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## TOPICS TALKED OF.



HERE is now before the Provincial Legislature a bill to amend the Liquor License Act by inserting provisions which will enable the saloons and hotels of the Province to keep open on Sundays, except during church hours. It is my earnest conviction that this bill will be defeated, and in this case at least the wish is father to the thought, for I can see no possible good, and a very great deal of harm, that may result from the proposed amendments. Before I go into the discussion of the pros and cons, let me say, and say most emphatically that I am not a prohibitionist, nor yet do I come under that class wherein are classed high license men. I hold the peculiar and I consider advanced opinion that all liquor manufactured should be heavily taxed by the Crown, and that once it leaves the manufacturers' hands it should be a free commodity the same as any other mercantile article. I know, dear reader, that you don't agree with me, but some of these nice summer days I will take you aside and tell you all about this theory of mine, and endeavor to convince you that I am correct. But just now I must confine my attention to the bill at present before the Legislature. In the first place, I believe in God, and I believe that according to every divine as well as to every natural teaching there should be one day of rest out of each week. In so-called Christian countries this day of rest is called Sunday, and it is now an almost universal rule that business shall be suspended. Whether you or I spend or should spend Sunday in the worship of God is at present outside the question. The principle I want to establish is that we should observe one day of rest each week, and I ask you as reasonable men and women to grant this. At any rate I assume it as the basis of my argument, and I declare it to be a logical deduction that if the grocery stores, the dry goods houses, the fac-

ories, the ship-yards, the newspaper offices, etc., are closed on Sundays, then so should be the saloons. It is argued, I know, that hotels are kept open on Sunday, that trains and steamboats and street cars are run, that firemen are on duty and policemen likewise, and that there are any number of men and women, too, who do not suspend work even one day out of the week. All this may be true enough. The institution of necessity must be kept in operation for 365 days in the year, and if there are 366 days then for the whole 366. But the saloon and the hotel bar are not places of necessity. There are a few men who need to drink on Sunday, but there are a good many men, who if the saloons were open would drink. When the saloons are closed they find the convenience removed, and they spend their time elsewhere and in other ways.

Laying aside for the moment the question of convenience, I boldly assert, and am prepared to maintain my assertion, that it is not *respectable* to keep saloons open on Sunday. If we have not all got religion, we have all got morals of one kind or another. The wretch who has no morals is ostracised from every kind of society and social life. Cannot the day set apart for rest, for recreation, for enjoyment, if you will, be kept secure from the invasion of the few who, having nothing else to do, *will* drink and *will* get drunk, and consequently noisy and offensive? It should be so, and I venture to predict it will be so.

There is also another line of argument that some use, and I confess it appeals to me. A large number of people in this, as in every other Canadian community, are church-going people, and not only do they distinctly disapprove of drinking on Sundays, but a good many of them would absolutely prohibit drinking at all. Of course I cannot agree with them in this, but these people form an influential section

of the community, and we would indeed be queer citizens if for one day in the week we could not respect their opinions and convictions. If for no other reason than because it would be *policy* the saloon-keepers themselves should close down on Sundays. As the law now stands, it inflicts no hardships, but it might be made so stringent that it would do so, and there is positively no use tempting fate.

Once more I say, and I say it in all earnestness and candor, I hope the proposed amendments will be defeated and the law will be left as it is now. To amend it so as to allow the saloons to be open on Sunday except during church hours would be to give the cue for the institution of an agitation against saloons altogether that would probably result in even a more stringent law than the present one being made.

That was an exciting scene in the Legislature a week or so ago when Hon. Mr. Beaven, leader of the Opposition, charged, or as good as charged, the Finance Minister, Hon. Mr. Turner, with having made away with some of the proceeds of the £200,000 loan placed on the English markets last year. Mr. Turner is so well able to defend himself that I am not going into any elaborate explanation of where the money went, and moreover I don't know where it went. But Mr. Turner is not the kind of a man anyone who knows him would suspect of having pocketed any cash not his own, and he is moreover to good a business man to let any one else wrongfully get away with it. With all due deference to Hon. Mr. Beaven, the insinuation was not one that will raise him any in the estimation of the people generally. It is our pride in this Western Province that our politics are pure, and as the Premier, Hon. Mr. Robson said, in his speech on the Budget, no mercy would be shewn to an offender. The present Government may not be all that it ought to be—few governments are—

but I think, notwithstanding this fact, that I voice the sentiments of a good many when I say that to draw a parallel between our fair Province and the disgraced Quebec, is an insult to British Columbians.

