

The Advertiser

FOUNDED BY JOHN CAMERON IN 1868.

THE DAILY ADVERTISER.

(EARLY MORNING AND EVENING EDITIONS.)
Daily, by mail, per year (\$ to 6 pages).....\$4 00
Daily, by mail, for three months.....1 00
All subscriptions payable in advance.IN LONDON:
Morning Edition, \$5 per annum; Evening Edition, 10c per week, delivered.THE WESTERN ADVERTISER,
(OUR WEEKLY EDITION.)
By mail, per annum.....\$1 00ADVERTISING RATES
Made known on application at office. Address
all communications toADVERTISER PRINTING CO.,
LONDON, CANADA.JOHN CAMERON,
Pres't and Managing Director.God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—Browning.

London, Monday, March 25.

—Investigation proves that the boot and shoe operatives in England get more for their labor than do the workers in the same lines in the United States. But they take things easier over the water.

—The Perth Courier says George Taylor, M.P., the Conservative whip, is likely to be appointed warden of Kingston penitentiary. But Mr. Metcalfe, the retiring M.P. in Kingston, has been promised that job, and he says he means to have it before the election comes on, or know the reason why. This system of promising one job to two men is a costly one.

—Still another Methodist Church has been burned down—this time at Exeter, Ont.—making four handsome structures belonging to the denomination since Queen's Avenue Church in this city was destroyed. If there is a madman at large whose mania is destruction of places of worship, he cannot too soon be got hold of. Unless these fires are incendiary, the coincidence of their occurrence is extraordinary.

—So great is the demand for Canadian produce in the United States that the Montreal Trade Bulletin announces that hay shipped from this country to England, where the market was glutted, has been reshipped to Boston. "The price realized in Boston," says our contemporary, "was \$12 per ton. When the English market goes against the shipper, losses are often heavy; but in this case the loss was lessened by its reshipment."

MR. PATTERSON RETIRES.
According to a Winnipeg Conservative correspondent, "W. B. Searth, of Winnipeg, who, it was thought, would be appointed Governor, has wired to friends there that Hon. Mr. Patterson has been appointed. The announcement is a great surprise. Mr. Patterson being unknown to the people." Mr. Patterson has really retired. There will be a bye-election in West Huron and another in Haldimand, where Mr. Montague will run as Secretary of State. Mr. Patterson knows the state of affairs in Ontario, having been confidential agent for the Government, and he has prudently "stood from under."

THE QUEEN'S ILLNESS.
The news regarding the condition of Queen Victoria, sent by cable, is alarming. Courtiers and attendants on royalty are prone to keep back intelligence regarding the physical condition of the sovereign, and there may be much truth in the statement now made that the health of the Queen is decidedly unsatisfactory, and that a fatal result, or, at least, an early retirement, is among the probabilities.

Victoria has been a model sovereign, and there will be general regret when she is compelled to lay down the scepter. Yet it cannot be said that she has not enjoyed a long and eventful reign—a reign fraught, in the main, with good results to humanity, and more particularly to the people over whom she was set at the early age of 19.

With one exception, no other sovereign in the 1,000 odd years which have elapsed since the Saxons and Danes arrived in England has reigned for so long a period as Queen Victoria. Henry III. reigned 56 years, but nine of them elapsed before he was of age. Edward III. reigned for 50 years, and Queen Elizabeth was on the throne 44 years. Then George III. reigned 59 years, but the concluding nine were under a regency, necessitated by the clouded reason of the sovereign. George III. alone has a longer reign credited to him than Queen Victoria, who has now been sovereign of Great Britain for 53 years.

Then her Majesty has attained an age that few British sovereigns have reached. On May 24 next she will be 76. It is remarkable that only two British sovereigns have held sway till they reached that age. Only four reigned till they were 70 years of age. Elizabeth was 70 when she died, George II. was 77, George III. was 82, and William IV. who immediately preceded the Queen, was 72 when he passed away. Thus, in the natural order of things, the Queen has enjoyed an unusually long life and an unusually long reign.

AGAINST EQUAL RIGHTS.
The Hungarian House of Magnates proved on Saturday that their country was behind Great Britain and her colonies in the matter of religious toleration. By a small majority, the House refused to give to the Jewish population equal rights with Christians. This unfair discrimination injures the reputation of any country, and even Hungary seems to be moving towards getting rid of it.

