

THE TORONTO WORLD

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Transit of Fish in Bond.

The London Free Press a few days ago started the community from its slumber by suggesting that American fishermen be conceded the privilege of transshipping their catch of fish across Canadian territory in bond. The proposal promptly drew forth many growls and grumbles of dissent from papers on both sides of politics respectively. The Empire and some other out-and-out Liberal-Conservative journals hastened to say that the thing would never, never do, that it would be going back on Canada's rights as they had always been understood and maintained by Sir John, and that it was nonsense to imagine that he was going to do anything of the sort. The Mail was candid enough to say that if Sir John conceded the privilege of transshipping fish in bond he would be doing just the right thing, and thought it very likely that he would do so after all. The Globe took what we must call the meanest course of all; it pronounced the proposed concession as a base surrender, double-breastedly intended by Sir John, while publicly repeating that this although there has all along been good reason for believing that the Globe's own friends, if in power, would hasten to make out of the very same thing. Of course, more important was the question of what the Free Press said from the fact that it is an old time supporter of the party in power, and on terms of particular friendship with Hon. John Carling. It was supposed by some that the thing had already been almost as good as determined upon at Ottawa, and that the Free Press had been employed to break the news gently to the country. But the Ottawa correspondents say no, no; they keep repeating that the Cabinet still stands where it always did on the question of transshipping in bond, and that the suggestion made by The Free Press is entirely "unauthorized," which means that the powers that be deny all responsibility for it. Now, official usage, be it here or there, without justifying charges of double-dealing or deceiving the public, or anything so ugly looking as that. It is perfectly proper that the Canadian Government should have full consultation with the Home authorities before coming to any unalterable conclusion as to what is the outside that Canada can consent to for a quiet life, as we may say. And, were it the case that the Home Government really favored the concession indicated, it would still be manifestly improper for the Canadian authorities to make public their final determination in the matter, until the same had been settled between London and Ottawa. Therefore we do not attach much importance to the denials now coming from Ottawa; we hold them quite admissible under the circumstances, whatever the intentions of the Government may be. At the same time we hesitate not to say that for once we agree with The Mail, and that, all the circumstances considered, it would be an eminently wise thing for the Canadian Government to agree to transshipping in bond. From our reading of President Cleveland's Retaliation message, we should say that he attaches great value to the privilege in question. Well, if it will do our neighbors so much good, and at the same time to ourselves, why have better, better, concede, and make peace. That is, however, provided it will make peace; add that we are not to be harassed with more demands without end. The truth is that the railway systems of the two countries are very much entangled together, and have to be run by both peoples. The Canada Southern is owned and run by an American company, and the Chicago and Grand Trunk is a Canadian railway on an American soil. The C. P. R. lays down its tracks in the State of Maine, and it controls the American roads connecting with the St. Lawrence. On each side freight belonging to the other side is passing in bond all the time. Therefore we have been having a good deal of freight carried across American territory in bond, and after all it might not be so much "out of the way" were we to agree to this. We do not propose to prove our case by finely-drawn arguments and by bringing up points of law; we may merely say that to grant the concession in question would be an advisable thing to do—all things considered. And we feel pretty sure that, if a popular vote could be taken in the matter, it would be so decided.

For Parkdale Thinkers.

The little family compact that Mr. Donald C. Ridout said he wished to be perpetuated in Parkdale by the defeat of the annexation-by-law, has cost the ratepayers of the town dear. While Toronto's debt during less than two years past has only increased 20 per cent, Parkdale's has gone up over 75 per cent. Here are a few of the items:

Jan. 1, 1887	Oct. 1, 1888	Increase
Local Improvements	\$114,775	\$209,221.54
Drainage	20,114.75	127,500.00
Water Works	30,000.00	190,000.00
Schools	8,000.00	92,000.00
Town Hall	12,000.00	12,000.00
Street Railway	8,000.00	8,000.00
Subways	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	\$209,221.54	\$209,221.54

If we were, for the sake of argument, to strike out both Local Improvements and Drainage Debentures, we would still show an increase of \$117,209, or 25.49 per head in 22 months. This is how the expenditures have run up under the benign influence of a "little family" management.

The Law of Kindness.

The Humane Society Convention has been a credit to its conveners and must result in good to man and beast. There was a tendency on the part of some of the delegates to make regressive laws the main object of the organizations. This the majority of the delegates wisely set their faces against. Such organizations do immensely more good by moulding and shaping public opinion so that all cases of cruelty, whether to dumb animals or helpless children, will diminish as the public conscience learns to abhor their authors. This is a lesson to be learned in many quarters, and also that contained in Coleridge's lines:

He prays best who loves best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.

The Stoppage of Navigation on the St. Lawrence.

The stoppage of navigation on the St. Lawrence between Kingston and Montreal on account of the break in the Cornwall canal is an argument in favor of the ship canal from the French river to the Ottawa river, outlined in The World recently.

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It is not Treachery.

