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> God's in his heaven, All's right with the world.

If you trust in God and yourself you can surmount every obstacle. Do not yield to restless anxiety. One must not always be asking what may happen to one in life, but one must advance fearlessly and bravely. - [PRINCE BISMARCK.

London, Friday, May 11.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is THE ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of To-

-Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these columns. Neither the writing nor the publication of anonymous letters can be justified.

-G. G. S. Lindsey, the Liberal candidate for West Toronto, is a grandson of William Lyon Mackenzie. He is a Torontonian by birth, and an able man. Mr. Lindsey should win if merit counts.

-So far the Montreal Gazette is the only Conservative newspaper that has fairly stated the view of the ADVERTISER with regard to the paid advocate of Toronto seeking to represent London in the Legislature. Why misrepresent?

-The Dominion Auditor-General says that for \$13,000 charged as "personal expenses" by the Ottawa Ministers, in connection with the Bering Sea arbitration trip, there are no vouchers to be had. This is the usual way in which public money is "saved" at Ottawa.

-The friends of temperance everywhere will read with great interest that Miss Frances Willard's health has been very much improved by her two years' sojourn in Great Britain, and that she will return inmediately to this continent. Miss Willand is an honor to womanhood.

-Isaac Zangwill, the author and writer for the Pall Mall Magazine, says that sewer gas is beneficial rather than poisonous, and he predicts that we may yet live to see it manufactured artificially and conveyed to residences through pipes for the purpose of improving the health of the inmates. It will take a great stretch of credulity for most people to place any faith in this pre-

-A cablegram announces that a lady has been elected a delegate to the coming English Weslevan Conference. There seems to be some doubt as to whether or not she should be admitted. If the reform does not come to-day, it will be brought about very soon. Fancy a woman of the ability and usefulness of Lady Henry Somerset or Miss Frances Willard being debarred from sitting in any religious con-

-Capt. Mahan, the able author of "Sea Power in History," a very valuable work, is at London, Eng., with the warship Chicago, of which he is the commander. The British people are affording indications, by their numerous hospitalities and festivities, that blood is thicker than water. What is wanted is an alliance, offensive and defensive, between Great Britain, the United States and Canada.

A COUNTY PRESIDENT'S EVI-DENCE.

One of the witnesses examined by the Ontario Fees Commission at Brantford was Mr. Joseph Stratford, president of the Brant county Patrons and manager of the Patron binder twine tactory. His evidence

"In answer to the question relating to the appointment of officers he said that he facturers have their coal duty free, and was a Patron of Industry and was working along that line and in touch with their plank relating to this matter, but has had an opportunity of judging for himself. From being in close connection with so many people lately, he had come to the conclusion that the matter of official appointments stands safely in the hands of the Government and was safer there than in the hands of the people. In conversation with a number of persons from the United States he had found that they were thoroughly dissatisfied with their system there. It would be better to leave the appointments in the hands of the Government than to give it to county councils. It is practically under the control of the people when the Government controls it, but while this is the case there are certain modifications or improvements which will be suggested. With reference to the subject of compensation Mr. Stratford said that he was not fully posted, but he thought a fair remuneration should be retained from the fees to compensate the officials,'

Mr. Stratford is a shrewd business man, and his evidence is of much value. So far the testimony has been varied, and has vin- should have cost but \$175,000, demonstrates. | necessity. If all ladies who suffer with dicated the course of the Government in making a full and free inquiry. Everyone with the Free Press on this matter. Our interested should testify. What is wanted | contemporary upholds the monopoly coal | the evil results of pernicious drugs and is to get a consensus of opinion as to what is best. As the fees plank has been the only one on which the Liberals and Patrons neighbors who have no coal tax. We say differ, there should be little difficulty in that there is no more need for the coal tax certain in curative action that it can be support Sir Oliver.

YES, LET US HAVE THE WHOLE LOGIC, NOT SIDE ISSUES.

As a set-off to its attack on the ADVERriser and on the organized labor of London, because they object to the foisting of a paid advocate of the city of Toronto upon the electors of London, the Free Press points out that Mr. Gladstone represents a constituency in which he does not reside; that Sir Oliver Mowat lives in Toronto, though representing North Oxford; that Hon. Geo. W. Ross, though a West Middlesex man, has to live in Toronto when attending to his duties as Minister of Education; and that Sir Richard Cartwright, the repre entative of South Oxford in the Commons, has his home in Kingston. It asks the ADVERTISER to give its opinion of these

'outrageous' proceedings. With promptitude and pleasure. 1. Mr. Giadstone represents a country constituency. His would be a case in point if he were the representative of Edinburgh and the paid advocate of the city of

London at one and the same time. 2. Sir Oliver Mowat is the representative of a country constituency. If Woodstock were a rival of Toronto, and Sir Oliver Mowat had publicly declared that in return for \$13,500 a year he would in future regard Toronto's interests as his first care, Sir Oliver might be regarded as in the same category with W. R. Meredith, but not otherwise.

