DECLINE OF "THE PLUG."

Silk Hats of Men Said to Be Doomed.

he tall hat to go at last? It has with us for more than a century. tiff hideousness has been more or remotely foreshadowed for cen- before its actual appearance— e ungainly chimney-pot of the dhead and the Puritan, again in issenting broad brim of the early ers. During all the period of its l life it has been the object of al- universal execration. Yet it has its own against all opposition.

restless Western Fashions feast th every varying dish's lures, changeless as the unchanging East m above flux the hat endures.

now Lord Ronald Gower says it is doomed. He has headed a evolt against it. Lord Ronald r is no ordinary man. As a son e Duke of Sutherland, he was into an extraordinary social posi-

But he does not believe in birth as a passport to consideration. h above birth is his motto. w, to prove the logic of his be- Lord Ronald Gower has taken up tudy of art. He is a sculptor of pean reputation. His dual posi- s a social leader and an authority esthetics makes him a powerful pion of the right in the matter of

And the right, in his view, ves an uncompromising hatred of all hat and a determination to do with it at all hazards. for the moment he has dropped isel to take up the pen. A sharp, incisive pen it is, and he dipped ail in order the better to express ll measure of his detestation. talks even better than he writes. best contribution he has yet made important discussion in his inter- with The Herald corespondent. latter found his lordship amiably ing over with indignation at the of artistic sense in the British . He had just received this mous post card from a mean- assailant:

10.4.96.

In to-day's Daily Chronicle your is simply stupid. A good silk considered a fitting covering for s, but you, I fear, have (sic) but use for such. Yours respectfully, TOLERATION.

Lord Ronald does not oppose the at on artistic grounds alone. He s that it is mainly owing to the ey-pot and the English habit of g it at school—at Eton—even in- in the House of Commons, for ce, that England has a greater ntage of young bald-headed men w than other countries. As in- proof of cause and effect Lord d instanced the Blue Coat Boys never wear a head-covering, and it is asserted, are rarely bald in life. But this is a rare exception, ough Britannia rules the waves annot rightfully assert that her en never will be slaves when in they are held in the bondage of nous custom. Alas and alack! are moments when even so inde- nt a man as Lord Ronald Gower f has to bend to public opinion, on the "topper." And the masses the upper classes in their aberra-

d as for the hideousness of the just fancy, if you can," added rdship, "the Apollo Belvedere, or ermes of Praxiteles, attired in a coat and a silk hat!"

n the Prince of Wales, who is to n "the glass of fashion and the of form," no sooner leaves the al than he patronizes the "bowl- he "billycock," and, above all, ciety which is generally known e "Tyrolese;" but His Royal ess has a preference for silk hats wn."

haps H. R. H. wears an occasion- g hat out of deference to his s memory. Just before the mar- of the Prince Consort the silk ade its appearance in England brever banished the beaver. A n hatter named Townsend intro- it, charging for the new inven- he modest sum of four shillings inepence. These facts, historic- d financial, are preserved in a r song of the period:

Albert comes to Britain's Isle,
ress him out in the first of style,
shirt and a four and ninepenny tile,
urry the Queen of England.

Scarboro Centennial.

D. B. Macdonald, chairman of xecutive Committee, in a letter to Markham Sun, states:

The Celebration is to be held on nesday and Thursday, the 17th 18th of June. A portion of the ramme will be carried out on the nds of Mr. Amos Thomson, and rt on the grounds of St. Andrew's rch.

There will be held in St. Andrew's rch in the forenoon of each day, n 10.30 to 12 o'clock, a reunion horial service, in which all denom- tions join, and which will be ad- ed by former residents of the nship.

he centennial choir will assist at e services.

On the afternoon of each day, be- ning at 2 o'clock, a specially ar- ged programme will be tendered. he speakers will represent various rests of the township—agricultural, ustrial and professional. The Lieu- ant-Governor of Ontario will reply he salutation of the "Old Flag"; Hon. G. W. Ross and O. A. How- , M.L.A., will speak on appropriate jects; Messrs. W. F. Maclean, M. Mr. Richardson, M.L.A., and Mr. nkland will speak some time dur- the centennial.

centennial choir of about 150 es, and also the school children of rboro, under the direction of Mr. ffer, will render appropriate selec- s.