MARRIAGE DISCOURAGED.

In the Illinois Legislature a bill has been brought in providing for a special tax on bachelors, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the establishment of a home for old maids. There is another and a better way to encourage marriage. The matrimonially inclined are handicapped by tax burdens both in the United States and in this country. These increase the cost of living, decrease the demand for goods, decrease the opportunities to make and to keep a home in comfort. Here is something for thoughtful parents to ponder over.

TWO "GRAND OLD MEN."

Those members of the German Parliament who opposed and rejected a motion to congratulate Prince Bismarck on the occasion of his birthday had probably no great antipathy to him. They may have remembered the time when he, all-powerful, trampled every desire of those opposed to his views under foot. At the same time, it cannot be denied that Bismarck was the chief spirit in the unification of Germany, and for that alone he deserves well of his country in his declining years. The British are kinder to their statesmen when they go into retirement. Gladstone is today the most talked of man in Great Britain, and all but a very few of even his opponents recognize his greatness, and the disinterestedness of the service for his native land. If a vote of congratulation to him, on his having reached another birthday, were moved in the British House of Commons, we do not doubt that it would be carried unanimously.

NEWFOUNDLAND COURTSHIP.

It would seem that Canada's wooing of Newfoundland has not, so far, proceeded with any greater smoothness than was exemplified in the courting of the recalcitrant Catherine by King Harry. The inhabitants of the island, in large numbers, have been holding indignation meetings protesting that they have no desire to be annexed to the Dominion. They may, however, have method in their protestations. The agitators may honestly not wish to join this country. They may wish to get better terms from the Canadian taxpayers than would otherwise be obtained if they seemed anxious to come in. They may desire the greater market of the United States, which was provided for in the Bond-Blaine treaty the Ottawa authorities managed to have vetoed. What concerns the people of Canada are the terms that may be proposed to the Newfoundlanders, the new financial difficulties which these terms may cast upon us, and the question whether or not we should have annexation before the control of the island is completely out of the hands of the Government of France, which up till now has not been accomplished.

When the terms are arranged, Newfoundland electors should certainly have a popular vote on the subject, and so should the taxpayers of Canada. Once the union is effected there is no divorce, no matter how bad the bargain may be.

TRIED TO SWINDLE HIM.

Peter Birtwistle Sent Two Diamond Rings to a Sharper

Valued at \$230—The Swindler Wrote a Nice Letter—Represented a Wealthy St. Mary's Resident.

"I have a special order for two diamond solitaires, one stone to weigh about 1-2 and the other about two carats, both to be pure white, well cut and perfect. It matters not if they are set in rings, earrings, pin or stud, or unset. I wish you would send me several of each of the above two weights to select from, and will return promptly those not wanted. I know I can make a sale if the selection and price suit. I expect to see my party on Saturday, and so it will be necessary for you to send Arrangé it so that I can make 10 per cent if possible. I presume the mercantile agencies will be able to inform you as to my responsibility and standing. Yours truly, T. HUTTON."

The above letter was dated St. Marys, March 21, and was received by Mr. Peter Birtwistle, the Dundas street jeweler, Mr. T. Hutton is a wealthy resident of St. Marys, and had previously purchased goods from the recipient of the letter. Mr. Birtwistle forwarded two diamond rings on Friday, and the following morning received a saying from St. Marys, saying: "We have got your diamonds safe. T. Hutton is a crook." The dispatch was sent by a representative of a Hamilton firm, who had been tracing Hutton. This was the first intimation Mr. Birtwistle received that he was being swindled. The diamonds were taken to Toronto, and application has been made to the Attorney-General for their return.

WAS BORN IN LONDON.

Capt. Huokins, a Respected Citizen, of Lexington, Dead—A Military Career.

LEXINGTON, Mich., March 25.—Capt. Israel H. Huokins, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died at his residence in this village yesterday. Capt. Huokins was born in London, Ont., July 11, 1822, being nearly 73 years of age. He has been a resident of this place 56 years. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted, and was chiefly instrumental in raising Company D, of the Tenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and on its organization was made its commanding officer, which position he held until he received his discharge at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2, 1864. After three years of arduous service his company was attached to the army of the west first brigade, second division. On being relieved from military duty he returned to this place. He was county treasurer for two terms, 1866 and 1868. In 1868 he was elected representative to the Legislature. One child survives him, the wife of Hon. John W. Norman, a member of the present Legislature.

