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## The Transvaal Police.

The recent announcement that the British Government is prepared to receive applications from 1,000 Canadians for places in the Transvaal mounted police, now being formed, will permit of any enterprising Canadian youth who is inclined to serve Her Majesty in South Africa, in the pacification of the country, and who is otherwise qualified, doing so. The pay is 5 shillings (\$1 25) a day, and we suppose, uniform and board. To maintain this force, which will number 10,000, and be recruited from the Mother Country as well as from Canada and her sister colonies, the British Government, at the late session of Parliament, took a special vote of \$5,000,000.

If a body of men like the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police can be established, it will be a powerful aid to the preservation of peace and good government on the veldt.

## Premier of United Australia.

The recently cabled announcement that the new governor-general of the Australian Commonwealth had been compelled to fall back on Hon. Edward Barton, Q.C., M.A., and had asked him to form the first administration for the united country, has renewed our interest in the sister auxiliary kingdom of Great Britain.

Mr. Barton is one of the best known of Australian politicians. He is in the prime of life, being only 51 years of age. Born at Sydney, N. S. W., he was educated there, and joined the legal profession, in which he has been very successful, despite the fact that he has given much attention to public affairs. When but 30 years of age he was returned as member of the Parliament of New South Wales. Four years later he was elected as speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and in 1889 he returned to the Government as attorney-general. He was member of the first federal convention which met at Sydney in 1891, and he was leader of the federal convention that sat in 1897-98 in Adelaide, Sydney, and Melbourne.

The new premier is a man of strong personality, with a face not unlike that of Hon. Edward Blake, and he is likely to gather around him a cabinet that will be able to give the now completed Commonwealth of Australia a fair start in its federal existence.

## The Christian Centuries.

Soon we change again the number of the year, and we have an illustration of the power of habit in the difficulty we at first feel in making the change. In these days of printing and type-writing, perhaps that is not so generally felt, but those who have been accustomed to write the old date with their own hand will find themselves unconsciously tracing the old lines. Even this small thing is an illustration of the tendency of the past to project itself into the future. We are not intending now to moralize on that point, but to make a brief remark on the fact that the very date we write is an acknowledgment of the power of Christianity. Nineteen hundred years ago in the presence and power of a great Teacher, a new epoch was marked. The world would not acknowledge this at first. The new teaching was heresy, and the new community a despised sect, but soon the world had to admit that it was face to face with a new mighty spiritual force. Even the outward conquest of great nations could not have been made without a great revealing power of truth, and a strong, inspiring power of love.

But the outward world, though hard to conquer, is easier to subdue than the inward world. The great thing is to transform and uplift the world you have conquered. This is what Christianity aims to do, but it is hard, slow work. It is so hard and slow that faint-hearted people are tempted to despair altogether. When at this moment, as we are reminded of Christmas hopes and aims, we look round the world, our feelings are very strangely mingled. There is so much going on that seems strangely out of harmony with the Christian religion! And yet, unless we lose our faith altogether, we must admit that there are better things in the making. The freed man and the nobler social life which we enjoy did not spring up in the night like a mushroom. It is the result of long, toilsome years.

In fact, the only cure for bitter despondency is to take a long view of things. Thomas Cooper, who in his way was a remarkable character, was a Chartist agitator, an infidel lecturer, a man with some real poetic instinct, who wrote in prison "The Purgatory of Suicides." This man, afterwards a Christian "apologist," delivered lectures throughout England, one series of which was entitled "The Bridge of History Over the Gulf of Time." Each century was named in a picturesque

fashion after some great man or striking event in it. Not much history can be given in two or three hours, but the man succeeded in popularizing a great idea, namely, that the Christian religion has been a great and growing power ever since it came into the world. To judge a great movement, one must not take a quarter of an hour, or a quarter of a century, but watch its action and reaction through a long stretch of time. Then we shall not be afraid to use the phrase, "the Christian centuries." That which has been accomplished will be the promise of still larger things to follow.

