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—Dippers.
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—Pudding Pans, 2, 3 and 4 quarts.
—Wash Bowls.

At 25c Apiece.

—Covered Sauce Pans, large size.
—Soup Dishes, covered.
—Tea Kettles, No. 7.
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—Round Dish Pans.
—Oval Dish Pans.

These goods have just been opened out and now await your inspection. At these prices they are not likely to remain here very long.

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WHAT PROHIBITIONISTS ASK

They Object to the Direct Taxation Query Being Introduced.

Legislation Committee of the Dominion Met in Ottawa Yesterday and Decided to Ask the Government to Have the Plebiscite on the Single Issue, Prohibition.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Legislative Committee of the Dominion Alliance held its annual meeting to-day. Senator Vidal presided. In opening he said there were really very few matters to be brought before the meeting, as the Plebiscite bill is not yet ready. He was distinctly opposed to the introduction of any extraneous matter into the plebiscite. There would probably come in the course of time an occasion when the compensation of liquor dealers would be considered.

Mr. Flint also spoke against anything being brought into the bill other than prohibition.

Mr. F. S. Spence took the view that the Plebiscite bill is to be a measure of the Government, not of temperance people. It was the liquor victuallers who had asked that the Government put in the query as to direct taxation when the plebiscite measure is formed. As to the question of prohibition, Mr. Spence thought there had been perhaps a more definite expression of opinion upon it than any other issue of late years.

Dr. Macdonald's Suggestion.

Dr. Macdonald urged that the Dominion Alliance instead of waiting till the bill is framed submit their representations at once as to what they would like to see in it. To this end he would suggests that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Government. Rev. Dr. Saunders supported this proposal. The question of what voters' lists should be used was talked over, and the impression prevailed that by the time the vote is taken the new franchise law will be in force.

Mr. Henderson, M.P., made a strong address upon the prohibition measure. He spoke of Sir Oliver Mowat's attitude, and pictured him as holding up his sanctimonious hands last year. Sir Oliver was fond of talking of burdens, compensations, etc.

Dr. Macdonald: What have we got to do with Mowat in this meeting?

Mr. Henderson: But we had to do with him last year, and my own impression is that we may have much to do with him yet. [Hear, hear.] The whole thing is a political question.

Whiskey in the Yukon.

Mr. J. M. Dougall of Montreal was favorable to interviewing the Government upon anything that was not a foregone conclusion. He urged that the Government take steps to see that liquor is kept out of the Yukon district.

Mr. W. H. Orr of Toronto favored having the vote stand over till the people are out at the polls. About Jan. 1, when the municipal elections take place, he thought, was the best season.

A resolution was presented by Mr. Carson of Montreal, favoring the appointment of a committee to wait upon the Government for the purpose of pressing that the single issue of prohibition be included in the measure, that it further be submitted for a vote at the earliest possible date. After some further discussion it was declared carried.

Rev. Dr. Saunders of Ottawa, Mr. J. M. Dougall of Montreal, Mr. F. S. Spence of Toronto, Mr. W. H. Orr of Toronto, were appointed as said committee. Mr. J. M. Dougall of Montreal introduced a resolution, which met with unanimous support, that the Government withhold the issue of any whiskey permits for the Yukon or the routes thereto.

The deputation saw the Premier to-night and laid their views before him. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply, said all the Government desired was to get an honest expression of opinion. There was no disguising the fact that if prohibition were adopted revenue would have to be made up. The Government had not yet made up its mind as to the particular form in which the question would be put, and the views of the deputation would receive careful consideration.

Death of a Mining Magnate.

London, Feb. 8.—Hugh Matheson, head of the firm of Jardine, Matheson & Company, and President of the Rio Tinto Mining Company, is dead.

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IT'S A MONSTROUS JOB.

The McKenzie-Mann contract for building a narrow gauge railway from the Stikine River to Teslin Lake as presented in Parliament yesterday is much worse than the public have been led to believe. It is an iniquitous project in every sense of the term. There is no protection to the public. Everything in it is in the interest of the contractors and those behind them. Mr. Blair made a labored effort to defend the contract, but the more he explained the worse it appeared. The road is, say, 150 miles at the most. It is through a comparatively easy country. It is to be built of second-hand rails. The ties are on the ground. The grading for a narrow gauge railway is extremely light. It will not cost $10,000 a mile, or anything like it. The only plea put forward is that of urgency. There is no genuine emergency. But for this temporary emergency, nearly four million acres of the pick of the gold fields of the Yukon are given to the contractors. A monopoly of the worst kind, under no regulation for years, is created, development in other directions is prevented, and the hold of the great railway monopoly on Canada is vastly strengthened. The World trusts that the project, as outlined in the contract, will not be sanctioned by Parliament, but that it will be delayed in the House and defeated in the Senate. Let the Government withdraw their bill, make a contract for building the road, compensate the contractors for any loss, avoid monopoly and keep the mining lands for the people. The project as outlined, if attempted to be carried out or sanctioned by Parliament, will justly end in the defeat of the Laurier Government. The Drummond Counties, the Crow's Nest Pass, the old C.P.R. deal, are not in it with this last project.

