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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—Browning.
London, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1897.

The Day We Will Observe.
Tomorrow Canadians will celebrate the special Thanksgiving Day of 1897 with lighter and more cheerful hearts than earthly conditions have dictated for many a long day. Indeed, for the great and manifold blessings enjoyed by our people this year Thanksgiving might most appropriately be rendered daily. Peace has been maintained within our borders, while other nations have been ravaged by war, with its attendant horrors. We have been blessed with a good harvest, which is being marketed at remunerative prices. Trade has been revived, employment has been multiplied, and prosperity has taken the place so long occupied by depression. In every part of our country new industries have been springing up, and our great North-western heritage is found to be far richer in natural wealth than the most sanguine of us imagined. Even the much-despised far north rocky territory proves fabulously rich, so that while our prairies yield gold in grain the virgin soil of the foothills of the Rockies contribute their full share to our country's wealth in yield of the yellow metal itself.
Never before today has the country stood so high in the eyes of the nations of the earth in point of natural resources, of prosperous development, of social progress, and for this, too, we ought to be thankful. It has been our lot to escape pestilence and epidemic. While others were afflicted, the people of Canada have enjoyed a healthfulness excelled by no other nation on the face of the earth. With a profound thankfulness for past mercies, we can all fairly look forward with hopefulness to a period of progress in educational and industrial development that will prove beneficial to us individually and collectively. It is a prospect which admits of no gloomy forebodings or questionings as to the future, though there are many important problems yet to be solved. Canadians have now so many opportunities opening up to them for the exercise of their talents within their own borders, under most favorable conditions, that they have no excuse for indulging in pessimism. "Our faith is great in time and that which struggles to produce some potent end."

Some discussion has taken place with regard to the make-up of the Gordon Highlanders, whose valor in the Indian campaign has been the admiration of the world. The Aberdeen Journal, published in the locality where this fine regiment was originally raised, in its analysis of the killed and wounded of the Gordon Highlanders at the famous charge of Dargal, gives particulars of an interesting character. Of the total of 43, 25 are Scotch, 15 are English, two from Dublin, while one—Lance-Corporal Freestone—was born in Lucknow. Of the Scotchmen, eleven belong to Aberdeen. The colonel of the regiment is a Welshman. The piper of the Gordon Highlanders who played under fire is Lance-Corporal Milne, not Private Myles, as erroneously stated in the official telegram. He is a native of the parish of Innes, Central Aberdeenshire, and joined the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders in 1892.

Mr. Howland Deserts the Ship.
Mr. O. A. Howland, M.P.P., deserts his friends in the Ontario Legislature to accept the uncertain candidacy against Mr. George Bertram in Center Toronto Dominion bye-election.
This proves that Mr. Howland has lost all hopes of the Opposition gaining power in Ontario in the ensuing Provincial contests.
When a bye-election was held in London a year or two since, Mr. Howland was brought here and introduced as a coming Minister of the Province—as one determined to stand by Mr. Marter in the day of victory, then alleged to be imminent. Mr. Howland's influence was shown on election day, when the candidate he championed was defeated by 892 votes, and Mr. Marter soon threw up the sponge.
It is apparent that his subsequent experience in the Legislature has convinced Mr. Howland that Mr. Whitney Meredith failed to achieve, and he would fain get an excuse for shaking himself clear of the entire aggregation by accepting a nomination that was peddled all round Toronto, and refused by every leading Conservative before it was offered to him.
Feet similar to that found in Ireland has been discovered in the Blue Mountains in the county of Grey. A sample sent to the Ontario Bureau of Mines was tested, and found to be the genuine turf. This should prove a valuable industry for the North Country.

Attack on the Governor-General
A totally unfounded charge of partisanship is made against Lord Aberdeen by an anonymous correspondent in our city contemporary, the Free Press. The writer more than insinuates that Lord Aberdeen, in his dinner parties attending the change in the leadership of the Government of Ontario boycotted the members of the Opposition. The facts are plain to those who read the public press. The eve before the retirement of Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, who is a Conservative, the Governor-General gave a dinner to which were invited the personal friends of that dignitary. On the eve of Sir Oliver Mowat's assumption of the office of Lieutenant-governor, Lord Aberdeen gave another entertainment, to which were invited the personal friends of the newly-appointed representative of her Majesty in the Provincial Administration. We fail to see any cause in these simple amenities for the ungenerous anonymous attack on the Governor-General.

