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London, Wednesday, January 26, 1898 A New Industry for Ontario Farmers.

The new president of the Toronto Soard of Trade, on taking office yesterday, announced that the largest chicory producing firms in the world had decided to open a branch business in Ontario. It has been found by this company, after expert examination of the soil, that certain parts of the Province—the southwest, if we mistake not-are especially adapted to the

developed in this Province.

Chicory, or the wild endive, is a Europe. It has also been naturalized newer movement. in some of the older settlements on this continent. It blossoms in August by Mr. Blake and leading Irishmen at though under cultivation it may be brought to a height of six feet. The root is fleshy and milky. Chicory was formerly used to a considerable extent for medicinal purposes, and is still thought by some to be beneficial, if taken freely, in the early stages of jaundice and visceral obstructions. Of late, it has been employed almost exclusively as a substitute for coffee, or in the adulteration of that article. When prepared for this purpose, the roots are dried and reduced to powder, which resembles in color ground coffee. In England, large crops of the plant are grown for adulterating coffee, and the sale of the mixed article is legalized under the proviso that each package be labeled "Mixture of coffee and chicory." It is asserted that when grown on suitable soil the crop of chicory will average not less than ten tons of the raw root per acre, and that such a yield would prove profitable to the farmers of Ontario. The be watched with interest.

It turns out that one reason why Seattle merchants capture so much of the market for supplies in the Klondike is because they effectively advertise. Canadian outfitters will always be at a disadvantage if they do not fight the foreigner with the best of all commercial weapons—judicious newspaper publicity.

Candidates "to Burn."

Any little friction that is occurring in the Liberal ranks in the constituencles seems to arise from a plethora of candidates. The Government, it is recognized, will be sustained, and there is a strong desire on the part of more than one able man, in almost every constituency, to carry its standard to victory. This is one of the most reassuring omens that presents itself. But these preliminary differences of opinion should be speedily disposed of, and candidates should be put in the field in every constituency without lurther delay.

Our manufacturing industries continue to find profitable trade increasing. At Almonte, Ont., six woolen mills which were closed down for nearly two years, under the old condition of affairs, are all running full time, and some overtime.

Taking Up New Lands.

Not for five years were the sales of ceipts were \$20,000 in excess of the best previous record in the last five years. The sales were \$104,700 last year; in 1896 they were \$71,796; in 1895, \$69,-358; in 1894, \$70,633, and in 1893, \$83,734. This year there are already many evidences that the increase will be still greater. Canada is bound to advance at every point.

Family Affairs Only.

Great comfort has been taken by Oppapers in the fact that in South Toronto the Liberal clubs are so anxious to share in the honors of organizing for victory in the coming Provincial contest, that they have been having a little falling out as to the best means to be adopted. It is a pity to deprive the poor fellows in the cold shades of any comfort they can conjure up from these little family broils that occur, as our Conservative friends know, in the best regulated political households. But we would like to remind them of the terrible conditions of effairs which they reported as existing in Quebec city a few weeks ago. The Conservative newspapers were certain then that a Liberal family dispute was permanent disruption, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's star had gone down, to rise no mere. Our Liberal friends in Quebec simply smiled-and got together. When the Dominion bye-election took place in the historic city on Monday a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was elected by acclamation, and Western Opposition newspapers which had been banking on the yellow jour-

Hon. Edward Blake, M. P. for South Longford, has not been idle. The question of home rule is at present in abeyance in Ireland, and our fellow-countryman is now engaged in helping the agitation for obtaining better terms in national taxation, in accordance with the report of the British royal commissioners. Those commissioners reached the conclusion that, taking into consideration the conditions of the two countries, Ireland was overtaxed by at least \$15,000,000 a year.