THE GAS COMPANY'S STATEMENT.

The audit of the Gas Company's annual statement, submitted to the Council by Mr. Trew, may be intelligible to experts, but the people who have to pay Mr. Trew's bill will find little in it which they can understand or appreciate. Some few statements there are which the auditor has made clear enough, apparently for a purpose. We are given to understand that the Act of 1887, in virtue of which the city is supposed to have a right to a reduction in the price of gas from time to time, is hardly worth the paper it is written on. Although a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario has decided that the city is entitled to redress under that Act, and although the case is now sub judice, we have Mr. Trew's assurance that the Act is worthless and of no benefit to the citizens. Mr. Trew's opinion may be worth a good deal on some subjects, but on an intricate matter of law the people would probably prefer to have the advice of a lawyer or the finding of a judge rather than that of an accountant.

Another emphatic statement made by Mr. Trew is that the reductions that have been made from time to time since 1887 have not been made because of the provision in the Act of that year, but through the active competition of the electric companies for cheaper light and heat. The inference is that if we had not had this competition the rates would remain in 1898 as they were in 1887; that is to say, the Consumers' Gas Company would still be charging us $1.25 per thousand, although it has been proved that the several reductions already made have not only not injured the company financially, but have been of benefit to it. The company did not reduce the price of gas on any occasion until it was compelled to do so by outside competition. We have its figures to show that the company is in a better condition than it was ten years ago. If the auditor's statement proves anything it proves that the company have pursued a dog-in-the-manger policy, refusing to extend a benefit to their customers although such benefit was reciprocally advantageous to themselves. Whatever they did do was done under pressure from without.

The auditor states that the receipts last year were $20,000 less than the preceding year, when the rates were higher. Such a reduction was to be expected. In every case where a cut has been made in the rate the receipts for the following year have showed a decrease, but during the next year and thereafter the receipts have increased rapidly until they exceeded all previous records. The same thing will happen again. The receipts for 1898 will, we venture to say, exceed those of 1897. Notwithstanding the poor mouth the company are putting on we notice they are still able to pay 10 per cent. dividends, build six miles of extensive mains into the suburbs and to set aside a large sum to strengthen their already impregnable reserve.

The most important point in regard to the gas question is the ascertainment of the lowest price at which gas can be sold and still allow the company its maximum dividends. We have had several reductions during the past ten years, but there is nothing to prove that the rate last struck is the lowest the business will stand. As a matter of fact everything goes to show that the strength of the company would not be jeopardized in the least if a much larger reduction than has heretofore taken place were made.

The World's principal complaint against the Consumers' Gas Company is that it has in the past pursued a dog-in-the-manger policy and still continues to pursue it. The population of Toronto was about as large ten years ago as it is to-day, and if ninety-cent gas would pay under the conditions that prevail during the present year it would have paid equally as well in 1887. We have no doubt that in the course of five years gas will be reduced to seventy-five or, more likely, sixty cents. Gas at seventy-five cents would pay just as well this year as it will when it is adopted five years hence. Why don't the Consumers' Gas Company abandon their dog-in-the-manger policy and let the people have the benefit of an immediate reduction when it can be given without in the least injuring the company's financial standing?

AN IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

In the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General at the opening of Parliament there occurs the following passage, which will everywhere be received with the greatest satisfaction: "The action of the Imperial Government in denouncing the treaties with Germany and Belgium also affords most satisfactory evidence of their desire to facilitate your efforts to promote the closest possible commercial relations between Canada and the remainder of the empire, and will, I trust, contribute materially to the development of Imperial trade." This would seem to indicate that there are to be further efforts on the part of the Government to promote inter-British trade, and we heartily wish that these may have every possible success.

Although there is no doubt that it was the Canadian Government and Parliament which struck the first blow towards abrogating the treaties, it must not be forgotten that the more immediate cause of their denouncement was the following resolution passed by the conference of Premiers during the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee:

"The Premiers of the self-governing colonies unanimously and earnestly recommend the denunciation at the earliest convenient time of any treaty now hampering the commercial relations between Great Britain and her colonies."

Not only did the Premiers thus request the British Government to denounce the treaties, but they also promised in such event to endeavor to obtain in their respective colonies preferential treatment for English goods. In an interview with a Reuter representative Sir George Turner of Victoria said that he was now prepared to ask the people of that colony to increase the duties as against foreign countries. He said also that the conferences had achieved much in making the Premiers acquainted with each other's views and with those of the Imperial Government, but to discuss these fully would require a month of daily conferences at the Colonial Office without the distraction of entertainment. The holding of such conferences periodically was also approved by the Premiers, and it is therefore natural enough to enquire when the representatives of the colonies are likely to meet again. As was said by The London Times, so long ago as July 5, 1897:

"These communities are now ready to draw closer the ties which bind them into one empire, as soon as the wisdom of statesmen, the maturing of public opinion and the growth of the material links shall enable effect to be given to the wishes shown by all."