Not every one who does a noble deed of charity lets the world know of it. There are many who follow out the principle of keeping the left hand in ignorance of what the right hand does, and since charity is the greatest of the three great virtues, some day the self-sacrificing men and women of this world will be rewarded in their own kind. There was a peculiarly sad case in this city a short time ago. A home where a struggle had been manfully kept up against adversity, was suddenly darkened by the death of the chief breadwinner, and the widowed mother, a stranger in a stranger in a strange land, mingled her tears with those of her orphaned children in grief over the loss of a brave, dear husband and a loving father, who for their sakes had returned once more to brave the perils of the sea, and was under most unfortunate circumstances drowned along with three companions. In his professional capacity, while ascertaining for publication details of Capt. Gault's life, etc., Mr. C. H. Gibbons, city editor of the *Colonist*, became aware of the destitute condition of the widow, who was left with little or no means to take care of and rear two sickly children, one of them most unfortunately a cripple for life. For Mr. Gibbons to relieve the distress himself and supply the large sum of money necessary to enable Mrs. Gault and her children to get back to Scotland was impossible. He did the next best thing, and by personal solicitation and otherwise succeeded in getting together a handsome sum, which for many months at least will place the "widowed and the fatherless" beyond the possibility of want. Yet not one word has been publicly said so far in acknowledgment of this service, for, although the public gave liberally, few paused to inquire into more than the bare circumstances of the case. Hearing of the facts as above related a few days ago, I now wish to give due credit to Mr. Gibbons for the prompt generosity he displayed. Such actions are born only of a noble heart, that not only sees, but feels for the suffering of a fellow-being

DOCTOR BEAST.

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## TALES OF THE TOWN.

THE Parliamentary Union of Victoria adjourned last Monday evening in order to take a recess. I have watched the proceedings of the young Parliamentarians with no small degree of interest, as the political future of this province doubtless, in no small measure, depends on them and the young men of the sister cities. Much good in the way of discussing the leading political topics has been done, and although at times the debates were decidedly animated, yet owing to the zeal and discretion of the Speaker, Mr. John Stevenson, the proceedings were always creditable to any legislative body. I hope to see the Union resume its hitherto successful career next fall, and bespeak for it continued prosperity.

The conventional remarks which are made at the close of a reception or party are usually about as meaningless and senselessly mendacious as those matutinal ejaculations concerning the weather. Mrs. A. goes to the hostess and says, "Good night, my dear Mrs. H., I have had such a lovely time! Everything was simply perfect." Then Mr. B. comes up and, with a forced smile, remarks: "Ah, Mrs. H., I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed this charming evening. It has been perfectly delightful." And so it goes on, and each prevaricator goes to his or her dressing room and begins to tell the nearest neighbor how stupid the whole thing was and how much they are bored by being obliged from a sense of social duty to attend such monotonous affairs. But there is one man in town, and a well known one too, who doesn't believe in this conventional lying. The other evening, attired in dress suit and a broad, clean shaven smile, he attended a reception given by a popular hostess, and resolved before he started that his ad ux should shatter the ordinary conventionalism of departure from such a gathering. So when the time came to leave he sauntered leisurely to the parlor where madame was saying good night to her guests and in a tired tone remarked: "Well, Mrs. H., I've been here all the evening, and want to say that I've had the devil of a time." "Indeed!" replied the hostess, who had known the gentleman for years and who immediately caught his point. "Well then, Mr. B., I'm d—d glad

of it." I am opposed to profanity, but in this case I believe the recording angel will appreciate the humor which prompted the reply, and overlook the formality of making an entrance.

