments of Apples from Montreal  
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Barroom Fight.Twelve wheat trains per day leave Winnipeg for the east.  
Three million pounds of fish were caught in Lake Winnipeg the past season.

The body of Mrs. F. B. Sheppard, one of the victims of the ill-fated steamer Nashua, drifted ashore at Goderich Tuesday.

The Dominion Government has granted \$1,000 in aid of the Dominion Mining Convention to be held in Montreal next February.

Edward White, aged 15, was caught in a machine at Bathurst, N. B., yesterday, and had both arms and one leg torn off. He lived but a few minutes after the accident.

An Ottawa dispatch says the Government proposes to reduce the salaries of several of its commercial agents in England, one prominent official will lose \$500 per annum.

The Ottawa Evening Journal says: "The members of the Government have been talking over among themselves the advisability of doing away with the Department of Agriculture altogether."

Large quantities of apples are being shipped from Montreal this season. The shipments so far are 106,011 barrels, and the shipments for the present week promise to surpass any previous week.

The people of Three Rivers are very indignant about the report of the United States consul describing the unsanitary condition of the town. The Board of Trade has passed strong resolutions condemning the consul.

A thousand persons attended the opening of the new Y. M. C. A. hall at Kingston Monday. The building, on the corner of Princess and Barrie streets, is handsome and well arranged. It cost \$22,500, with \$2,000 of a debt.

At Montreal a few nights ago Charles Trudel learned that a friend of his was in a saloon drunk. Trudel went to bring his friend home, when he was set upon by one of the roughs in the room and so badly beaten that he will probably die.

At a meeting of the projectors of the Hamilton, Waterdown and Guelph Electric Railway the necessary cash for all expenses in connection with the charter and the preliminary proceedings was put up and \$50,000 worth of stock was subscribed. The company will have a capital of \$500,000.

Mr. James Leverich, lumber merchant, Port Hope, was assisting Samuel Yee Monday evening to load shingles on his wagon. Just as he had finished he was seized with heart failure and died in a very few minutes. He went to Port Hope nearly 40 years ago. He leaves a wife.

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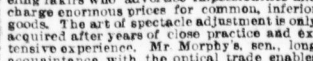
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