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God's in His heaven.

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

London, Friday, Nov. 5, 1897.

A Sleepy or Vindictive Critic of
the Premier.

The Hamilton Spectator berates the Dominion Premier for visiting Washington. It points out that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, speaking at Toronto said: "I will not purchase trade with the United States at the expense of my country's dignity," and it pretends that Sir Wilfrid is now in Washington to believe that noble sentiment, and to plead, hat in hand, for reciprocity.

Will someone in Hamilton jab a pin into the Spectator editor. He has either been asleep, or he deliberately misrepresents the Prime Minister. In no sense can it be said that Sir Wilfrid recedes from the stand that he took in Toronto. He is not now in Washington to urge the United States to grant this country reciprocity. Of no act of Sir Wilfrid can it be truly said, as it is alleged falsely in the Spectator, that he "crawls to the foot of the President's throne, and supplicates for the crumbs that fall from Uncle Sam's table." Sir Wilfrid is not now in Washington, as our Hamilton contemporary says, and if in the near future he goes there, it will be as a representative of Canada to aid in maintaining the rights of his country in the Bering Sea seal fisheries. The dignity of Canada, the best interests of this country, are safe in the keeping of the Prime Minister. As for reciprocity in trade, Canada's position is declared. It is a self-respecting position. It will remain so.

There is one kind of farming that should be discouraged—baby farming.

Another Great Liberal Victory

Yesterday's Liberal victory in Lancashire is the third seat gained from the Conservatives in a short time. Coming so soon after other big gains for the Liberals, the carrying of Middleton division of Lancashire by them is especially significant. Alderman Duckworth, ex-President of the United Methodist Free Church, is the victor of yesterday. He beat Mr. Mitchell, a strong and popular Conservative manufacturer. The turn-over was enormous. At last election the Conservative majority was 365; now the Liberals carry the seat by 300.

The next vacancy in the Imperial House of Commons to be filled is Exchange division, Liverpool, where Mr. Bigham was recently elevated to a judgeship. As the Conservative majority in 1895 was only 254, it is highly probable that Mr. Russell Rea, the Liberal nominee, will succeed in wresting that constituency from the candidate of Lord Salisbury.

The recent bye-elections in Great Britain show a distinct revival of public sentiment in favor of Liberalism. Were a general election to take place tomorrow, there is little doubt that the Liberals would sweep the country.

St. Louis Board of Health will not let its citizens eat horseflesh. Some men have eaten it without knowing. Dainty Parisians were glad to get a choice bit of horse or ass during the long siege.

How Bad Water and Lack of
Drainage Kill a Population.

There is much sympathy with the stricken cities of the South, where yellow fever has once more played havoc with life and commerce. In New Orleans alone, the loss of life is away up in the hundreds, and of trade many millions of dollars. The plague has respected no class in the community. Rich and poor have alike suffered, and the effects of the disease will not be overcome for many a year. And yet sanitary experts tell us that yellow fever, like typhoid, is a fifth disease, and that it might have been overcome at the start if reasonable precautions had been taken in advance. In New Orleans, for example, there is a population of 260,000, many of them ignorant and poorly housed, and a soil saturated with water. Yet it is absolutely without a sewerage system! Liquid wastes from the houses find their way through yards to large open gutters on each side of the street. The city is poorly governed or it would have followed the example of all progressive cities, and established an effective municipal sewerage system many years ago. It is true that in 1892 it granted a franchise to a sewerage company, which let a contract for laying many miles of sewers. But the contractor found construction difficult, and abandoned the job. Then the company went into the hands of a receiver. The city is now seeking to have the franchise declared void, but the people remain without sewers. The city authorities are also quarrelling with a contractor to whom they let the task

of removing the garbage, and while the dispute lasts the waste is dumped into the river. The water supply of New Orleans has also been bungled. A company provided water in 1833. In 1868, the city bought the works, only to sell them again ten years later. One result is that the poorer class of the population refuse to buy the comparatively dear Mississippi water, using rain, collected in cisterns, instead. Those who have drunk of the water drawn from that muddiest of streams say that there is not much choice between it and the stored rainfall.