## Where Com Paul Missed It.

German newspapers, taking their cue from the Emperor, are not giving ex-President Kruger much comfort. He is not only told that his present pilgrimage and pleadings are unwelcome, but he is informed that he and his associates have bungled the whole thing. Here is what the Kölnische Zeitung says:

"A year after the Jameson raid was the favorable moment for the Boers to come to a peaceful understanding with England if they had wished to do so on honorable terms. If the Boers had really wished it, England would then have gladly met them half-way. Then the Transvaal leaders had an opportunity which would never occur again. Then they might have found out that they had not the remotest prospect of being able to count on foreign help. It was only realized for a moment in Pretoria, and the good Hollander friends of the Republic, whose income from the Transvaal depended on the ill-feeling between Boer and Briton, were clever enough to frustrate all attempts towards a good understanding, and to embark the Boer leaders on a course of policy which had to be followed out, and which ended in the ultimatum and the war. Today those leaders are wandering on the face of the earth, the country is in the hands of the British, 16,000 Boers are prisoners of war in Ceylon and St. Helena, and the great mass of the population is enduring suffering and shame. The only person who has really made a profit out of the war is the collector of curiosities who sold Kruger's top hat for \$25."

Kruger and his allies still in the field are indeed very foolish not to accept this disinterested advice. They would be well advised, and they would greatly conduce to the comfort of the whole Boer population if they were now cheerfully to accept the situation, and agree to the peaceful settlement of the territory which has been war-blighted through their stupidity.

The proposition of the British Government, as announced to Parliament, is most reasonable, and exhibits a wise desire to conciliate the disaffected inhabitants. Briefly stated, it is to end the guerilla warfare and the devastation of the country as speedily as possible; to set up a civil crown colony; and to get rid of military domination. That cannot be, of course, while armed bands of Boers go about the country breathing forth threatenings and warfare. But if the Boers would only accept the situation, as they would exhibit wisdom in doing, they could have at once municipal government in Pretoria, Bloemfontein and Johannesburg, and an early re-establishment of municipal government in every district where the populace, by their conduct, show that they are prepared to stand by the rights of all. The Boers will have their fair share of posts of administration in both colonies, and in the near future there will be equal laws, equal liberties, and self-government throughout South Africa.

There need have been no war, no loss of life or property, to secure this ideal condition of affairs, if, as our German contemporary points out, Kruger and his friends had been reasonably discreet in their methods; but now that they have fought and been hopelessly beaten, surely they ought to be convinced that it is criminal to further invite their friends and neighbors to resist the establishment of British law, order and justice. Those who urge them to continue are really not friends, but enemies.

## Wise or Otherwise?

The younger Sir Charles, in a letter to his former Pictou constituents, again rails at British subjects of French-Canadian extraction in good set terms. "In good set terms, and yet a motley fool?"

The Opposition M.P.s will pull themselves together at Ottawa the day before the Dominion Parliament meets, by electing a leader pro tem.

Toronto Weekly Sun: Canadians may say that the century which is closing comprehends almost the whole of their history. When it opened Little York was a village on the wide stretch of lonely shore. Of the two provinces not yet united, one formed the wilderness asylum of a little band of exiles for loyalty's sake, and the other was a newly-conquered dependency of France, with a population under a hundred thousand, and a government of conquest. The wealth which now sustains our population of six millions and a great commerce slept beneath the primeval forest, in the unopened mine, or in the prairie over which the Indian chased the buffalo. What the Dominion then was we all know well; what she is now we all see. Why repeat a tale so often told? The day, we may hope, is not far off on which Canada shall deem it no longer necessary to "advertise" herself; when she shall no longer anxiously hold out her hand for crumbs of appreciation from abroad, when her statesmen shall be content with the honors which their own community have bestowed; and when, having the population and wealth, she will assume the dignity and deportment of a nation.

## Future of Our Woods.

In recent years, as a result of the denuding of the uplands of the eastern portion of the United States of their forests, there has been great destruction of the game through lack of cover, and a vast number of fish have been deprived of life because of the shrinkage of the streams. This is a natural consequence of the ruthless depletion of the woods in the neighboring country, which is causing the people of the United States more and more to be dependent on Canada for their supplies. Are we taking proper care of our forests, and is every necessary precaution being taken to re-afforest the country as fast as the necessities of commerce cause our trees to be cut down? When last a compilation was made, the following was given as the forest area of the various great countries, and the forest area per head:

Country.	Acres.	Area in Forest.	Acres per head.
Norway .. .. .	19,288,000	9,640,000	9.64
Sweden .. .. .	44,480,000	21,240,000	9.30
Denmark .. .. .	469,400	210,000	2.10
Germany .. .. .	34,387,650	16,193,820	2.70
Poland .. .. .	561,300	125,300	1.12
Belgium .. .. .	1,245,307	235,935	.20
France .. .. .	23,538,935	2,059,108	.08
Switzerland .. .. .	2,059,108	16,348,322	.75
Spain .. .. .	16,348,322	10,870,093	.24
Italy .. .. .	10,870,093	42,950,120	1.04
Austria-Hungary .. .. .	42,950,120	2,254,000	.41
Romania .. .. .	2,254,000	450,000,000	7.03
United States .. .. .	450,000,000	2,635,000	.07
Canada .. .. .	2,635,000	150,000,000	150
Russia, Europe .. .. .	387,600,000	3,970,000	.01

There may have been some changes in the relative size of the timber belts owned by the countries named, but the ratio has probably not changed very much.

It will be observed that Canada's forest wealth is very great, and likely to be a source of perpetual profit to the people if it is carefully husbanded. There is no denying, however, that the disposition in the older settled portions of both Canada and the United States has been to cut down the trees and make no effort at reforestation. This is now shown to be a losing policy, and the governments, as well as the people, are making an effort to remedy it before it is too late. No vacant land, however apparently barren, should be left without something growing on it, and if it cannot be used for agriculture, then it should be planted with trees. They will grow almost anywhere, except in lakes and rivers.

It might be well to consider whether it would not be a popular and proper move on the part of our legislatures to enact that a landowner who re-afforests unproductive lands should be encouraged to do so by the abatement of taxes on the property. Such a man is benefiting not only himself but the state as a whole, for he is adding to the providing of our future timber supply, as well as insuring a proper distribution of the rainfall and a preservation of our waterways in their natural condition.

Mr. Henry Corby, the big distiller and Conservative M.P. for West Hastings, has resigned on account of ill-health. Mr. Corby can hardly be blamed for his action, though it seems to be rather unpalatable in certain quarters. It was thought Mr. Foster might be seated for the vacancy, but local feeling appears not to be favorable.

## THE CUDAHY KIDNAPPERS

Believed to Have Taken Passage for Liverpool.

Pat Crowe Has Been Seen in Chicago Disguised as a Woman.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Boston police think that Pat Crowe and the other Omaha kidnapers, who stole young Edward Cudahy and returned him to his father for \$25,000, are on the Warren River Michigan, bound for Liverpool, and a cable containing that information has been sent to the Scotland Yard detectives, who will be on the Liverpool docks when the steamer arrives there.

Just before the Michigan sailed from the House Tunnel dock last Saturday, two men, who acted so suspiciously as to attract attention, boarded the steamer with a large amount of baggage.

A Nantucket Beach watchman has reported to the police that he saw at the beach a big stranger, dressed like a western cattleman, and carrying a big old carpet bag. He asked for a boatman to row him out to an outgoing vessel, and said he would pay almost any price for the service, for he was anxious to board some vessel going to a foreign port. He answered the description of Pat Crowe. The watch-

## PIMPLES PREVENTED BY CUTICULA SOAP

The most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap, as well as purest and sweetest, for toilet, bath, and nursery. It strikes at the cause of bad complexion, red, rough skin, falling hair, and baby blemishes, viz., the clogged, irritated, inflamed, over-worked, or sluggish pores.

See Our Extra Large Size Wool Blanket for \$2 75.

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208, 210, 210½, 212 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON, ONT.

See Our Extra Heavy All Wool Blanket for \$2 48.

## For Saturday's Selling

Inspect these items and see if there is not something that will serve your purpose and be easy on your purse.

## Staple Department

53 pieces Fancy Flannellette in assorted colors; regular price 10c and 12½c. To clear per yard 7½c.

9 pieces 32-inch Flannellette, any time; regular price 8c. To clear, per yard 6c.

11 pieces Extra Heavy Flannellette, wide width, plain colors, and stripes; regular price 15c. To clear, per yard 11c.