Against Clerical Interference.

the annual meeting of the Ux- ge District of the Methodist ch, held in Markham, the follow- esolution was adopted, with but dissenting vote: Moved by the George Washington, seconded by ev. Joseph Young, and "Re- that this district meeting re- the efforts of the bishops of the n Catholic church to coerce Ma- in regard to separate schools, heir claim to have supreme control he state in this matter, as utter- posed to the principles of free nment, as hostile to the best in- s of the whole Dominion, and as for the most determined oppo- on the part of every Canadian desires to retain that freedom tyranny that has been secured to the heroic sacrifices of our s."

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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

Meeting of Board of Regents—Financial and Educational Reports.

The annual meeting of the Board of Regents of Victoria University was held in the Senate-room. The estimates of income and expenditure made last year had anticipated a deficiency of $8000 on the year's work, the income being estimated at over $24,000, and expenditure at over $32,000. The treasurers, Mr. Geo. A. Cox and the Rev. Dr. Potts, were able to report that this had been reduced below $6000, partly by increase in fees due to a larger attendance of students and partly by a special income fund contributed by friends at the solicitation of Dr. Potts, intended to cover the annual deficiency for the next five years. The deficiency is due to the fact that the necessary endowment has not yet been reached. The original estimate for endowment was $400,000, producing $24,000 a year. The productive endowment is about $260,000, yielding less than $14,000 annual income. The total expenditure for the year is $33,023. The income reached $27,112. The attendance of students has again advanced, the net registration for the year being 253, divided as follows: Arts, 227; theology, 128; less registered in both faculties, 102; net total, 253. The staff number 11 professors and lecturers in arts and six in theology, three taking work in both faculties.

The students of Victoria have obtained their full share of the honors, scholarships and prizes of the University. The largest prize in the gift of the University, the Exhibition Scholarship of $750 a year for two years after graduation, to be used in study in Europe, has been won this year by a Victoria man, A. M. Scott. Of 25 students of Victoria this year presented for ordination, 19 are graduates in arts, three being also graduates in divinity.

Bowling on the Green.

Now is the season for bowling. This healthful outdoor sport is becoming more popular in Canada every year. No fashionable summer resort, club or residence is now without its bowling lawn or green. To bowl well, a special lignum vitae bowl with proper bias is indispensable. It is not now necessary to send to Glasgow for such bowls, as Samuel May & Co., the well-known billiard table and bowling goods manufacturers, import special stock and employ skilled turners especially for this work. Inspection of stock is now invited. Show rooms, 68 King-street west.

June Trade Sale.

On Wednesday next the first trade sale in June will be held by Suckling & Co. Large lines of new clothing in men's suits will be sold, as well as 1000 pairs of men's trousers, boys' and youths' clothing, boys' knickers, etc. A retail stock of general dry goods will be sold in detail, as well as a small city tailoring stock of new goods—trouserings, suitings, linings, etc., boots and shoes, etc. On Tuesday next they will sell at the corner of Scott and Colborne-streets the entire plant and equipment of the Stereotype Plate Co., Ltd., in detail, and on Wednesday in their warerooms the stock of Wm. Howe, Lindsay, housefurnishings, $2,800, and the stock of John Watt & Co., dry goods, Uxbridge, $7000.

Independent Order Foresters.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger, who is now in Europe in the interest of Independent Forestry, judging from the British press, has commenced work in earnest in addressing public meetings on behalf of the Order which he represents. The Cork, Dublin and Belfast papers give considerable space to the report of the meetings held at which the doctor spoke. The Supreme Chief will visit Glasgow, Derby, London and other principal cities before returning.

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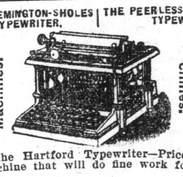

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