3. To Hon. Geo. W. Ross and Sir Richard Cartwright the same remark applies. If Mr. Ross were to adopt Toronto as his client, and pledge himself to fight her battles against all comers, would any sane Liberal suggest that even Strathroy would look upon his candidature favorably, much less, London, the trade and educational rival of the Provincial capital?

We have met our city contemporary's attempted analogy, though to any one cognizant of the circumstances, it must have been self-answered. We have done so without descending, as the Free Press has done in dealing with this point, to unjournalistic and irrelevant personal attacks. Is it not fair to ask that the Free Press shall meet the questions fairly and squarely put by the ADVERTISER? Three times we have laid them before the newspaper pleader for the Toronto city solicitor. For as many times our city contemporary has ignored them. Will it now toe the mark?

"1. Is there a city constituency in Canada that sends to Parliament or to the Legislature the paid agent of another city? "2. Is it right that London should select as its representative an officer of the city of

"3. Is Mr. Meredith, city solicitor of Toronto, having solemnly declared that in future the interests of that city would be his first consideration, in a position to be an independent representative of London? "4. Would Hamilton, Ottawa or Kings-

ton go to Toronto for a representative in either the House of Commons or the Legislature? "5. Why should the progressive city of London alone advertise that it has no one within its bounds fit to represent it in the

Legislature, and has to accept the candidature of a paid officer of Toronto?" Let us have no more beating about the bush, neighbor, but a square answer to

each and every query.

This is the fourth time of asking.

THE INIQUITOUS COAL TAX. In dealing with the coal duty yesterday, a correspondent points out, we understated the tax which the people of Ontario have to pay for this prime commodity. The duty paid by Ontario last fiscal year was \$961,-893, not \$900,000, as stated.

Our city contemporary asserts that it is a falsehood to say that the tax on coal costs the Grand Trunk \$500,000 a year. That is the sum stated by Sir Henry Tyler. If the Free Press knows better than the president of the Grand Trunk it is at liberty to call him a fabricator. For ourselves, we prefer to believe the Grand Trunk president in this matter instead of the apologist for the coal tax. The Free Press pretends to believe that if coal was made duty free and our manufacturers and railway men were relieved from payment of the impost, the Nova Scotia mines would be closed. No man of sense believes this. The shrewd Americans who control the Nova Scotia coal mines laugh at the assumption. They know very well that unless the coal tax were made virtually prohibitive, Nova Scotia coal could not be forced into use in Ontario, which pays nearly the whole of the tax collected.

Our contemporary pretends to believe that it is British corporations and not the Canadian people who pay the coal tax. It will next be arguing that the merchant and manufacturer pay all taxes and never add them to the price of their goods, or count them a charge when deciding how their wages and other funds shall be provided for. The fact that the United States railways which compete with the Canadian lines and the United States manufacturers who compete with our manuthat our railways and manufacturers are handicapped by the tax, is ignored by our contemporary, which further suggests that if the coal tax is obnoxious to railway men they can use cord wood. As well ask them to tear up their railway lines and go back to stage coaches. Coal is a prime necessity to the railways and the manufacturers, and should not be taxed. When it is taxed, the tax has to be made up jointly by the public and by the railway workmen. The public know this: the railway workers know it. For every burden that is unnecessarily put upon the railways has to be shared by those who use the railways and by those who earn their daily bread in operating the

Take off the coal tax. It is not needed for revenue, Hundreds of thousands of dollars are now collected as "revenue" that are worse than wasted, as the payment of \$430,000 for the Curran bridge, when it

The ADVERTISER is glad to take issue tax, which oppresses the railway men and handicaps them in competing with their nervous and general debility, sleeplessness, sonvincing Patrons that their duty is to than for the Senate, the Dominion Fran- guaranteed to benefit or cure or money rechise Act or the Curran bridge iniquity, turned.

1. The Attorney-General.

"Oliver Mowat succeeds Edward Blake," This was the short message wired to me nearly 22 years ago. It came from Archibald McKellar, himself one of Edward Blake's colleagues in the Government, and one of the best known of the Old Guard Liberals of Ontario.

Oliver Mowat succeeds Edward Blake yet. No other man has warmed his seat as First Minister in all these years.

