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London, Wednesday, June 25.A CONTEMPORARY says that it tickles a
man's vanity to ask of him as a favor what
he knows you could demand as a right.
Lord Salisbury's vanity apparently cannot
be tickled. The Newfoundlanders tried to
toss him into obtaining their fishery and
territorial rights, but the British Govern-
ment seems to be as far away from a settle-
ment of the trouble as ever.The proposal to compensate all liquor
dealers who may have their licenses taken
from them has caused a big hubbub in Eng-
land. Mr. Smith, Government leader in
the House of Commons tried to ward off
granting by suspending the clause in the bill
provision for paying the money, "in the sweet
by-and-by," as it were. The public senti-
ment is such that the proposal may yet
cause the wreck of the Salisbury Govern-
ment.The Brantford Expositor suggests that in
selecting new Ministers, Premier Mowat
should not forget Mr. Ballantyne, M.P.P.
By all means let the strong claims of the
member for South Perth be borne in mind.
Mr. Ballantyne has been an able and suc-
cessful agriculturist, and one of the main-
stays of the progressive movement in favor
of dairy farming in the Province. He is a
staunch Liberal in every sense of the
word, and has a majority of 631 at his
back. As showing how he has magnified his
calling and made it honorable, even in the
eyes of his offspring, which is so often
difficult to accomplish, it may be added
that if Mr. Ballantyne is called to take a
Cabinet position, he will be able to hand
over the immediate oversight of his farm
and dairy interests to his sons, who are also
active in the calling.THE OPPOSITION LEADER.
It having been reported that Mr. Mer-
edith would probably resign before the next
session of the Legislature, the Winnipeg
Free Press points out that he cannot resign
unless he accepts an office of emolument
under the Crown. The fact is, there is no
person to whom he can tender his resigna-
tion until the House convenes and elects a
Speaker. He believes that Mr. Meredith
has no intention of resigning his seat—at all
events not until after the session of 1891.
Whether he will consent to remain leader of
the Tory party in the House remains to be
seen. It is no secret that he is heartily
tired of the whole business and would glad-
ly devote less time to party interests and
more to his professional duties. Who can
blame him?A WHEAT SCARE.
A remarkable letter on "Great Britain's
Wheat Supply" has been published in the
Glasgow Herald. The writer, who is
probably a specialist, reckons the British
production of wheat at 8,600,000 quarters,
while he places the required imports at
about 18,000,000 quarters. After tabulat-
ing the wheat exports and imports of the
world, he calls attention to the fact that
the United Kingdom requires nearly one-
half of the total exports of which Russia
turns out about one-third. He argues that
in case of war between Russia and Great
Britain the former power could easily and
effectively run her antagonistic short of
breadstuffs by simply prohibiting her own
exports. In such a case he predicts that
within three days wheat would double in
value, while in three months Great Britain
would be suffering from actual dearth. But
there are other catastrophes than a war
which might cause the same result or three-
fold. The harvests, for instance, of Russia
and Eastern Europe, are more pre-
carious than those of Great Britain and
Western Europe, on account probably of
the more rapid and sudden changes of
temperature to which they are exposed, but
if such a mischance as an entirely deficient
Russian crop were to occur, it is not cer-
tain that the United States would be able
to make good the want. What, then,
is to be done? The correspondent in ques-
tion would have Great Britain raise twice
the amount of wheat she now grows; and he
holds that the Government ought to facili-
tate the carrying over one-half of the crop
in stock to the next harvest, while retain-
ing such control of it as to be able to order
a previous distribution if it were thought
necessary.It is questionable whether any Govern-
ment would feel warranted in adopting such
a remarkable programme. There seems to be
no doubt that the United States will have
less and less wheat for export as her popu-
lation increases and her available wheat
growing lands are taken up. But so long as
there are hundreds of millions of acres of
land in the Canadian Northwest adapted
for wheat growing, and yet in virgin con-
dition, we need not fear that the supply of
food will fall short. A shortage in the
world's markets may temporarily take
place, as in the instance
adduced by this alarmist correspondent,
but the trouble would only be for one
season, and the world's supply of food of
other kinds—rice, Indian corn, potatoes—could be drawn on to tide over the difficulty.
In the season following—such is the readi-
ness with which the producing population
respond to an enlarged demand—the aver-
age of wheat sown would be larger than
ever. If Britain keeps out of war she need
have no apprehensions on the score of food
supply.ABOUT MAJORITIES.