How difficult it is for a city so mismanaged to get rid of an epidemic which feeds on dirt, after it has once got a hold, can readily be imagined. New Orleans is today suffering from the supineness of its civic rulers in placing the provision of great necessary civic conveniences under the control of private corporations. A good water supply and an efficient disposal of sewage, under constant civic control, are even more necessary to the welfare of a city than is a police force, though all three services are, of course, needed in a civilized community. A man can protect himself against an open enemy; but no means have yet been discovered whereby even a healthy citizen can enjoy immunity from the diseases that are fostered by impure drinking water and festering filth.

How thankful we in London should be that we have the best water supply on the continent; that an effective sewerage system will soon be completed; and that our standing in point of health, is not exceeded by any city of similar size on this continent.

Another steamship has been added to the Canadian service. The Beaver Line Company has purchased the Gallia, of the Cunard Line, which has hitherto run between Boston and Liverpool, and will put it on the Canadian route for the carriage of the mails. As our trade improves, our steamship facilities will increase. The Canadian route will become increasingly popular the more advertising it gets.

North Bruce.

The Liberal convention of North Bruce will be held at Tara on the 26th of this month. A number of electors are mentioned as likely to be balloted on. Prominent among these are: Mr. Finlayson, of Bruce; R. Munroe, of Port Elgin; C. M. Bowman, of Southampton; A. D. McConnel, of Burgoyne; J. E. Campbell, of Hepworth; John Smith, of Tara, and probably others. The Warton Echo is assured that whoever he may be, the nominee of the convention will represent North Bruce in the next Legislature of Ontario. United action will do it. The cause of Liberalism is one of justice to all, and progress.

Men and Things.

There is no more familiar figure in London than Police Magistrate Parke. It is hard to believe that his upright frame carries the weight of 74 years, so easily does it bear it. Mr. Parke was born on Nov. 1, 1823, and studied law in the office of Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Alexander Campbell at Kingston. He was called to the bar in 1847, and for 45 years has practiced his profession in the Forest City. His long experience both at the bench and bar, specially qualifies him for the important office he fills so ably.

Some hypercritical thinks he has picked a flaw in Kipling's noble "Recessional." He says there is a grammatical error in the first line of this stanza:

"The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the Kings depart;
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart."

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

"Dies," he tells us should be plural to agree with the plural subject. O wise man! Shakespeare, Milton and the Bible are full of such errors. Why haven't you pilloried them instead of waiting for poor Kipling? Perhaps you haven't read them? Kipling wrote "dies" to rhyme with "sacrifice," but he had more than a poet's license for it—he had the sanction of grammar itself. The nominatives "tumult" and "strife," express a single individual idea, and by usage and authority a singular verb is correct. Bullion's grammar, a standard work, says:

"When two nouns are used to represent one subject the verb must be in the singular; as 'Why is dust and ashes proud?' But perhaps Kipling deserves little mercy, after that stretch of poetical license in 'The Lady of the Snows' affair."

"I am a lover of cheerful amusement," said a well known citizen this morning, "but I am not prepared to pay \$1 or even 75 cents for the ordinary show that comes to this city. The prices are altogether too high for the pockets of our people, and I think they will come down if we refuse to pay them. No performance that is ordinarily given in this city is worth more than 50 and 25 cents."

I am often asked questions by sportsmen and others as to the laws affecting game and fishing in this country. The best authority on the subject is A. H. O'Brien, M.A., assistant law clerk of the Canadian House of Commons. Having examined his little book, I find that it

gives a comprehensive digest of the whole law, both Provincial and Dominion, affecting birds, animals and fish in Ontario, alphabetically arranged, with references to the various statutes and orders-in-council to the present date. No one interested can afford to be without this handy book. It is published by the Canadian Law Journal Company, Toronto.

Motto for municipal elections:
But, brethren, you should never let
Your angry passions rise;
Your little hands were made
To tear each other's eyes.

In Toronto Nasmyth's counter restaurant seem to be doing a rushing business, the idea being quick and inexpensive service. For instance, a nice plate of stewed oysters is served at the counter for 10 cents.