1,200 yards Bleached Cotton, in mill ends of 2 to 8 yards; 10c quality, for per yard 8c.

4,500 yards Unbleached Cotton, in mill ends of 5 to 20 yards, free from specks; 7c quality, for, per yard 5c.

Special Line Gray Flannel, twilled and plain, good weight, for, per yard 12½c.

Special Line Gray Flannel, twilled and plain, extra weight, for, per yard 15c.

## Every Jacket Reduced

to clear. Not shopworn either, but every garment mentioned below this season's styles.

ALL JACKETS at \$4.50, \$5, \$5.25 and \$5.95, this season's goods, blacks, fawns and navys, smooth and rough cloths. For one week your choice..... \$3 90

ALL JACKETS at \$6.35, \$6.50 and \$7, this season's goods, black, brown, navy and tawn. For one week your choice..... \$5 00

ALL JACKETS at \$7.50, \$7.90 and \$8, this season's goods, tawn, black and mode shades. For one week your choice..... \$5 90

ALL JACKETS at \$8.50 and \$10, this season's styles, in fawn and black. For one week your choice..... \$7 50

ALL JACKETS at \$12, \$13.50 and \$15, this season's styles, black, tawn, navy and gray. For one week your choice..... \$10 00

ALL JACKETS at \$20, \$22.50 and \$25, this season's styles, black, tawn and gray. For one week your choice..... \$15 00

## Dress Goods Specials

50c Dress Goods for 35c

20 pieces Tweed Dress Goods, 44 and 54-inch, Amazon Cloth, 44-inch, dark colors, plain smooth finish, regular 50c. Special, per yard..... 35c

90c Dress Goods for 50c

40 pieces Dress Goods, in tweeds, chevots, plaid and homespuns, suitable for suits and odd skirts, regular 75c to \$1, 44 to 54-inch. Special, per yard..... 50c

\$1.25 Dress Goods for 75c

50 pieces 54-inch Suitings, in chevots, tweeds, venetians and homespuns, all-wool, 54-inch, shrunk, regular \$1, \$1 25 and \$1 50. Special, per yard..... 75c

## Bargains in Comforters

All of our lovely Eider Comforters reduced to clear for stock taking.

Our \$4 40 Comforters for \$3 50.

Our \$5 50 Comforters for \$4 30.

Our \$6 Comforters for \$4 50.

Our \$7 Comforters for \$5 25.

## Special values in Batting-Filled Comforters

Extra value, 60 by 72, for \$1 00.

Extra value, 60 by 72, for \$1 35.

Extra value, 66 by 72, for \$1 50.

Extra value, 72 by 72, for \$1 75.

Extra value, 72 by 72, for \$2 00.

## The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co

208, 210, 210½ and 212 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

man went to notify the police, and when he returned the man was gone.

THE SEARCH FOR CROWE. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—All hope of capturing Pat Crowe in this vicinity has been abandoned, and the police and special detectives have now settled down to a systematic search for evidence from the clues now in their possession. The police think St. Joseph is the last city in the middle west that Pat Crowe would visit at such a time as this. Another development is the fact that the man who rented the cottage on Grover street gave the name of J. L. Connor. Crowe has a brother-in-law named J. L. Connor, and those working on the case are inclined to believe that Crowe rented the house.

A special from St. Joseph says that Pat Crowe was seen to enter a saloon there yesterday afternoon, and that a search is being made in Crowe's haunts in South St. Joseph. In Omaha no credence is placed in the story that Crowe was in Boston or any point in the east.

DISGUISED AS A WOMAN. Chicago, Dec. 28.—Disguised as a woman, Pat Crowe has been seen in Chicago within the last few days, and may still be hiding there. According to statements made by Detective Sergt. James Storen, a Chicago police officer, who has arrested Crowe a number of times in the past, Storen claims to have traced Crowe to a room where he was masquerading as a young widow in mourning, but that Crowe received warning from his friends that the police were on his trail, and escaped before a capture could be effected.

CHARGED WITH A FIENDISH CRIME. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—Ernest Pettet, 121 Queen street west, was arrested yesterday on a charge of aggravated assault on his 2-year-old son. According to the statement of Inspector Archibald, Pettet, about a month ago, while in a fit of temper, placed the naked child upon a hot stove, leaving him there till his skin came off, and adhered to the hot iron. The story of the inhuman crime reached the department today through an Indian citizen, and the child was found to be still suffering from its terrible experience. Pettet was at once arrested.

