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THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 8, 1884.

The London Liberal Press in Revolt.

We said on Monday that the Manchester

of "peace at any price" had definitely

broken down, and on Tuesday that

England is in a crisis. Our Canadian

contemporaries appear to be acting the part

of blind guides to their readers: none

of them has as yet had a word to say

about the gravest crisis that England has

experienced for many a day.

Later and more detailed intelligence

to confirm what was advanced

Friday and Saturday last became known.

The New York Herald's special cable,

dated Tuesday, says that the Times' leader,

which was echoed by the Daily News,

getting a change of cabinet before the

inevitable vote of censure when parliament

re-assembles six weeks hence, had been

the days' sensation and topic. Copied

was sent down on an eighth by the

direction of ministerial allies and by

Chancellor of the Exchequer, where

Downing street fell it necessary to send a naval officer

to change to the evening newspapers a

denial that the orders were issued, with

the explanation that these orders were

issued by the Admiralty, and the question

of absence was factually recalled by

telegram, even when Mr. Gladstone's illness

and "incontinence" was mentioned.

The Herald does not exaggerate when it

says that there is a revolt of the liberal

press of London against the ministry. We

confidence of the public and farmers.

Though he had no special acquaintance

with the science or art of agriculture,

the new president set to work to master

both, and in view of the short time he

devoted to this work his success was

marked, as shown by his public addresses of a

technical kind.

It was Mr. Johnston's intention to enter

law, and he always regarded his con-

nection with the agricultural college as a

digression. The wear and tear to which

he was then subjected were no doubt

the chief cause of his premature

resignation. He was in the

hands of the government for many months

before it was accepted, for it was felt

that his departure from the college would be

a critical event in its history. And when at

last, after years of comparatively wasted

time, from a professional point of view, he

insisted on being allowed to devote him-

self to his chosen calling, he entered on the

latter with a constitution impaired by

overwork.

Mr. Johnston's preparation for the bar

was short but successful. He was

articled in the office of Blake, Kerr & Cassels

in 1852, and was called in 1853. In the

same year he was thrown into the work

of the Ontario election campaign which

resulted in cutting down the previous

majority of the Mowat government to a slim

margin. Of that campaign he was a leading

spirit on the liberal side, and he did much

by his faculty for organization, his ability as a

platform speaker, and his tact and hope-

fulness to ward off impending disaster.

After the contest at the polls came the

contest in the courts, in which Mr. John-

ston was even more the central figure. He

was, though only a young barrister, asso-

ciated in almost every case with either

S. H. Blake, or the late James Bethune.

He mastered the intricacies of the

election law and practice, with

startling rapidity, and his opinions

and arguments were soon recognized by

the presiding judges as of special value.

The series of election trials spread over a

large part of the province, had the effect

of bringing in its train a lucrative legal

practice, to the work of which Mr. John-

ston had just begun to apply himself with

ardor and success when some two months

ago he was disabled by the progress of the

disease which carried him off.

All who knew him intimately looked

forward with confidence to his occupying at

no distant day a high position in the

country. The subject most congenial to him

was political science, and though he was

keenly interested in the history of the

country, he was not less a keen student

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and that is that the drunkard is to be

reformed, if he can be reformed at all,

not by pains and penalties, but by judicious

kindliness. The common practice of humili-

ating the victim of strong drink out of the

ground under his feet, and leaving him

without an upward starting point. We

refer of course to the milder types of the

disease, and not to the chronic and in-

curable drunkards, who ought to be treated

as lunatics.

One of the most sensational items of

news is to the effect that the real Arthur

Orton has actually been found in a New

South Wales lunatic asylum, and identified

by his brother, Edmund Orton. The de-

partments from San Francisco, at which

the latter has just arrived, on his re-

turn to England. The news is sensational,

surely, but it may be true for all that.

There is sometimes stranger than fiction.

Timberhorne stock will be looking up now.

The row near Hamilton about paying

toll, against which exaction the farmers

are up in arms, recalls the curious fact

that in the older counties which cling

most pertinaciously to the toll-gate

system, it does not pay much for the in-

teligence of the "old settlers" that this should

be so. That fact known not many years

ago as the Queen's bush, and embracing

the present counties of Huron, Bruce and

Perth, had done with the "trellis of bar-

ren" long ago.

Prince Bismarck's birthday—the next

will be his sevenieth—falls on April 1.

What was the popular patron saint of that

day doing when he was born?

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