Now, these be fine words and fine phrases about closer union, preferential trade and Imperial federation, but it is uncertain as to when these are to be translated into positive and effective deeds. We have nothing of this sort to expect from England, for her statesmen are waiting on 'colonial overtures." In Liverpool, on Jan. 18 last, Mr. Chamberlain declared: "It is not for us to take the initiative. We would rather follow than lead; but what I think we have already accomplished is to convince our colonists, wherever they live, however far their home may be from the centre and the Mother Land, that we, at any rate, are prepared to meet them more than half way in any approach which they may make to us, or in any desire which they may express for this closer union."

From this it appears that, if action is to be taken, the colonies must move, and that Canada, which possesses the hegemony of the outer empire, should lead the way in demanding a conference for arranging the details of a closer union for commerce and defence between this country "and the remainder of the empire." The Canadian Government must, however, in order to influence our sister colonies in the right direction, propose a principle of union, and nothing of that sort is likely to obtain more general acceptance than the Hofmeyr plan, proposed in 1887, viz., A revenue duty on foreign importations into every part of the empire, the proceeds to be applied to naval defence. That is an Imperial idea and merits an Imperial conference for its settlement. Let us then call on the Government for a conference, and for one truly Imperial, at which representatives can appear, not only for the Mother Country and the colonies, but also for the numerous Crown colonies and British dependencies throughout the world.

A RECORD MONTH FOR THE KOOTENAY.

While the Klondike is absorbing universal attention, from a newspaper point of view. West Kootenay is quietly forging ahead and creating for itself an enviable record. The mineral output of the district during January last was $1,200,000, which is a gain of $517,952 over that for 1897, or an increase of close upon 100 per cent. There are only three states in the Union that passed the January record of West Kootenay. The average production of all metals in Montana last year was $3,252,291 per month. Colorado averaged $2,914,735 and California averaged $1,569,235. West Kootenay had exported up to January 29, a total of $1,193,458. This puts the district fourth in the list of producers on this continent, with an excellent chance of winning a higher place, if not first place.

If any other evidence were wanting to establish the importance of West Kootenay as a mining country it is to be found in the agitation now going on in Spokane to secure direct railway connection with the C. P. R. The Spokesman Review says there is a well-defined report that negiotiations are pending between the C. P. R. and the Central Washington Railways for the construction of a connecting link between the two systems. This would, indeed, be carrying the war into Africt, as the C. P. R. would then become a formidable competitor of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern in territory which the latter two roads have claimed as exclusively their own.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Mickey Dugan, the "Yellow Kid."

The sale of seats for "Hogan's Alley," the farce comedy suggested by Outcoult's cartoons, and which will be given for the first time in this city at the Toronto Opera House next week, will begin at the box office of the theatre this morning. It will be presented by the original company, including Gilmore and Leonard. In the play Mr. Leonard appears as Michael Hogan, the owner of the Alley, and Mr. Gilmore as Martin Brogan, his bosom friend. Among the other leading personages are Mickey Dugan, the famous "Yellow Kid."

"The Isle of Champagne."

"The Isle of Champagne" Opera Company will be at the Grand to-morrow evening. This season the new management is striving to outrival its former success and to that end has engaged the best talent—name other than Richard Golden and Katherine Germaine in the leading roles, each stellar lights in the theatrical firmament for several seasons, now co-stars in this big production; a company of 60 talented and well-known favorites in the support, a large ballet of pretty girls who know how to sing and dance, scenery of the most exquisite from the brushes of Walter Burridge and Richard Marston, sumptuous gowns by Bert and Caline and a complete orchestra. Those who witnessed this opera in New York pronounce it the most amusing and perfect production ever put on a Broadway stage, and the fact that its receipts have been exceedingly large proves its drawing power. Regular prices will prevail during this engagement.

Durward Lely To-morrow.

At Massey Hall to-morrow evening lovers of art in song will have an opportunity of hearing Durward Lely, one of the most noted tenor singers of the present day. Mr. Lely's is a voice never to be forgotten when once heard. There is a sweetness about its tones which lingers long after the singer has ceased. Ever in perfect tune and with unfailing artistic insight, he stands out as a unique singer from among his contemporaries. Vocal students particularly should not fail to hear this distinguished Scotchman.

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TO-DAY.

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At the Princess—"Men and Women," at 2 and 8 p.m.

At the Toronto—"A Romance of Coon Hollow," 8 p.m.

The Bijou—Continuous vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Association Hall—Art Loan Exhibition, 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

Shaftesbury Hall—Short Horn Breeders' Association, 11 a.m.

Albion Hotel—Canadian Horse Breeders' Association, 8 p.m.

Normal School—American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, 10 a.m.

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