BRAKEMAN KILLED. Fort Erie, Ont., Dec. 27.—C. R. Sharp, 35 years old, a G. T. R. yardman, was killed here this morning. Sharp belonged to Chicago, Ill.

BICKLE'S ANTI-CONSUMPTIVE SYRUP stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in bringing up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

## The Dying Year—1900.

(By Geo. W. Armstrong.)

Ring solemn chimes, ye midnight bells,  
As o'er the land your music swells;  
Reminding man that his career,  
Shall end, just like the dying year.

Ring softly, life is but a dream;  
Or, like an ever rolling stream,  
That hurries on its mighty way,  
And time is impotent to stay.

Ring as a muffled drum doth peal,  
The dying year sad memories seal;  
Memories of sorrows, joys and peace—  
And noble deeds and bad must cease.

Ring, for thy tones prophetic are,  
They bring glad tidings from afar;  
The year may die 'midst grief and pain,  
Yet from its womb new life regain.

Time was, time is and time shall be,  
T.M. blended with eternity;  
And years shall die and live again,  
For nothing mortal can remain.

Then ring your softly solemn chimes,  
Make men forget their ills and crimes;  
And as your music fills the skies,  
Let nobler aspirations rise.  
London, Ont.

## The Appeal Was Not Sectional.

What cause can there be for alarm if the people of the Province of Quebec have sustained the government almost solidly, as they have. There might, there would, be cause for alarm if our policy had been sectional and not national. If we had appealed to the people of Quebec upon grounds which appealed to Quebec alone, then indeed there would be cause for alarm. But when we have appealed not only to Quebec, but to the whole people of Canada, upon grounds which find an echo in the heart of every Canadian, I have no cause for alarm. (Loud and continued applause.)

What cause for alarm can there be if upon the question of the Manitoba schools, when the Conservative party threatened to settle that question by coercion, the people of Quebec almost to a man rejected that policy? (Applause.)

What cause for alarm could there be when, upon the trade policy of the country we presented the policy of the preferential tariff to Britain, and our opponents, on the contrary, presented the policy of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, the people of Quebec chose to accept our policy? (Applause.)

What cause for alarm can there be, I say, when the people of Quebec chose to accept the policy of prefer-

tial trade without asking for a quid pro quo?

What cause for alarm can there be upon all these questions because the people of Quebec stood by the policy which is the true policy for Canada?

There is no cause for alarm, there is, perhaps, a good example given to other parts of Canada. (Applause.) There might be cause for alarm if in the campaign we had appealed to the people of Quebec upon the policy which could not be defended in the Province of Ontario or elsewhere, but when we presented to the people of Canada a policy which could be defended in the Province of Ontario and everywhere, certainly there could not be any reason for the people of Ontario to vote against the policy, simply because it is supported by the people of Quebec. (Cheers.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Toronto.

## ONLY FIVE CASES IN ONTARIO.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Ontario has five cases of smallpox, with very little danger of the disease spreading. The men are shanty men and are in quarantine between 30 and 40 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie. The town lost no time in vaccinating the lumbermen, after the first individual was discovered with the disease. The provincial board of health has sent out a constable to see that the quarantine instructions are rigidly carried out. The disease was brought into Ontario by a man from Michigan, who had been in a district where the disease existed.

CANNOT BE BEAT.—Mr. D. Steinbach, Zurich, writes:—I have used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in my family for a number of years, and I can safely say that it cannot be beat for the cure of croup, fresh cuts and sprains. My little boy has had attacks of croup several times, and one dose of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was sufficient for a perfect cure. I take great pleasure in recommending it as a family medicine, and I would not be without a bottle in my house."

Little May McCaffrey, of New York, is said to be the only girl bootblack in the country. She has her place in the Central station and does a good business, mainly with women passengers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup Has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES the CHILD, SOFTENS the GUMS, ALLAYS all PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHEA. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

The average age of the present freshman class at Yale is 19 years, and 2 months—eight months more than the average age of new students at the New Haven Institution for many years.

Signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day