An appointment with a friend last Sunday evening detained me until I was too late for the regular church service, and, in lieu thereof, I went down to the Methodist Mission. The building wherein services are held is situated in what might be termed the White-chapel of Victoria. Cabins, the occupants of which are Indian men and women, are to be found on every side of the little chapel, while along the sidewalk are women in whose faces are reflected their evil life. Truly, this is a place for mission work. In compliance with certain arrangements, the Methodist Church provides a person each Sunday to conduct services at this mission. The lady who had charge of the services last Sunday evening was Miss Shelvey, and certainly a work of this kind could not be placed in more capable hands. Miss Shelvey has a gift of speech not often met with in one of her sex. I was particularly struck with the intelligent and rational manner in which she explained the meaning of several passages of scripture which she read, and I believe that several clergymen, who sometimes exaggerate their subjects, might take a lesson from this unpretentious young lady, as to the most effective means of teaching the Bible. She is earnest in her work, and teaches Christian doctrines, I believe, as Christ intended they should be taught.

I am informed that Miss Shelvey has accomplished a great work in connection with the Provincial jail. For some time she has been a visitor to this institution, and while there talked to the prisoners in a manner that forced the conviction upon them that, with all their sins, they are not beyond redemption. In her own way, she has wrought marvels, and last Sunday when she bade the prisoners good bye, the scene is said to have been very affecting. There are very few Christian women, or men for that matter, who will carry their convictions to this extent.

Miss Shelvey is about to leave Victoria, if she has not already left. While here, I am told, that many have been converted through her teachings. To

one who has heard her, it is not hard to believe that such is the case. I will watch Miss Shelvey's future career with interest.

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## ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

THERE is probably not a newspaper office in the land that is not in constant receipt of anonymous communications of various kinds. As a general thing they are malicious thrusts at somebody's reputation, of setting forth statements which have no foundation in fact. In a properly conducted office, these letters are promptly consigned to the waste basket. Rarely they creep into print and the object of the writer is obtained. Such a letter is one of the greatest insults that can be offered to a newspaper man. The writer of an anonymous letter says in effect: "I wish to use you and your paper to gratify my personal spite or vanity, but I have no confidence in your honor; therefore, I don't sign my name." This is probably the true statement of the feeling which prompts a man who has no honor himself and has no confidence in the honor of any one else. He is incapable of understanding the feeling which would prompt a man to go to jail rather than divulge the sources of his information, as a plucky reporter did in a neighboring city a short time ago. Utterly cowardly and contemptible he will attempt to stab a man in the back if he has an opportunity, and will as soon play a dirty trick upon the editor who serves his ends as upon the person he attempts to injure in his communication. There are but two explanations for a sane man's writing an anonymous letter. One is that he is a coward, and fears to meet the result which his work will cause. The other is that he is a liar, and knows that the statements he makes can be disproven, to his own disgrace.

## A ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

THE romantic story of Robert Louis Stevenson affords a glimpse into the inside life of the distinguished novelist.

Mr. Stevenson is still young, and is possessed of ample fortune. After his graduation from Oxford, he gave himself up to his literary work and wandered around Europe studying art and picking up materials for his sketches. His sister, who was almost his mental counterpart, and who knew his tastes and fancies as well as he did, was living in Geneva, and had there become acquainted with a beautiful and intellectual lady from San Francisco.

Knowing intuitively that this charming girl was her brother's affinity, she wrote and asked him to stop in his aimless peregrinations and pay a short visit, but

without saying a word about the fair one whom she wanted her brother to meet.

He came, he saw, and although young, rich and talented, and the unconquerable object of many match-making mammas, he had never found a girl that he wanted to marry, and he fell in love at once, just as his sister knew he would.

His love, too, was returned, but mutual confidences disclosed the fact that the young lady was married and had a young son in California, but that though her married life was pleasant, she had never really loved her husband.

This, of course, was a facer, but his whole self was so enthralled by his love that he determined to make the girl his wife anyway, if it could be accomplished in any honorable manner. The lady, as much perturbed as he, returned to San Francisco.

He settled his pressing affairs and followed in a few weeks. He saw the husband, explained the situation fully and manfully, and the wife added her arguments to his.

The husband took a few days to think the matter over, and finally, moved, by generous consideration of her happiness, consented to a divorce, with the stipulation that the son should remain with him.

The divorce was secured and the lovers were married, and the ex-husband was present at the ceremony. This kind of self-abnegation may seem strange, but the story is a true one, nevertheless.

Stevenson is now in Samoa with his cherished bride, and the mellow sunshine of that lovely isle is not warmer or more beautiful than their happiness.

## SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

It is rumored, the *Colonist* has secured the services of the eminent Dalton McCarthy to act as counsellor in the libel suit brought by Hon. Theodore Davie against that paper, there are people who say that the pictures of one or two members of the legal profession of this city will be turned against the wall. By complying with certain conditions it is said that such a thing is possible.

It may be all right, but it is at least suggestive, for a fire brigade to follow the remains of a deceased member to his last resting-place.

WINNIPEG has a new weekly paper named the *Mirror*. It reflects credit on its publishers.

It can scarcely be credited, but it is said that there are even now religionists so narrow-minded that they will not allow the music of organs or other instruments in their churches. It is fortunate that such bigoted souls cannot go to heaven. They would make a disturbance attempting to throw out the harps used by some of the leading angels.

Is conscience a divine gift, or is it something developed by early teachings and environments? Is it possible for an atheist to have a conscience?

THE Chinese Exclusion Act may not prove so effective as it was expected it

would by the American Congress. Under existing treaties between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, all citizens of the latter country, either by birth or naturalization, have full right to reside in any part of the United States. The Chinaman can become a Mexican citizen after a two years' residence in that country, and by this means cross the American border unmolested.

If such evidence is admissible, we would respectfully direct the attention of Samuel Wilmot to the fact that a scientific journal asserts that fish love music. It has been known for some time that herring are partial to bones.

"In writing up the burglary," said the excited caller, "you can say the thieves in their hurry overlooked \$750 worth of jewelry and solid silver plate in one of the closets."

"Might not that bring the burglars to your house a second time?" suggested the City Editor Gibbons.

"I don't care if it does," exclaimed the other. "I don't want the public to get the impression that a gang of robbers can go through my house and only find \$25 worth of stuff worth stealing."

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Madam—Isn't what?

Bank teller—It has your husband's name signed to it, but it does not state how much money you want.

Madam—Oh, is that all? Well, I'll take all there is.

Solomons, Sr.—Vell, Ikey, haf you proposed to Miss Goldstein yet? Telayas dangerous.

Solomons, Jr.—Mein hart vas proken alretty. I haf not te courage to speak till last night, and her fadder haf just made an assignment, so she vas too far above me for efer.

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ENGLISH SOCIETY.

THE Princess May is at Osborne, being soothed and comforted by Queen Victoria. The Queen is said to be all kindness and sympathy, and to give up a large part of each day to the young girl, who naturally is forced to appear cheerful in the august presence and who is thereby benefitted.

Bab tells a story of the first meeting of Brough, the comedian, and Lady Wilde. Oscar introduced them, mumuring in his sweet, velvety voice, "Mother, I want to have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Brough to you." A deep, supulchral voice announced, "I am glad to meet you, Mr. Brough," and the comedian was so surprised and startled that he almost fell over.

The tercentenary of Trinity College, Dublin, in next July, will be an event of great importance, as the whole English-speaking literary world feels a deep interest in this celebration. Distinguished men in letters, sciences and arts have been invited. Delegations from Yale and Harvard will attend. Mr. Gladstone, Lord Dufferin, J. A. Froude, E. Renan, L. Alma-Tadema, James Bryce, Lord Randolph Churchill, Henry Irving and other well-known men on the other side of the water have declared their intention of being present.

A marriage has been announced between Captain Herbert S. Barlow, Seaforth Highlanders, and Margaret, daughter of Mr. George Montgomery, J. P., of Killee, and Careysville, county Cork.

In St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Wednesday, February 17, was solemnized the marriage of Lord Alington with Evelyn Henrietta, daughter of the late Mr. Blundell Leigh and of Mrs. Blundell Leigh, of Pont street. The six bridesmaids were the Hon. Lilah Cavendish, daughter of Lord and Lady Chesham; Miss Diana Sturt, daughter of the Hon. Humphrey and Lady Feodore Sturt; Miss Eugenie Ward, cousin of the bride, daughter of the Hon. Mrs. Dudley Ward; Miss Marjorie Nevill, daughter of Lord and Lady George Nevill; Miss Olive Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham Graham; and Miss Esme Drummond, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence Drummond. Their quaint and picturesque costumes were made in the Empire style, and were composed of ivory white satin, with a gathered frill round the edge of the skirt, pale blue crepe de Chine sashes round the short waist, and puffed sleeves, edged with wide point de Venise to match the yokes. Their large cream felt hats of the same period were bent about the brim in most becoming fashion, with plumes of blue and white feathers arranged high on one side, trimmed with blue satin rosettes. Old-fashioned reticules of cream satin lined with blue were slung on the arm, and they wore cream silk mittens, blue silk openwork stockings, and bronze sandal shoes with blue rosettes. Fastened in front of their frocks were beautiful little chatelaine watches of blue enamel, with the initials "E. A." in gold, and they carried bouquets of orchids in brown and yellow.