When the Prince and Princess of Wales were visiting an exhibition in London recently, on reaching the dairy department the princess remarked to the manager: "I have always heard that the best butter in England comes from Denmark. Is it true?" The manager hesitated a moment, and then said: "No, your highness, Denmark sends us the best princesses, but Devonshire the best butter." And he might have added that the best cheese imported comes from this fair Dominion.

A Recent Alleged Discovery.
A recent "sensation" printed by some of our contemporaries, purporting to be the alleged report of Pontius Pilate to the Roman authorities on the trial of Jesus Christ, is not taken much stock in by paleographers. Indeed, it is held by the leading librarian of New York city to bear on its face evidence of being an impudent forgery. The length of the report, says this authority, is a condemnation in itself. Roman officials were men of action, not men of words, and their reports were brief and to the point. Consult any authentic report, such as Pliny's letter to the Emperor Trajan, and it will be seen that these officials were instructed to confine themselves to such points as interested Rome, and that they told their stories without needless comment. From the point of view of Rome, the execution of Christ was a very insignificant affair, which Pilate could (and probably did) dispose of in a few brief paragraphs. That Pilate made a report is not denied. It is probable he did, and it is possible that it may be discovered, but the alleged "report" published is certainly not the genuine article, for, in the second place, Pilate is made to speak of things that happened after his procuratorship expired. (1) He speaks of "Christians"—a name that was not used until years after his death. (2) He speaks of Dionysius the Areopagite's saying at the time of the crucifixion. Now, in this statement there are two impossibilities. How could Pilate know what Dionysius said at the crucifixion, since that philosopher was in Egypt at the time? Did they have "long distance telephones" in the apostolic age? His title "the Areopagite" was not suitable until he was a member of the "Areopagus" in Athens, which honor was not conferred upon him until long after the crucifixion. In the third place, Pilate reports to the emperor that his secretary, Manilius, was the grandson of the chief of the conspirators in the time of Cataline. It is difficult to understand why this superfluous information, which has no bearing on the case in hand, should have been embodied in an official report. What did Tiberius care about the antecedents of a servant of his procurator? And if he did care, he had his own records to inform him. It looks as if the forger put in this bit of local color to give, as Pooh Bah says, "an air of verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unattractive narrative." Let us analyze it. The conspiracy of Cataline was in B. C. 63, and a "chief" conspirator must have been, at least, 30 years of age, to command any respect. The crucifixion, according to the consensus of Biblical chronologers, was in A. D. 30; hence we have (30 plus 63 plus 29) 122 years from the birth of Manilius grandpère to the secretaryship of his grandson. Let us say Manilius III. was only 20 years of age, in A. D. 30; then we have (122 minus 20) 102 years for two generations, or an average of 51 years for each! In a warm climate like Italy, where the toga virilis was assumed at 14 years of age at this time, this is simply absurd.

In the fourth place, Pilate says that the crucifixion was about the time of the Ides of March; that is, on March 15. Now, it is a well-established fact that the Jews did not celebrate their Passover (at which festival Christ was crucified) before the vernal equinox, which fell, by the Roman calendar, at this time, on March 25. Still, perhaps, it may not be fair to press this point too literally. The church fathers who profess to quote from the acts of Pilate are quite unanimous in saying that in that document the crucifixion was declared to be on March 25. Let us give the new "report" the benefit of the doubt and assume that March 25 was the date intended. Now, unless we are prepared to throw overboard all we know about the Hebrew calendar of this period, March 25 could not possibly have been the date of the crucifixion in any possible year in which scholars have placed that event. For if the Hebrew calendar was, as is supposed, lunar, and if the crucifixion was on the 14th day of the first lunar month (as is universally believed), and on a Friday (as the Gospels unmistakably

declare), then it is certain that the 14th day of the first Hebrew month could not have fallen on a Friday and on March 25, in any year from 26 to 36 A. D., during which Pilate ruled, and during which period alone was the crucifixion possible.