We have no intention of rubbing it into
the journalistic opponents of Premier
Mowat, but we think that they do not help
Mr. Meredith by calling attention to the
present position of parties. They tell the
public that Mr. Mowat has almost been de-
feated, and they counsel the Opposition
leader to keep whooping it up on the same
line for another four years, and he will
certainly be successful. They say that this
conclusion is reached because "Mr. Mowat's
majority has been reduced from 26 to 17."It is worth while inquiring if these com-
forters are correct in their premises. Mr.
Mowat's majority was not 26 in the last
Legislature. By turning up the division
lists it will be seen that it ranged from 20
to 23, and was often 22 than 23. Then,
as it at present stands, the Liberal
majority is 21. Exclusive of the Speaker,
Mr. Mowat will have a majority of 20
in the new Legislature. It is highly
probable, too, that the majority will be
added to, if the elections of Tories in Ham-
ilton and elsewhere are protested, as
seems to be likely. Thus, our
contemporaries may find Mr. Mowat's ma-
jority in the new Legislature as big, if not
bigger, than the majority in the last House.
Even if the large majority in the last
Legislature were reduced, through local
causes, as in the Liberal losses in East
Elgin and North Essex, there is very little
cause for Tory rejoicing over the results in
the recent contest. It shows that the Lib-
erals, despite the double-faced policy pur-
sued by Mr. Meredith's candidates in not a
few constituencies, hold their own, in many
cases by enormous majorities, while in no
fewer than fifteen of the constituencies
carried by Tories, the majorities were
under 100. This is a big change from the
standing of parties after the Provincial
elections of 1883, when the Liberal ma-
jority was less than 10 in a House of 88
members. Then the Tory leaders, believ-
ing their hour was come, made a desperate
attempt to buy a majority for Mr. Mer-
edith, by corrupting needy Liberal M.P.'s,
but were foiled by the tempted, and have
never recovered from the exposure.A BIG THING FOR CANADA.
When a gentleman, who is entitled by
virtue of his professional standing to write
"C.E." after his name, publishes a pamphlet
setting forth as feasible a scheme that if
successful would be of immense benefit to
Canada, we are bound to take note of his
proposals. The author is Mr. H. Dun-
ford, C. E., London, and his proposal is
based on two propositions: 1. That nature
intended and intends the Arctic Ocean to be
an open sea, and the lands in and around it
to enjoy a fairly temperate climate. 2.
That to open this sea within the next few
years would be a work which would neither
need more money nor better men
than could be easily found. Mr.
Dunford undoubtedly draws upon one's
credulity when he lays down these
propositions. Whether or not they will
stand the investigation of experts remains
to be seen. In any case, the author lays
them down with a great deal of ingenuity
and plausibility. Mr. Dunford's argu-
ment, as summarized by the Canada
Gazette, of London, first takes it for granted
that the Arctic Sea was once an open
water and had a temperate climate. Can
we restore that climate to it by human
means? That is the question he sets him-
self to answer. In the first place, he as-
serts that the Pole is the center of a mass
of ice, not, as is generally supposed, im-
movable and permanent, but neither abso-
lutely stationary nor absolutely lasting. He
tells us, in fact, that the ice is in constant
movement all along the coast of the Gulf
Stream, from the first pack arrested by the
latter south of Spitzbergen to Behring
Strait; and that this movement keeps most
of the ice round the Pole in slow but con-
stant motion. Suppose, then, the ice-pack
were at once removed from the North Pole,
the two warm streams—the Japan current
and the Gulf Stream—now chilled, would
flow in their present course past the Pole
and southwards as warm streams, the ice
would be kept from re-forming,
and the excessive cold of the Arctic
regions would vanish. Nature is already
working steadily towards that end, for the
climate of the Northern hemisphere has been
steadily ameliorating ever since the commence-
ment of the historic period. On the shores of
Hudson's Bay, for instance, the winter has
grown shorter at the rate of one day in ten
years, and the season of navigation is now
twenty days longer than it was 200 years
ago. The ice barrier of the Arctic regions
is, in fact, being steadily driven further
north, and will eventually leave a channel
by which the Japan current can flow un-
checked through the Polar Sea from Behring
Strait to the Atlantic. It is to expedite
that process that Mr. Dunford proposes
that an attempt should be made to cut a
channel wide enough for a part of a warm
stream to pass without losing all its heat on
the way. Then the inhabitable shores of
the Arctic shall blossom as the rose; the ice-
bound lands of the far North shall smile
under the persuasive tinkle of the British
reaper's plow, and Canada shall be given a new
realm far surpassing in extent and fertility
anything promised by her own Northwest
Territories. May that happy day be
hastened!The trouble with practical people, in deal-
ing with suggestions of this kind, is the
ling with suggestions of this kind, is the
cost of the proposed scheme. Then cost of
it is just possible that after the channel was
cut, it would not remain open. Floating ice
in the Arctic regions as well as in other
localities, has a bad habit of moving around
and if such a movement got under way in
the neighborhood of the cut channel what
power could prevent a blockade? We may
be unduly skeptical, but we rather think
that a good many schemes will be floated on
the British Stock Exchange before a com-
pany is successfully formed to carry out
Mr. Dunford's project.