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" French Polish	25
Bricks, bath	12 1/2
Butter, creamery	35c or 3 for 1 00
" dairy	25
" fresh Island	50
Catsup, tomato	25 to 40
" mushroom, pt.	40
" walnut, pt.	40
Capers	25
Candles, Belmont	25
" Ozokerit	50
Caviar	50
Celery, salt	25
Chocolate, Eagle	50
Cocoa, Fry	50
" Epps	50
" Van Houton's	1 50
Chutney	25 to 1 50
Cheese, Canadian	20
" Roquefort	1 00
" Swiss	50
" English Stilton	50
" Limburg	50
" Brick Cream	50
" Mellors Cream, pots	1 25
" Parmasam	1 00
" Pineapple	50
" Edom	50
Clams	3 for 50
Cocoonut	50
Coffee, Costa Rica, green	25
" Java	40
" Mocha	50
" ground	40
Cream Tartar	50
Currants, Patras	12 1/2
" Vostizi	16
Corn, Ontario	3 for 50
Devilled meat	40
Eggs, fresh	50
" packed	25
Extracts, flavoring, 2 oz.	25 to 35
Farina	10 lb. sack 1 25
Figs	10 lb. per lb 25
" 10 lbs	2 00
Fish, cod, Pacific	12 1/2
" " Eastern	16
" " black	12 1/2
" mackerel bloater	35
" tins	1 00
Flour, Hungarian	6 75
" Snowflake	6 50
" Enderby	6 25
Fruits, assorted table, 3-lb. tins	40
" " 2-lb. tins	25
" pie, gallon	75
" in Brandy	1 50
" crystalized	25 to 75
Gelatine, Nelson's	25
Hams	20
Hops	40
Honey, gallon	1 75
" "	1 00
" 1 lbs, comb, in jars	75
" 2 lbs,	50
Jams, assorted C & B	3 for 1 00
Knife Polish	25
Lard, pure, 10 lbs	1 75
" 5 lbs	1 00
Lentils	16
Lemons, Sicily	50
" California	35
Lobster, Clover Leaf	35
Marmalade, pots	35
Maccaroni	25
Milk, Reindeer, tins	25
" Eagle, tins	35
" Highland Cream	25

Mince meat, jars	1 50
" condensed	25
Mustard, Colman's, 1/2 lb.	35
" " 1 lb.	65
Mushrooms	35
Nuts, assorted	25
Oil, Coal, tin	1 85
" case	3 50
Olives, qt bottle	75
" pt bottle	50
" 1/2 pt bottle	25
Oysters, fresh, tin	75
" Blue Point, 2-lb. tins	35
" " 1-lb. tins	25
Onions	4
Pate de foie gras	1 25 to 1 75
Peel, mixed	40
Pearline	25
Pepper, ground	50
" whole	35
Pickles, C & B, qt	65
" " pt.	35
Potatoes	1 25
Prunes	12 1/2
Plum pudding	75
Raisins, Dehesa	50
" layers	25
" Valencias off stalk	12 1/2
" layers	16
" Sultanas	20
Rice, Japan	8
" Sandwich Island	10
" China	5
Sauce, Lea & Perrins, large	65
" small	35
" Yorkshire Relish	25
Spices, tins	25
Sugar, granulated, Vancouver, 14lbs	1 00
" " San Frisco, 13 "	1 00
" " Hong Kong, 15 "	1 00
" cube, San Francisco, 10 lbs	1 00
" Vancouver, 12 lbs	1 00
" Extra C, 15 lbs	1 00
Syrup, 1-gal. tin	1 00
" 2-lb tin	25
" Maple, gal.	1 50
Tapioca	10
Tongue, Lunch, 2	75
" 1	50
" Ox 3	1 00
Tea, S & B	50 to 75
" Japanese	25 to 75
Tobacco, T & B	75
Vinegar, English Malt	1 00
" White Wine	1 00