It is an unique record in British parlialiamentary history. Indeed I am not sure that it finds a parallel at all in history unless it be in the Hebrew Joseph, who seems to have been First Minister of Egypt for 80 years. But they did not have representative government in Egypt, and Joseph had only one man to please. Oliver Mowat has had all the people for his master, and he has pleased them to this day. They may not keep him in office for eighty years, but perhaps they might if they could keep him

One thing is sure: the people's faith in the Attorney-General has not wavered. His following in the session of Parliament ust closed was as large and eager as in any session of the past 21 years, and the majority of the popular vote won by his party was never before so large and hearty as at the elections of four years ago.

There is this to be said, too, that in the parliamentary annals of Canada Oliver Mowat has had no equal as a political chief. none so sagacious in counsel or so strong and vigorous in action.

Sir John Macdonald was a great man and a skillful tactician, but he had failings which men of all parties would be glad to

Edward Blake was a very able man, and his politics were pure, but he had not the art of getting into close touch with the

Wilfrid Laurier is a graceful orator and a man of bright promise, but he is young as a leader and his honors have yet to be

Oliver Mowat combines the wisdom of the statesman with the skill and boldness of the political general. In the 22 years of his leadership he has not made a mistake that rivals or critics can magnify into a political issue. He is honored and revered not only by men of the Liberal party to which he belongs, but by many of the Conservative party to which he has opposed long years of progressive Liberalism.

Sir John Macdonald in the heyday of his power tried many afall with Mr. Mowat, but the end was always the same-Sir Oliver above and Sir John below.

Sir Oliver is as wary and alert now as he has been any time in the 37 years since his public life began. He was an active figure in the old Parliament of Canada, and I can recall many an able speech he made in times when politics ran high and parties were closely matched, before the days of truce which ushered in Confederation. And speaking of Confederation, it was no secret in those days, though the fact seems to have dropped out ef memory, that the man of the convention who did most of the work of drafting the basis of the scheme was Oliver Mowat. He is before the country now with the advantage which 30 years of reading and thinking, observation and experience, bring to a man in the maturity of his intellect.

Sometimes I hear men say that Mr. Meredith is the Radical and Mr. Mowat the Tory. There was never a greater mistake. Mr. Meredith may seem to be a Radical to persons who do not understand politics or statesmanship; but the fact is that he is too mercurial to have any fixity of purpose or principle. In the desire to succeed as leader he will seize upon any measures and ally himself with any forces, without bestowing a thought upon the possible consequences. Between radicalism and socialism there is a wide gulf fixed, and it is not | PRICE \$1. From all Druggists. hard to see on which side of it Mr. Mere-

dith's friends are found. I have taken an interest in every Parliamentary election in Canada during the last 40 years, and I have always been a Radical. I have been, too, I flatter myself, a pretty close observer of the career of legislators and the work of Parliaments; and I do not hesitate to say that the man who has made his mark as the greatest Reformer of his generation in Canada is Sir Oliver Mowat. He has been a leader and guide, not only in his own Province, but in ail the Provinces of the Dominion: and far beyond the bounds of the Dominion also, in other colonies of the British Empire, and in States of the American

Sir Oliver Mowat is a safe and progressive legislator, and, being a student, he is always in advance of his time on subjects that are ripening for legislation; but while expressing his own opinions and aiming to direct the course of public opinion, he has never been known to enact a law until the people were ready for it. This is the Radicalism of the statesman.

Wild West Ways in the Empire

State. UTICA, N. Y., May 10.-Dr. Bulkeley, ex-sheriff of Oswego county, was called out of his house at Sandy Creek to-night and shot and stabbed by a man who he had sentenced to jail as justice of the peace. Bulkeley is still alive.

Intemperance Among Women. There is much said about the growing habit of intemperance among women; perhaps more than the facts would warrant. If this habit exists it is owing to the fact that women are often forced to perform domestic, and social duties under great physical suffering, and by partaking of iquors for temporary relief or a little protraction of strength, the habit becomes a the complaints peculiar to their sex, would take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Frescription, they would find nature's restorative, and liquors would be avoided. For all cases of spasms, periodical pains, suppressions and irregularities, it is the only medicine so

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31d-9 pieces All-Wool French Serge, regular price 40c, Bargain Day 25c.

4th-7 pieces All-wool Serge, in colors, regular price 25c, for 13c.

5th—19 pieces Broche Dress Goods, worth 15c, for 10c.

6th—11 pieces All-Wool Henrietta, worth 40c, for 30c. 7th-7 pieces Tweed Dress Goods, regular price 50c, Friday 25c.