This evidence makes it pretty conclusive that the "report" is only another evidence of the frauds with which the Christian world was deluged during the first few hundred years of its existence.

The Conservatives of South Perth will meet in convention at Mitchell on Dec. 16 to select a candidate for the Provincial Legislature. The Liberal candidate is already in the field.

Miss Eliza Rühmaheld Schidmore, whose book, "Java: the Garden of the East," will appear in a few days, contributes an article on "The Wonderful Morning-Glories of Japan" to the December Century, illustrated with a great number of drawings, including several by Japanese artists.

Rudyard Kipling's first "Just-So" story, which will appear in the Christmas number of St. Nicholas, is illustrated by Oliver Herford. It is the first of a series of fantastic stories about animals.

ONE MISTAKE AND ANOTHER.
[Sydney Standard.]
A college professor who misled himself on his correct English heard his wife remark: "I intended to tell Jane to bring a fresh bucket of water." "You doubtless meant a bucket of fresh water," corrected the professor. "I wish you would pay more attention to your rhetoric. Your mistakes are curious." A few moments later he said: "My dear, that picture would show to better advantage if you were to hang it over the clock." "Ah," she replied, quietly, "you doubtless mean if I were to hang it above the clock. If I were to hang it over the clock we could not tell the time. I wish you would be more careful with your rhetoric, my dear; your mistakes are curious."

16 Below Zero!
Decidedly Frigid Temperature in the Northwest.
Havre, Montana, the Coldest Place in the Country—Fierce Gale on the Atlantic.
Chicago, Nov. 23.—The first winter weather of the season is enveloping the whole middle south and west today, the line of freezing temperature extending as far south as Central Texas. As up in the northwest it is decidedly frigid. The coldest place in the country is Havre, Mont., where 16 degrees below zero was chronicled last night, while zero weather is being experienced as far east as Missouri. It is below that point through North Dakota.

At St. Paul it was 8 above today; at Chicago 18 above and at St. Louis 26 above, the latter being the average temperature down into Texas. The cold wave is moving rapidly eastward, and the Atlantic coast will from all indications have plenty of frost for Thanksgiving. By Thursday according to the weather bureau officials, it will be much milder.

ICE-COATED VESSELS.
Mackinac City, Nov. 23.—Passing steamers are heavily coated with ice. The wind continues strong and cold from the west.

PIERCE GALE.
St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 24.—The third disabled vessel to be wrecked here has just arrived. She is the steamer Phylas, Capt. Strachan, 12 days from Philadelphia, for Aberdeen, with a cargo of grain. During Sunday's hurricane her cargo shifted and her machinery was disabled.

The steamer Goodwin and Forester arrived here yesterday morning. The story told by the crew of the Phylas is similar to theirs. Both represent the case as the fiercest on record, and in each case the ship narrowly escaped foundering.

HIS BED A FURNACE.
Intoxicated Man Went to Sleep in a Cold Furnace—Fire Was Started Up and He Will Die.
Trenton, N. J., Nov. 24.—Patrick Comery, 28 years old, while intoxicated on Saturday night, crawled into a cold furnace in the works of the New Jersey Steel and Iron Company and went to sleep. The furnace was filled with material to start the fire. Shortly after midnight one of the employees of the works lighted a fire in the furnace and began to shovel in soft coal. The grate is very large, and Comery was asleep in the back end. When awakened by the smoke and heat the wood nearest the door was burning fiercely. The only means of escape was by the door.


Comery crawled across the wood and then made a dash for the door, throwing which the furnaceman uttered a shriek and fainted. Both were found unconscious by those who answered the cry of the furnaceman. Subsequently Comery was taken to St. Francis' Hospital. He was horribly burned about the face, neck and hands. It is thought impossible that he can recover as he inhaled the flames.

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