It has been the duty of Mr. Blake and his fellow Irish members to keep alive the agitation for the remedy of this grievance, and it says a good deal for their persistence that the member growth of chicory. As the output of for South Longford and his friends the firm is over 160,000,000 pounds of have managed to enlist in their cause prepared chicory annually, it can easily not a few prominent Irishmen who be seen how the industry could be have not seen eye to eye with them as to the best way to govern the island. Among others, the Earl of Mayo, Lord plant belonging to the same family as Castletown, and other prominent opthe dandelion, and is found growing ponents of home rule have not hesitated wild in England and in most parts of to join hands with Mr. Blake in this

Two great meetings were addressed and September, and has a bright bine Drogheda and Longford, ten days ago, flower. In its natural state, the stem at which resolutions were passed rises from one to three feet in height, strongly indorsing the stand taken by them. The contention of Mr. Balfour that because the British Government has recently granted \$3,500,000 a year in relief of Irish agriculture, the agitation for a revision of national taxation, as applied to Ireland, should cease, was ridiculed by Mr. Blake in his masterly exposition of the relations of the two divisions of Great Britain. This relief. it was shown, was also granted to agriculture in England and Scotland; in fact, had been awarded to these partners in the British firm two years before it was extended to Ireland. The granting of the \$3,500,000, therefore, did not blot out a penny of the \$15,000,000 excessive taxation found by the British royal commission to be collected yearly from the island

This over-taxation might be borne with some degree of patience but for the drain on Ireland's resources arising from absentee landlordism; but in any case, in view of the report of the development of the new industry will royal commissioners, chosen not by freland, but by the British Parliament, the attitude taken by Mr. Blake and those associated with him in the advocacy for Ireland. There should certainly be equity and justice for the island, as the act of union promised, and as the royal commissioners stipulated. It is scarcely fair play for the present British Government to repudiate the findings of so able and unprejudiced a body merely because their predecessors were responsible for its appointment.

> A Perth county footpad held up a candidate for the Legislature, and only found a dollar or two in his pockets. Can it be that the candidate had previously put his wad in a snow-

> Sir F. D. Middleton, keeper of the crown jewels in the Tower of London, is dead. Deceased will be remembered by Canadians as the commander of the Canadian militia at the time of the Riel rebellion in 1885.

Pushing Anglo-Canadian Trade. If Canadian producers take care to market the yield of their farms, dairies and orchards in the best possible condition, it is made apparent that the Department of Agriculture will see to it that the cold storage arrangements by rail and steamship are ample for all requirements. This year it is understood that a weekly service will be given to both Liverpool and Glasgow, such as we now have to Dominion lands in the Northwest as Bristol. The accommodation in many great as they were in 1897. The re- of the boats will also be improved. Our trade with Great Britain, enormously increased though it was last year, will under the new preferential tariff be further greatly augmented in the twelve months just entered on.

> The Stratford Beacon represents the Sentinel-Review, of Woodstock, as chuckling because it is soon to have a reformatory in its midst. The reformatory will be established in Oxford county all right, but it requires more room than the midst of our sprightly Woodstock contemporary.

SWINOLOGICAL. [Brantford Expositor.] The latest report from Mr. St. John

is that he talked pig till a sty grew on his eye.

BEARDED LADIES IN PRIVATE LIFE.

[London Daily Mail.] Miss Annie Jones, the bearded lady at Barnum & Bailey's, only enjoys her monopoly of that department of the freak business by the courtesy of many ladies who could offer some sort of rivalry to her, although, perhaps, not to the same degree. For the cases of superfluous hair in the weaker sex run into many thousands. From Mrs. Bailin, who relieves

the distress of the ladies so embarrassed, a Daily Mail reporter recently obtained some startling statistics. "In the course of my experience, stretching over the last seven years," said Mrs. Ballin, "I have met with 10,000 cases. During the past year I gave no fewer than 2,300 sitings for electrolysis, removing at each sitting from 40 to 50 hairs; and dur-ing the year 1896, 1,800 sittings, so I

am convinced the trouble is distinctly

Hon. Edward Blake's Labors for ciety in London, had to take two hours in the morning to pluck out the hairs with a pair of tweezers, and they Since his return to the old world, Ion. Edward Blake, M. P. for South withdraw others."