A BALL OF SNAKES.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 23.—The dam builders at the Lake Mesa reservoir exploded a large charge of powder recently among the rocks. A large black ball was shot high into the air. The blasters wondered what it was. When the ball struck the earth it unravelled into dozens of rattlesnakes, and as the reptiles glided away in their efforts to escape the workmen killed a score or more with their shovels. It is estimated that the ball of hissing rattlesnakes contained 50 or more who were enjoying a winter siesta in the den destroyed by the blast.

Gossip from London

Sad Fate of the Duke of Norfolk's Son and Heir.

American Heiresses Who Are Married To Old World Nobles.

FAMINE IN AFRICA.

Drought and locusts have caused widespread famine in eastern equatorial Africa. Villages have been depopulated, and mission schools and churches have been closed. Many natives have been selling themselves and their children into slavery to obtain food. The missionaries in Uganda and about fifteen feet in height at its highest point. A small tapering piece of wall adjoined the east side of the tower still remains.

OF INTEREST TO LAPIDARIES.
A gigantic and singularly perfect black pearl is to be exhibited here in a fortnight. It was discovered in Tasmania, and is three quarters of an inch long. It was reported that an African diamond magnate will buy it if it is as perfect as represented, to be set with some special diamonds in his own collection.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S ETIQUETTE.
A very interesting little story apropos of the Queen and trains is told in one of the evening papers. The Queen, as is well known, is most particular in matters of etiquette, and especially as to questions of precedence. An incident illustrating this occurred recently at Paddington station. The Queen crossed the platform to her saloon carriage with the Empress Frederick, and on reaching the door motioned to the empress to go first. The Empress Frederick withdrew, and for a few seconds there was quite a little argument between mother and daughter as to which should have the precedence. And the Queen laughingly insisting, the Empress finally entered before her mother.

This was a striking instance of the Queen's punctiliousness in observing the rank of her daughter and guest.

LITTLE LORD SURREY'S FATE.
Little Lord Surrey, the Duke of Norfolk's only son, who is now fifteen, is showing some slight signs of intellect. He is always attired in blue robes, and is dedicated by his father to the Virgin Mary. Those who have seen the unfortunate boy say that, except when he sleeps, he is in a continuous state of motion, waving his arms and bowing his head. He is totally blind and deaf, and the only sounds he makes are of the nature of a cough or a sob.

Little legs almost curl beneath him, and, altogether, his aspect is most distressing. His father, however, loves him with the deepest affection, and sits with him a couple of hours every day.

NOTABLES RIDING BICYCLES.
The Duke of Fife, who has been learning to ride a bicycle in the secluded streets of Brighton, with a man servant on one side and a page on the other, seems to have set the example to other notable persons to do likewise, for the Duke of Portland, master of the horse and late colonel of the Honorable London Artillery, and Mlle. Yvette Gilbert, the lively French singer, whose suggestive songs have delighted large audiences in London and on the continent, are now following the Duke of Fife's example, and Lady Colin Campbell has just patented an improvement in bicycling wallets.

ARTIST WILL APPEAL.
James McN. Whistler, who on Wednesday last was condemned by a Paris court to restore the picture of Lady Eden, the wife of Sir William Eden, the face of whom he had painted; to restore Sir William's check for £50 with 5 per cent interest, and to pay 1,000 francs damages and the cost of the action, has given notice of appeal.

ALL WEDDED TO TITLES.
The Countess de Castellane (nee Miss Gould, of New York) will find on her arrival in France, that she is in the midst of a sisterhood of noble girls who have married foreign titles. The fate of most of them has been sad, those marrying into the English nobility being much better off than the ones who have sought rank across the channel. Following are the principal marriages between American girls and English noblemen:

Miss Helen Magruder, daughter of Commodore Magruder, U.S.N., married Lord Abinger in 1863.
Miss Mary Livingston King, Sandwich, Ga., married at Paris, 1880, to the Marquis of Anglesey.
Miss Catharine Murphy, New York, married in 1884 to Sir Robert Gifford.
Miss Ellen Stager, of Chicago, daughter of Gen. Anson Stager, U.S.A., married in 1877 to Lord Butler, heir to the marquessate of Ormonde.

