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A Useful Programme.

The speech from the throne at the opening of the Legislature, was a businesslike communication. Chiefly interesting is the outline of the legislation to be submitted to the House.

A measure will be brought down for the amendment of the license laws. The Government promised legislation throwing further restrictions around the sale of intoxicating liquor, but was unable to deal with it last session, as the House was crowded for time by the Gurney case.

The amendment of the assessment act is on the programme. The special assessment committee since the last session has thrashed out the subject with the municipalities, corporations, and other interested parties, and has drafted a bill which follows the main lines of the royal commission's report, submitted two years ago, except that the proposed house tax has been omitted. The committee reasons that the abolition of the personality tax and the substitution of the business tax, based upon the rental value of premises occupied for mercantile purposes. The Government's measure will also provide for the assessment of railroads on a new basis, the revenue to be divided as at present, between the Province and the municipalities. The railroad corporations admit that they expect to pay more taxes, but they claim they are unable to bear the same burden of taxation as the American railroads, owing to their small earning power in the sparsely-settled districts of the Province.

A bill to provide for the conservation of the timber resources of the Province will be introduced. This is in pursuance of the Government's policy of setting aside forest reserves, where areas of white pine may be secured against the axe of the settler or the lumberman, and remain a permanent public asset. In addition a system of reforestation will be inaugurated.

A bill to enable municipal councils to amalgamate high school, public school, and library boards will be introduced. The tendency is in the direction of simplifying the educational machinery. In Toronto the high school, public school and technical school boards, which had an aggregate membership of between forty and fifty, have been combined in one board, with a membership of twelve. In this city, also, the size of the school board will be reduced.

The Government will ask authority to proceed with the extension of the Temiscaming Railway northerly to connect with the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Surveys show that the railway will pass through a rich agricultural district northwest of Lake Temiscaming.

The measures to which we have referred, to say nothing of others which will arise during the session will provide plenty of important business for the House. It will be a misfortune if this business is obstructed by partisan rancor or gallery play.

An Outrageous Ruling.

A dispatch stating that carloads of goods consigned from the United States to Canadian points are detained at Port Huron, because of a new customs ruling, is misleading. The goods have been shipped from Canada to the United States, and the detention is caused by a United States ruling, almost as outrageous in its operation as the Chinese likin, which the powers have recently succeeded in abolishing. This regulation is in effect as follows: Every consignment from Canada passing through the United States customs, has to be accompanied by a sworn affidavit from the importer or consignee, setting forth the name and residence of the exporter, and other particulars tending to establish the bona fides of the shipment. This affidavit—in this is where the outrage comes in—must be taken before a United States customs collector or notary. An ordinary notary will not suffice. There are very few customs collectors at inland points, and there are only twelve customs notaries between the St. Clair River and the Pacific Ocean. Everywhere else in the States who make a purchase in Canada must go before one of these notaries or collectors to make affidavit, no matter how far he has to travel to find such an official. In some cases, consignees have been known to journey hundreds of miles to make the declaration before they could obtain their goods. The ruling applies to every class of imports, free or dutiable, from a pair of old boots to thoroughbred livestock. It simply means that Americans who do not reside in a locality where a customs collector or customs notary is stationed, can buy nothing in Canada unless they go to the expense and inconvenience of making a personal visit to a functionary who may be hundreds of miles distant. The effect will be to kill a large portion of Canada's export trade with the United States. Already carloads of Canadian shipments are held up at the American border, because they are consigned to points where there is no collector, or customs notary, from whom importers may get the necessary papers.

This regulation is a disgrace to a civilized country. In justice it should be said that it is not the deliberate action of the United States Government. The ruling was made solely on the authority of the third assistant secretary of the United States Treasury. This understrapper has resurrected an old regulation which has been a dead-letter on the statute books, which the United States' customs officials never thought of enforcing until the recent edict, and which cannot be enforced without doing violence to Canadian friendship, to commercial honor and fair play. It is understood that the American transportation interests are up in arms against the ruling, and that pressure is being brought upon the authorities at Washington to rescind it. It has already created a disastrous disturbance, and one can only marvel that a subordinate official should be clothed with the power to commit such mischief.

