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The Government deserve honour for the ready and fearless way in which instructions have been given not to issue any more licenses to American fishing vessels, under the *Modus Vivendi*. Some of the leases expired on the 31st January and have not been renewed; the remainder, which were issued for one year from date, will expire during the early summer.

A curious event lately occurred in California. A tree on a mountain, in Alpine County, Cal., was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm. The fluid followed the trunk into the ground, and immediately there burst forth a brilliant fire, which has continued to burn ever since. It is believed the lightning ignited a bed of coal, which is now feeding the flame.

The swell families of New York seem to be going to bring again into fashion the shorts and black silk hose of their forefathers, before, during, and even after the Revolution. At the most brilliant ball of the season so far in New York a half dozen of gentlemen were thus arrayed, and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has asked the same gentlemen to bedeck themselves in the same garb for her next dancing party.

The Secretary of State has received from the United States Minister to Great Britain a telegram stating that the British Government has notified him of its acceptance of the invitation to the International Maritime Conference, to be held in Washington this autumn, subject to certain reservations as to the nature of the particular questions to be submitted, and to the necessity of ratification by powers represented.

Mr. Gladstone does not seem to be aware that Canada claims Mr. Edison, the inventor, as one of her sons, having said, in speaking through Edison's phonograph: "Your great country is leading the way in the important work of invention, and heartily do we wish it well." Edison's parents were Canadians and Edison himself spent the best years of his life in Canada, although, by the accident of birth, he is an American citizen.

Mr. John Lowe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, has gone to the Maritime Provinces to make arrangements for the reception of immigrants next season. The present indications are that the volume of immigration this year will be much greater than last. Mr. Lowe has been practically the Minister of Immigration, and knows more about that great movement than any one in Canada. His judgment and discrimination are equalled only by his energy.

A theological student at Albert College, Belleville, Ont., Charles Edwards has been advised by an unknown friend in England, that he is heir to an estate valued at several hundred thousand pounds. He came to Canada with a lot of friendless waifs, and found a home at Marchmont, Belleville, being subsequently adopted by a farmer in Thurlow, named Edwards, whose name he bears. By his own industry he was educating himself for the ministry. It is said he was the victim of an unscrupulous relative, who thought to cheat him out of his fortune.

The Americans are only helping us, while they mean to harm. The Ottawa lumbermen are re-

joining over a measure introduced into the United States House of Representatives by Mr. Farquhar, of Buffalo. They hope to see it become law. Mr. Farquhar's bill, they claim, will simply protect Canadian forests from the American invader. It provides that no raft of logs or timber shall be brought into or taken out of any harbour, port of the United States, nor brought into or upon any of the great lakes from any river, stream, port or place in the Dominion of Canada or any other foreign port.

While the Knickerbockers of New York are going back to the garb of their forefathers, there is a leaning in London toward another olden form of raiment. A notion is taken from a fashion-plate of the Directoire, the Consulate or the Empire, and a little added here, or pruned off there, and the result is a modernized Directoire coat and skirts, or a short-waisted Empire gown and wide sash. The last style, however, has to be more modified than the first, as the English women do not, as yet, take as kindly to the high waist as their French sisters, not having discovered that, to a really good figure, it is by no means unbecoming.

## THE GREAT CARNIVAL OF THE NORTH.

If the question were asked, "What is the most striking characteristic of Canada?" the answer would undoubtedly be—its Winter Carnival. It has about it a picturesqueness that is distinctively Canadian, a freedom that well comports with our institutions, and a sense of enjoyment such as only obtains in a climate where winter occupations and winter pastimes are possible. The Ice Palace, fashioned by the hands of skilful workmen, may be said to represent the strength and beauty and rugged grandeur of the Canadian character, while the varied pleasures in which our people take part during the winter months lend tone and colour and warmth to a picture which has left its impress on the minds of multitudes of men from other lands. If nature has been lavish in her distribution of keen frosts and snowfalls in these northern latitudes, she has, with due regard for the law of compensation, been equally lavish in her distribution of the physical qualities which enable our people to make the most of them. The outdoor enjoyments of a Canadian winter are a perpetual tonic, and play an important part in building up a community of men and women, whose ancestors came from beyond the sea to found a new nation and unfold for the records of civilization the pages of half a continent. Of such a land Whittier must have spoken with inspired thought when he said:

"I hear the tread of pioneers  
Of nations yet to be,  
The first low wash of waves where soon  
Shall roll a human sea."

Our people display the true philosophical spirit when they make the best of the conditions by which they are environed, and the Winter Carnival, with its Ice Palace and concomitant pastimes, proves to the world that climatic conditions, which at first appear to be harsh and inhospitable, can be made subservient to the purposes and pleasures of a progressive people. During the winter months Montreal becomes the Mecca of pleasure seekers from other climes, and the eagerness with which they look forward to the return of the Carnival season, and the zeal with which they enter into the enjoyments pertaining to it, reflect the