Miss Jennie Jerome, New York, married in 1874 to Lord Randolph Churchill.
Miss Mary Reade, New York, married in 1879 to Lord Falkland.

Miss Catharine McKivker, New York, married in 1879 to Lord Gifford. She was the divorced wife of his uncle.

Miss Elizabeth Motley, daughter of the historian, married in 1876 to Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt.

Miss Constance Yznaga del Valle, of Louisiana, married in 1876 to Viscount Mandeville, eldest son of the Duke of Manchester.

Miss Frances Lawrence, of New York, married in 1885 to Lord Vernon.

SYMPATHY FOR LI HUNG CHANG.
LONDON, March 25.—A dispatch to the Westminster Gazette says the Japanese Parliament has passed resolutions deploring the attempt to assassinate Li Hung Chang.

Miss Cornelia Shinononski to the Pall Mall Gazette says Li Hung Chang will refuse to cede any territory to Japan, but will offer a greatly increased sum of money as indemnity instead. It is believed, the dispatch says, that the peace negotiations will not be successful, there evidently being some secret force behind China.

A Central News dispatch from Tokio says that immediately on hearing of the attempt upon Li Hung Chang's life, the Emperor sent two of his principal surgeons to attend to the Chinese envoy, and also sent his personal aide-de-camp with messages from the Empress and himself.

THE TOWER TUMBLED.

The Demolition of the Queen's Avenue Church Completed.

A Mountain of Bricks Falls—Very Little Left.

The ruins of the historic Queen's Avenue Methodist Church are now completely demolished the last vestige of the old building fading away with the tower which fell with a roar about 2 o'clock this afternoon. The pulling down of the walls has proved to be an interesting sight to hundreds of men and boys. This morning the workmen began to undermine the tower on the inside, so that the pile would fall into the basement. It was perilous work, and the fact that a March gale was blowing from the northwest only added to the risk. All morning the work continued. As the bricks would be taken out of the base of the tower—which stood 100 feet high—wooden supports would be inserted. To these pieces of wood ropes were attached and at 2 o'clock it was considered that the tower was ready to fall. A gang of men tugged on the far end of the rope and out came the wooden supports. The tower trembled for a few seconds and then crumbled in every direction, the scattering bricks falling even as far north as the block pavement on Queen's Avenue. A great cloud of brick dust rose after the fall, and the dull roar attracted many pedestrians for blocks around. The tower is now nothing but a heap of bricks about fifteen feet in height at its highest point. A small tapering piece of wall adjoined the east side of the tower still remains.

GERMANY'S G. O. M.
Bismarck's Eightieth Birthday Enthusiastically Celebrated.

Two Much of a Good Thing for the Ex-Chancellor—His Physicians Alarmed.

FRIEDRICHSHUE, Ger., March 25.—A tempest of wind and rain prevailed throughout the night and this forenoon, making the forest roads impassable. The sky cleared about noon, and the high wind is rapidly drying up the roads giving access to the castle of Prince Bismarck from the railway station. Crowds of newspaper reporters besiege the entrance to the castle, but they are denied admittance, and are harshly repulsed by the gate-keepers. The latter are acting under orders of Prince Bismarck's physician, Dr. Chryssander, whose instructions are that nobody shall be admitted except a few of the leaders of visiting delegations, there being insufficient room even for the delegations within the castle, while the weather is too inclement to allow Prince Bismarck to stand in the open air.

Dr. Schwenninger expressed to a representative of the United Press this morning his anger at the exertions which Prince Bismarck is obliged to undergo upon the occasion of his birthday demonstration, and declared that he would like to prohibit them all. The ex-Chancellor is in fairly good health, but is himself anxious as to how he will be able to stand the fatigue to which he will be subjected. It is learned that the Emperor's visit to Prince Bismarck tomorrow will assume the character of a special military honor to the old Chancellor. His Majesty has ordered a company of infantry, a company of pioneers, a squadron of Wandsbeck Hussars and a battery of artillery, all with colors and bands, to assemble at Friedrichshue. The Emperor will alight from his special train at Annaburg and place himself at the head of the troops, which will march to the castle. The Emperor will be accompanied by Gen. Bronsart von Schellendorf, Minister of War, and the members of the military household.