A GIRL'S GREAT TRIUMPH.

The fact that Miss Philippa Garrett
Fawcett, daughter of the famous blind
Liberal Parliamentary leader, carried off
highest honors in the recent examinations
at Cambridge has already been chronicled
by cable. Miss Fawcett was declared to
be "above the Senior Wrangler," an honor
earned by her sex for the first time in the
history of the ancient seat of learning.
The news naturally created the great-
est excitement at Cambridge. There
was a dinner at Newham, where
Miss Fawcett studied, and meanwhile the
grounds had been hastily illuminated, some
lamps having been improvised into a trophy
over the great door, blazing the initials
"P. G. F." A bonfire was also got to-
gether in the gardens, and a most interest-
ing scene ensued. The Newham ladies
joined hands and danced round the blaze
like a ring of witches, singing "For She's a
Jolly Good Fellow" over and over again.
The Selwyn men—Selwyn College being
just across a narrow lane—crowded against
the hedge to watch the rejoicings, and at
length, carried away by the contagion of
the girls' enthusiasm, "those noblest of
their species called emphatically men,"
broke through the hedge and stood on the
sacred lawn of Newham, joining in the
chorus. There they were, a score or two of
rascals, and some twenty yards away was the
"fairy ring" of Newham students in their
white evening dresses; and in the interval
was drawn up a human rampart of the
housekeepers and housemaids of Newham!
Thus, as in the "Princesses."The women sang
Between the rougher voices of men,
Like linnets in the pauses of the wind.
Miss Fawcett was chaired three times
round the bonfire, once in an ordinary
chair, which is said to have broken down in
the tumult, and once in a more regal
armchair, and finally on the shoulders of
her fellow-students, who would also have
chaired Mrs. Fawcett, but that lady, though
she had hurried to Cambridge radiant with
her daughter's triumph, pleaded that the
line must be drawn somewhere. Numerous
rockets and other fireworks were let off by
the Newham College servants, to which
the Selwyn men answered with as many
squibs as they could muster on such
short notice. They also gave cheers for
Newham and Miss Fawcett, to which the
Selwyn students responded by cheers for
Selwyn. The few details that have leaked
out of the triumph of Miss Fawcett, so far
from being at all "dumpy," it is said
that the lady was ahead of her nearest
competitor by marks representing a pro-
portion of 15 per cent., and that she was
better than everybody in all the papers ex-
cept two. As this is known to be a strong
year, and Mr. Bennett is recognized as a
mathematician rather than below the
average of Senior Wranglers, the achieve-
ment of Miss Fawcett is one of which
the Selwyn students are justly proud. She
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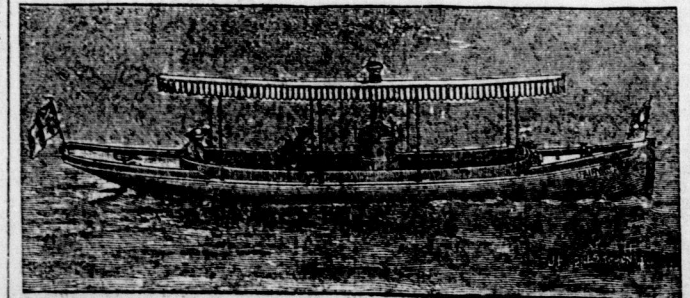
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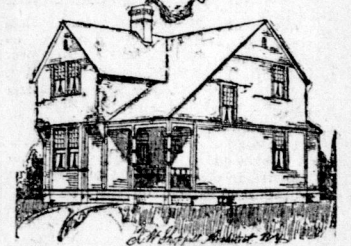
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