Writes an indignant correspondent: "Why does not the Street Railway Company do better in having cars ready, without tedious waiting, at the C. P. R. station, at the two night trains, to carry people down? I have frequently come in from Toronto, and have never been able to get a car down without vexatious waiting. The street railway could make friends by attending to the above complaint."

As London West will soon be merged in the city, it is well to point out that the village should, after amalgamation, be known as West London. By many people, the fifth and sixth wards are to this day very improperly called London East and London South. These are misnomers, conveying the idea to strangers that the two wards are separate and independent municipalities, whereas the terms East and South London imply that they are integral parts of the city of London, as they really are. The metropolis of Western Ontario should have all of the honors of its expansion. By the way, if its boundaries continue to stretch it may have to be rechristened Greater London!

"Political differences should not be allowed to interfere with business relations or private friendships," said a level-headed citizen yesterday. Commonsense maxim!

The other day I heard two entirely opposite views about lawyers. Said one citizen: "I never go to law; I always settle somehow; I keep clear of lawyers." Said the other: "I used to think the same way, until my self-confidence led me into several expensive and humiliating blunders. I now rarely take any step of consequence without consulting my lawyer, and I have found my best expenditure those I have made for the use of the trained and suggestive mind of my legal adviser. I am not fond of legal fighting. O no! I pay my lawyer to keep me out of fighting and other legal entanglements as far as possible."

ANOTHER KICK-OFF.

[Quebec Chronicle.]

The latest "kicker" against the Ottawa ministers is the solicitor-general, the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. He is an old Rugby kicker, and the manner in which he kicked the piskin out to the referee, at the opening of the match between Osgoode and Queen's in Toronto Saturday, elicited the wildest enthusiasm.

A FUTILE EXPEDIENT.

[Cincinnati Inquirer.]

Mr. Wallace (impressively)—Ah! Here is another story of a man who killed himself because his home was unhappy.

Mrs. Wallace (sweetly)—And did that make his home happy, or does the paper say?

BEATS THE WORLD.

[Chicago Canadian-American.]

Recently published statistics in England show that the consumption of liquors in Canada is, in proportion to population, the smallest of any nation in Christendom. There is not the slightest doubt that Canada is making wonderful progress in temperate habits.

JINGOISM ON THE DECLINE.

[Bystander, in Toronto Sun.]

There are symptoms of the approaching decline of jingoism in England. Jingoism reached its height at the time of the Jubilee. The Jubilee of George III. is called by Sir Samuel Romilly, writing at the time a "political engine." The Victorian Jubilee, also, apart from its character as a personal tribute, was a political engine of insatiable horse-power. Every other sentiment was lost for the time in the enthusiasm which, with its magnificent display of naval force, it created. But the effect of every stimulant has its limit. The tide now begins to ebb, the fever begins to abate. Recent elections have been going for the Liberals in Denbigh and Barnsley, though they

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have not gained seats they have increased their majorities. Independent Journals, even the Saturday Review, are protesting against the "punitive expedition" undertaken to chastise the mountaineers of Northern India for deserting their independence and their homes. Public conscience on this subject has probably been quickened by the unexpected obstinacy of the resistance. Labor troubles at home can hardly fail to damp the appetite for costly adventure abroad. It will not be surprising if, when the new army estimates appear, a decided reaction should set in.

CARON, THE FALSE PROPHET.
[Toronto Telegram, Conservative.]
Sir Adolphe Caron predicts success for Mr. Whitney in Ontario at the next election. Accordingly Mr. Whitney will be intoxicated with joy, until he sobers up on the reminiscence that Sir Adolphe predicted something like success for Sir Charles Tupper in the Dominion at the last election.

ROYAL PET NAMES.

[Tid-Bits.]

They are fond of pet names in the royal family. The Duke of Fife is called "Macduff"; the duchess is called "Her Royal Shyness," because she is so very retiring in disposition; little Prince Edward of York is known as "The New Boy," and Princess Patricia of Connaught, who was so christened after her father, and because she was born on St. Patrick's day, is affectionately dubbed "Paddy." Princess Paddy is a cheerful child, aged 11 years.

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