grew so quickly that if she were going out in the evening she had to Thus he chants:

SOME COMPARISONS

[St. Thomas Journal.] When Mr. Whitney was on his last stumping tour he claimed that the mining bill was under discussion in the House. Mr. Whitney had not one suggestion to make, no change to propose, no adverse criticism to make. On the stump Mr. Whitney denounced the sale of mining lands to the Engledue Syndicate as most objectionable. In the House the Government challenged Mr. Whitney to investigate, discuss or consider, and not a word did the leader of the Opposition say. On the stump, Mr. Whitney and his friends told of the iniquities in connection with the education department. But if the journels of the House are searched from beginning to end, no motion or resolution from Mr. Whitney or his friends advising any change

Consistency is a jewel, exceedingly rare in the composition of the Opposition.

is recorded.

BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO THE COL-ONIES

Truly ye come of the Blood; slower to bless than to ban: Little use to lie down to the bidding of Flesh of the flesh that I bred, bred of

the bone that I bare; Stark as your sons shall be-stern your fathers were. Deeper than speech our love, stronger than life our tether, But we do not fall on the neck nor kiss

when we come together. My arm is nothing weak, my strength is not gone by; Sons, I have borne many sons, but my dugs are not yet dry. Look, I have made ye a place and opened wide the doors,

That ye may talk together, your Barons and Councilors-Wards of the Outer March, Lord of the Lower Seas, Ay, talk to your gray mother that bore you all on her knees!-

That ye may talk together, brother to brother's face-Thus for the good of your peoples-thus for the Pride of the Race. Also, we will make promise. So long as the Blood endures, I shall know that your good is mine;

yours: In the day of Armageddon, at the last great fight of all. That Our House shall stand together and the pillars do not fall. Draw now the three-fold knot upon the nine-fold bands,

shall feel that my strength is

And the Law that ye made shall be law after the rule of your lands; This for the Maple Leaf, and that for the Southern Broom, The Law that ye make shall be law I do not press my will Because ye are Sons of the Blood and

call me Mother still. we must speak to your kinsmen, and they must speak to you, After the use of the English, straight-flung words and few: Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways,

Baulking the end half-won for an instant dole of praise. Stand to your work and be wisetain of sword and pen, Who are neither children nor Gods, but men in a world of men.

> -Rudyard Kipling. The Highbinders.

Terrors of Life in a Western Chinatown.

The Hatchet-Men Sacrifice More Lives, But Will Be Routed.

Another victim at the hands of the highbinders lies dead in San Francisco from a dozen ghastly wounds. knife of the hatchet men is again being brandished in the alleys of Chinatown. The highbinders of the Pacific coast are creeping out of their holes of concealment where they withdrew after the determined onslaught made by the police in 1890. Then it was supposed that highbinderism as a power had been squelched forever in this section of the country at least. Recent developments have proved the facts

The latest victim was a man of the highest rank, a venerable priest of the Lee Yup Society, one Chow Kung Lang. He had been marked for death before, but had escaped in safety the treacherous blade of the hatchet-man. But he who has been set apart by this band of assassins and blackmailers, though he may escape once from their clutches, lives to enjoy only a short reprieve. Their enmity means certain death. These secret associations of highbinders, with headquarters in every city of the country which contains any Chinese population at all, have their parent root in China, contrary to the report that highbinderism is strictly indigenous to this country. The original organization is known as the Triad Society, so called because the three powers of heaven, earth and man are held by its members in mystic veneration. At one time their revolutionary conspiracies were formed with such inscrutable secrecy and under such artful disguises that all the vigilance of the Chinese government and the ablest detective service in the world, failed to discover the plotters until the Tai Ping rebellion broke out, which shook the empire to its foundations and devastated ten provinces with fire and sword. Thirty years ago the American branch of the Triads was established here under the name of the Chee Kung Tong, known east of the Mississippi River as the Yee Hing Oey, or Society of Righteous Brethren. The headquarters of the Tong are on Spofford's alley, San Francisco, and it was during a raid there made by the police that a manual was found, giving a detailed account of the nature and history of Triadism. It seems that the original purpose of its founders was to avenge a cruel massacre and to break off a hated foreign yoke. They sought to accomplish their ends by methods more secret and infernal than those adopted by Nihilists or the Clan-na-Gael. Although the