The Reform Party has been seeing stars since Mr. Blake took a brief from the Canadian Pacific. The Liberals have always believed that the big corporation, the steel under the Government velvet. Hence the rushing flow of denunciations and six-hour speeches directed to Canadian Pacific policy and personnel as much as to Old To-Morrow's Conservative brotherhood. The campaign chart was submitted to Mr. Blake to mark the plan of attack. He drew a red line at "cooked" returns, another at misapplication of the people's money to branch lines, another at personal relations between directors and members of Government, another—well, there was something about the Government giving up parts of the road already built without receiving consideration therefor. Jekyll contending the company got too much changes to Hyde studying for a fee reported at five thousand dollars to show how the company did not get enough.

A Trinity of Conventions.

The simultaneous gathering of America's Humanitarian, Guelphic Association, and Unitarians at their annual conferences affords further proof of the high position Toronto occupies in the American Continent. For the past twelve months more to the winter the Young Liberals and Conservative should together meet monthly and discuss in Parliamentary style various political subjects. This is a good idea. Carry it out and let both parties win their spurs, emulate the Empire of Delia, and thus be trained to work for the glory of their common country.

Voluntarism is Best.

The conference of Volunteer Relief Visitors acted nobly at their meeting on Thursday. They faced the problem of how to deal with the distressed, and decided unanimously that they would continue their labor of love and decline to place in the hands of paid officials duties which belong to the very men who were gathered at the conference.

In the States.

It is currently reported (by the enemy, of course) that just now the Democratic message are looking with all their eyes on another Burdick. Any one who could do the trick, and "do it up brown," would be engaged regardless of expense. So it is said; but you needn't believe it except you like.

A great Republican gathering.

Blaine to be present, was set for Wednesday on the old battleground of Tippecanoe, in Indiana. But the "magnetic man" got quite sick the same morning, and told his disappointed friends that he could not possibly speak that day. At 8:10 he left for Chicago, where he arrived at 8 in the evening. He expected to be able to make a big speech in Chicago to-day. There was both confusion and grumbling among the crowd at Tippecanoe, and probably the poor man was none to blame either. A crowd disappointed as this one was is apt to be in "cranky" humor. One report says that at Lafayette, Blaine could not get a cup of hot coffee, and had to go to Chicago to get a warm meal. After all there is reason for believing that he was really sick on Wednesday, and no sham about it, either.

A feature of the campaign in the State.

across the lake is a canal boat carrying hands, banners, and a general Cleveland Thurman display, going the whole length of the Erie canal. She started from Buffalo about ten days ago, and is now near Oswego. She is called the "Thomas Jefferson," and is commanded by Capt. Thacker. She carries several good speakers, and those find it no excursion for play merely; for every now and then they have to face "guns" belonging to the other side.

Hon. William H. Burdum is chairman.

of the Democratic National Committee; and these days he is a more important man than even Phineas T. He is reported a wide awake old customer, and as sharp as a needle.

The Sun says, and truly—that

the City of New York has "an enormous shifting vote." It is this shifting vote that both the men who "talked." Our contemporary says the battle is going on now at short range, and that the result in the nation depends mainly on New York city.

In the Senate, on Wednesday,

the honorable members made a set speech on the tariff bill, and had just three senators for an audience, the chairman included. The yet nobody can get these legislators to adjourn.

Thurman, the Democratic candidate

for Vice President is starting for through Indiana, with his red bandana. He was at Fort Wayne, the other day, at a barbecue.

The Women's Christian Temperance

Union have arranged for a five days' convention in New York, which was to have commenced yesterday. It is charged (by the Democrats, of course) that the Republicans have laid plans for capturing the convention and running it so as to help Harrison.

Next Tuesday two weeks, Nov. 9, will be

election day. As the day draws nearer reports fly thicker of all sorts of "plots," "vicious schemes" and such like, which are suddenly to be sprung upon an innocent and unsuspecting community. The devil is working deep underground, we are told. Wonder if he or any of his imps has been blabbing; it is not like the fraternity to expose their own game, we believe.

There is a good deal of complaint now

about dear bread, and it is charged by the

Republicans that the present Democratic

Administration at Washington is at least partly to blame. For the Administration's mismanagement caused many millions of national treasury funds to be deposited in certain banks, in Chicago and other places. These banks, being "flush," were able to lend lavishly to speculators, who used the money to run up the price of wheat. But for this unwise policy on the part of the Government, "Old Huteh" would not have had such an opportunity as that which came to him. See 1.

If Nicholas Flood Davis is to make

the word landscapes in his florid letters beautiful and poetic he must change the names of the mountains and streams of his prairie Acadia. The plebeian "dirt hills" in the following name our poetic sensibilities: "all aglow in the light of the Sun, who is setting in great splendour over the blue-purple backs of the Dirt Hills."

How do these free traders who assert

that commerce are the result of protection, explain the fact that the carriage, cart and wagon axle combination and the steel rail syndicate, besides the many other trusts in free trade Great Britain?

The reasons that citizens of Parkdale

should vote for annexation are threefold: Toronto's large assets, Parkdale has none. The debt of Toronto is less per head than that of Parkdale. The annual expenses of Toronto are less per head than those of Parkdale.

The Ottawa Citizen the other day gave

space to a report that Premier Mowat is to retire in favor of Mr. Sam. Blake as Attorney-General and of Mr. Gibson as leader of the Government. The World has ascertained that there is nothing in the improbable rumor.

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