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### MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE Imperial has had a clear field this week, the only opposition being the Fisk Jubilee Singers one night at The Victoria. The play for the first three nights was the ever popular comedy "Our Boys." This piece is, without a doubt, the greatest success of the company now playing at the Imperial. A strong vein of humor permeates the piece from beginning to end. George Berry gave good satisfaction as Talbot Champneys, as did also J. R. Bronson as Charles Middlewick. Fred Summerfield gave a good representation of the aristocratic Sir Geoffrey, and what little Messrs. Bennett and Lloyd had to do they did well. The Perkyn Middlewick of James Morton is deserving of more than passing notice. The character is one that requires both good dialect and good acting to be appreciated. This Mr. Morton possesses, and every time he appeared on the stage he received the hearty applause of the audience. Mr. Morton's acting in this piece will not be forgotten here for many a day. Miss Inman made a charming Melrose, and added much to the enjoyment of this very entertaining play. Miss Ray Lewis became an almost instantaneous favorite as Violet Melrose, while Miss Annie Inman gave a pleasing presentation of Clarissa. There are few actresses on the stage who will sacrifice their personal appearance to play Belinda, and there are not many, even if they did make the sacrifice, could render the part acceptably. Miss Berry did both. It was the universal verdict of all who witnessed "Our Boys" that this lady did the best piece of character work

that has been seen in Victoria this season, which is saying a good deal. The house was full every night.

"Kathleen Mavourneen" drew a packed house at the Imperial on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. The play was well received.

The beautiful English melodrama "The Lancashire Lass," received its initial performance last Friday night. Miss Inman scored another great success as Ruth Kirby, while George Berry as Johnson demonstrated that he had the author's conception of the part. The scenic effects were elaborate and appropriate.

For the first three nights of next week "Lady Audley's Secret," and for the last three "The Private Secretary." Miss Inman has starred successfully for several seasons in the former play.

Next Saturday, at the matinee, Manager Berry will give away a doll carriage to the little girl holding the lucky ticket.

J. J. Cross, leader of the Imperial orchestra, has furnished an attractive programme at that popular resort all week.

Manager Berry will produce within the next few weeks "Rip Van Winkle," "Lights o' London," and "Con, the Shaughraun."

The Fisk Jubilee Singers drew a very fair house at The Victoria last Monday night. Every member was loudly encored.

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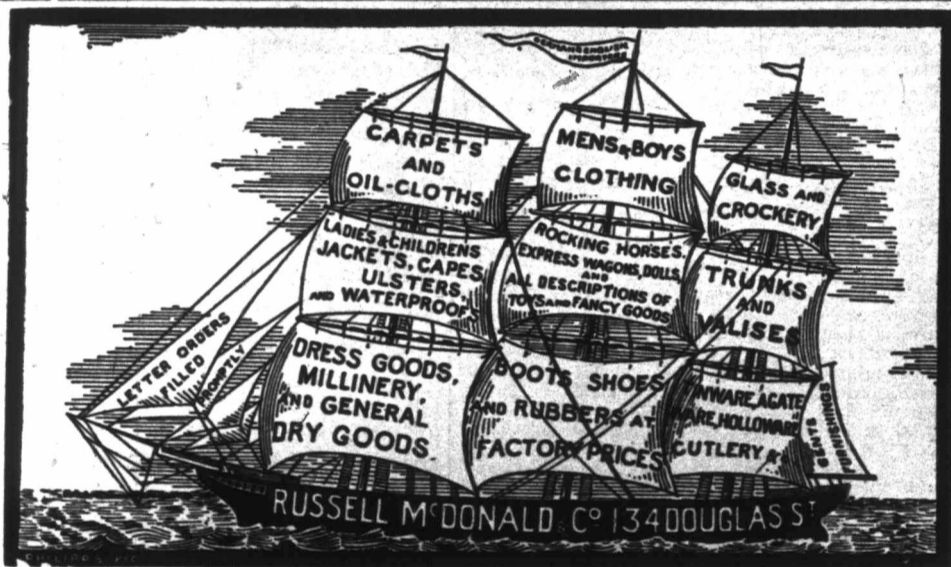
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