original purpose is now entirely lost, none of its blood-curdling terrorism has vanished, and in external manifestation it remains the same. Its ritual is elaborate, its secret signs and words unlimited, and its rite of initiation terrifying to the neophyte. Yet its ceremonies are picturesque and awe-in-spiring. Quaintly robed men, doorkeepers armed with spears and swords, fierce lictors, a magnificent altar with nal yarns sent out by the sensational correspondents, were dumbfounded. They found out how badly they had been sold. Liberals can frankly disapere, but in the face of the enemy they units to triumph. The general election results will show this.

Increasing.

"I have had cases in which I removed as many as 15,000 hairs from one lady's face. One lady I have cured, and who has now gone abroad to enjoy herself, had not for five years previously seen even any member of lady's face. One lady I have cured, and who has now gone abroad to enjoy herself, had not for five years previously seen even any member of lady in the larget without being jeered and offers worship. Incense is burned, and offers worship. Incense is burned, and 35 solemn oaths are chanted. A rooster's head is cut off, and as the

to refuse obedience to its mandates. By this red drop of blood on finger tip

The secrets of the Tong I never will declare, Seven gaping wounds shall drain my life away Should I to alien ears my sacred trust betray.

Once Triadism may have been a noble association to avenge a great wrong. It is now but a rendezvous of assassins. The secret formulae and passwords has given the impression often that Chu Kung Tong is a reputable kind of free masonry. It has beeen granted a respectability that has cloaked its true character. J. S. Hopper, of Canton, says: "There is no more resemblance between free masonry in this country and the Yee Hing Society than there is between the G. A. R. and certain bands of well-known anarchists.' The local societies enroll in their

membership some of the worst desperadoes that ever came out of the flowery kingdom. They, whose heads might have been suspended long since from the gateposts of their native cities had they remained in China, have found a haven in America under lax laws and certain kinds of governmental munificence.

The mischief which they accomplish is insidious. They command unlimited funds, and may therefore interfere with the righteous administration of jus-They employ counsel, suborn perjury, bribe the venal, employ agents to intimidate, and it is impossible to secure the conviction of a criminal under their protection. Many an innocent man now languishes in prison, convicted on the trumped-up charges of highbinder conspirators.

These hatchet-men, armed with knives, revolvers, cudgels, and protected with chain armor, have all these years defied the laws of our country, terrorized fellow denizens, and forced tribute. Victims submit, for resistance has seemed to be in vain. A Chinaman has considered it wiser to pay the demanded percentage on his earnings and profits than to defy the ruffians and

then lose his life. Repeated raids on their headquarters by the police, the demoralization of all the material possessions, does not serve to annihilate the pest, only to scatter the rodents into their holes for the time being. They cannot be proceeded against by regular legal process because it is not known against whom to bring action. Doors are closely guarded, and none have ever succeeded in getting behind the scenes to report proceedings or gather evidence. No white man can do it, and no Chinaman has sufficient courage.

All that the police have done in the

past to destroy this form of ruffianism has been upheld and encouraged and indorsed by the celebrated Six Compa ies, an organization of all the Chinese who come to this country and a society formed for mutual benefit. Whenever a raid occurs honest Chinese are wild with joy. Merchants chuckle and coolies breathe freer. For some years the Six Companies have employed inspectors to assist in detecting crimes. Seections for a new and particularly large force have now been made. The Six Companies seem to be determined in their latest resolution. It is rumored that a genuine detective force consisting of Chinese has been obtained. They are men with an established reputation for veracity, men whose oaths are believed. Now the battle against highbinderism has begun in earnest. It is doubtful whether its assassins will ever again open fire in public streets or "wash the body" of a victim, as they term the baptism of

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