A CLOSE CALL.
G. T. R. Fireman Alex. Hay Badly Scalded.
His Clothes Took Fire and He Jumped Into a Water Tank.

A G. T. R. fireman named Alex. Hay, residing on South street, met with a severe and painful accident yesterday, which, but for his presence of mind, might have resulted in a terrible death. He was firing on a special freight and when near Princeton, the steam pipe in the smoke-box burst, scalding his face and neck severely. To add to the horror of the situation, Hay's clothes took fire. Realizing his position, and though nearly blind he ran back and jumped into the water tank. This put out the flames and saved his life. Hay was brought back to the city on the Pacific Express last night. While in no immediate danger his injuries will keep him confined for some time. He is a married man.

SCOTT GETS OFF.
Acquitted of Bringing Stolen Goods Into Canada—The Evidence.

George Scott, who was arrested here some time ago on a double charge of bringing a stolen piano into Canada and retaining it in this country, was discharged by Judge Edward Elliott this morning. The Scott family, up till twelve years ago, were well known residents near Pottersburg, and consisted of the father, mother, two daughters and a son. They moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where they resided up till Dec. 24 last. On that date they shipped their household goods, including a piano, to this city, and followed in a few days. Now they have a two-story residence in course of erection near the Asylum. On Dec. 14, Frederick G. Smith, a Brooklyn dealer, sold a handsome \$400 piano to a person representing himself to be Mrs. Shaw, and it was delivered to the Scott home. He received an old piano worth \$50 in part payment. The Scotts brought the instruments to Canada with them and Smith took steps to recover it.

Nathan Crosby, a salesman for the Smith firm, swore to having sold the piano to Mrs. Shaw. He stated that Miss Della Scott, who was present in court, was the party who had represented herself as Mrs. Shaw, wife of an employee in a Brooklyn stained glass works.

John Thompson, a driver for W. J. Reid & Co., and who lives on Colborne street north, is a relative of Mrs. Scott. He stated that the furniture was consigned to him and that his place was visited by Piano Agent Atkinson (Toronto) Detective Nickle, P. Mulken and others at one time, and that later the same parties called, reinforced by two other local detectives. They ransacked his house, despite his protests, and kept a man guarding his house the whole night.

This was the crown's case, and Mr. Meredith contended that no evidence had been given to necessitate defense. Judge Elliott stated that if the charge were made against Miss Scott he would have considered a prima facie case had been made out. Scott was discharged. Further proceedings are likely to follow.

TISDALE'S TORONTO IRON STABLE FITTINGS. healthful, durable attractive and cheaper than other fittings. Send for our new catalogue. The Tisdale Iron Stable Fittings Co. (Ltd.), No. 6 Adelaide St. E., Toronto.

We Have

Got the Grip.

Not that kind that makes you feel sore, but the grip that makes you smile all over. We have got the grip on a great many good things in

Dress Goods, Silks and Trimmings

Silk and Wool Crepons

This is one of the favorite weaves this season, and we have secured a fine range of colors in them and they are selling fast. They are worth \$1 per yard, but you can have your choice of any of them at 75c yard. Silken threads of brightest hues flash in and out among the wool.

Silver Crepons.

This cloth is also silk and wool, and is woven in stripes of black and white, a very pretty effect, sold at 75c per yard.

All Black Crepons.

A beautiful range of these goods in stock, ranging from 40c per yard to 85c per yard.

Colored Wool Crepons.

In toned effects, in fifteen different combinations. These goods are very handsome and were intended for a 65c line, but our price is 50c yard.

Crepons in Evening Shades.

All wool, in great variety of light colors, nice and crisp, sold everywhere at 45c and 50c, our price only 30c yard.

All Wool Debieges

Nearly everybody knows what a serviceable dress these goods make, and how neat they look. We have a very large range of them and the price is only 25c per yard.

Not the price but the value makes our goods cheap.

Fiber Chamcis, Hair Cloth and Angora Braid are all now in stock.

Give our Dressmaker a trial, and you will come again.

Chapman & Company

126-128 Dundas Street, London.