8th-9 pieces Heavy All-Wool Serge, in colors, worth 50c, to-day 25c. 9th-4 pieces Satinette Cloth, with figure, regular price 40c, to-day 25c. 10th—5 pieces Swiss Spot Muslin, with border, regular price 25c and 30c

for 19c. 11th—3 pieces Swiss Muslin for Curtains, regular price 20c, for 15c. 12th-13 pieces Art Muslin, 50 inches wide, worth 25c and 20c, on Friday 5c. 13th—1 table of Gimp Trimmings, worth 25c yard, your choice 10c yard.

14th—Another chance at our entire stock of Wool Challie, worth from 35c to 50c yard, your choice of the entire lot on Friday 121/2c yard. 15th-50 dozen Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, spliced heels

and toes, worth 20c, to-day 15c. 16th—Bargains in Children's Fast Black Stockings, spliced heels, all sizes,

17th—Children's Tan Colored and Cardinal Hose, fast dye, spliced heels and toes, 4½ inch to 8 inch, 12½ and upwards—Bargains.

18th-Ladies' Swede Fabric Gloves, in black, worth 25c, for 19c.

19th-Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, Friday 16c.

20th-Ladies' Parasols, a Bargain Day, \$1 35 line, for \$1. 21st-Ladies' Fancy Belts, silver and gilt, worth 50c, for 25c.

22nd-Ladies' Colored Cambric Blouse Waists, worth 65c, for 5oc. 23rd-1,000 yards of White and Cream Lace, worth 15c, to-day 10c yard.

24th—Children's Skirt Embroidery, 27 inches wide, worth 40c, for 25c. 25th—Bargains in Hair Brushes, see the line for to day at 19c.

26th—Boys' Solid Rubber Balls, only 2c each.

27th-6 pounds Laundry Soap for 25c.

28th—A bargain in Men's Cotton Underwear, Friday 50c each. 20th—Gents' Fancy Striped Balbriggan Underwear, worth \$1 25 suit, for

30th-Men's Flannelette Top Shirts, to-day 23c.

31st-Boys' Fancy Peak Caps, only 11c. 32nd—New shapes in Straw Hats for men and boys, only 25c.

33rd—Gents' Fine Merino Socks, at 19c and 23c, worth 25c and 35c. 34th—Gepts' Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, pure linen, only 15c.

35th—Gents' Fine Braces, the 50c quality to-day 35c.

36th—Gents' Fine Lawn Bows, in colors, worth 35c, for 21c.

37th-Gents' Flannelette Top Shirts, worth 50c, Friday 2 for 75c. 38th—Gents' Pearl Cuff Buttons, only 15c pair.

39th-Boys' Turban Hats, 23c. 40th-Gents' Unlaundered Shirts, 48c.

41st-Boys' Turkish Caps, only 19c.

42nd-i dozen 6-4 Table Cloths, red border with fringe, worth 50c, for 35c-43rd-2 dozen large sized Table Cloths, red border with fringe, worth \$1 25

44th-1 piece Bleached Table Linen, 58 inches wide, worth 35c, for 28c.

45th-4 pieces Best Quality Feather Ticking, worth 25c, for 18c. 46th-3 pieces All-wool Navy Serge for Boys' Suits, worth 38c, for 29c.

47th-10 pieces White Cotton, worth 11c yard, to-day 12 yards for \$1. 48th-2 pieces Bleached Sheeting, twilled, 72 inches wide, worth 38c, for 28c. 49th-I piece Bleached Sheeting, twilled, 80 inches wide, worth 40c, for 29c. 50th-12 pieces 36 inch Bleached Cotton, imported, very fine, worth 10c,

51st-5 pieces Ceylon Flannel, 36 inches wide, worth 25c, for 16c. 52nd-3 pieces Wide Linen Toweling, worth 13c, to-day 10c.

53rd-5 pieces Glass Toweling, 5c yard. 54th—American Challie, 5c; American Paints, 5½c; bargains.

55th—Boys' All-Wool Tweed Pants, long, worth \$1 25, for 65c. 56th-Boys' 2-Piece Summer Suits. only \$1 25, \$1 50 and \$1 75. 57th-Boys' Sailor Serge Suits, for \$1.

58th—Boys' 2-Piece Tweed Suits in all sizes, worth \$2 50, for \$1 75. 50th-Men's All-Wool Tweed Suits, good colors, only \$5. 60th-Ladies' and Children's Black and White Leghorn Hats, from 450

61st-Ladies' Black and White Sun Hats, worth 25c, for 10c. 62nd—Bargains in Wreaths and Flowers, 25c, 3oc and 35c.

fast colors, worth 15c, for 10c yard.

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