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The Arbitration Movement.

The friends of arbitration in the United States are concentrating their energies upon promoting a treaty between London and Washington as the first step toward the negotiation of similar treaties with other great powers. Great Britain and France, and France and Italy, are now bound together by these ties of amity. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty would have accomplished this for Great Britain and the United States, but it was rejected by the Senate at Washington, in view of the Alaska boundary dispute which the Senate held was not a matter for arbitration. With this difficulty out of the way, the outlook is brighter. At a meeting of influential American citizens who are promoting the movement, a resolution was passed recommending "that the United States Government endeavor to enter into a treaty with Great Britain and other powers to submit to arbitration by the permanent court at The Hague, or in default of such submission by some tribunal especially constituted for the case, differences which they may fall to adjust by diplomatic negotiations; and that the Governments should agree not to resort in any case to hostile measures of any description till an effort has been made to settle any matter in dispute by arbitration."

Every Canadian, with the Alaska boundary award fresh in his mind, and with the recollection of other Anglo-American commissions, will hold up both hands for The Hague tribunal in preference to a tribunal to be chosen by the high contracting parties. If Canadian interests were involved they would have no confidence in British jurists, arbitrators or commissioners pitted against the partisans which the United States would assuredly nominate. The permanent court of The Hague is a mixed tribunal, consisting of eminent jurists of several nationalities. It has a reputation to sustain among all the nations of the earth, its composition and personnel would be a guarantee of impartiality and high ability.

Canadians will sympathize with every effort of bringing about a friendly compact between Great Britain and the United States, which does not involve the sacrifice of Canadian rights. All they ask is that these rights shall be determined by a competent and unprejudiced authority.

Mr. Chamberlain's tariff commission, in true British style, started its labors with a banquet.

A Chicago professor denounces the classics as immoral. Chicago, of course, is both classical and moral.

Mr. Tarte was hauled at Sherbrooke, Que., as a second Chamberlain. It must be very annoying to Mr. Tarte to have to play second fiddle to anyone.

The C. P. R., with its usual enterprise, has undertaken to irrigate three million acres of land in the semi-arid district of Alberta. It can no longer be charged that the railroads water only their stock.

The Canadian Klitties' Band, touring the United States, played its uniforms confiscated through some customs stupidity. In this weather, the bandmen should not miss their kilts greatly.

The colored citizens of the Province have a distinguished representative in Controller Hubbard, of Toronto. He is one of the ablest members of the city council, and has never been defeated for municipal office. He is a man of wealth and leisure, but keeps in touch with his own race.

The sketch of Archibald Campbell, M. P., in yesterday's edition, was incomplete. Mr. Campbell left Chatham some years ago and is now a big miller at Toronto Junction. Two years ago he redeemed West York, Clarke Wallace's old riding and a Conservative live. He is now running for Center York, a new constituency created under the redistribution.

JAPAN'S NURSING SERVICE.

[From the London Hospital.] It is of the utmost importance that in the event of war between the two great powers, English nurses should not appear to take sides, and we therefore regret that the indiscreet course of the American nurses who, anticipating an outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Russia, offered their services to the Japanese minister in the United States, has been commended in England. Whatever may be the private opinion of nurses, it is not within the scope of their professional duties to be partisans of either Japan or Russia, and only harm can be done to nursing by any movement that may tend to render them so. As a matter of fact, if unhappily Japan goes to war, it has sufficient nurses of its own. In our issue of April 25 last year we published an account of the nurses of the Japan Red Cross Society. From this it may be seen that nearly a year ago there were more than 1,500 nurses already trained, and upward of 600 still under training, who would be available for service in the event of war. Both in the conflict between Japan and China ten years ago, and in the North China troubles of 1900, the nurses of the Japan Red Cross Society vied with each other in reporting themselves ready for work; and as they join it not in order to earn a living, but purely for the purpose of affording succor to military patients in time of need, they are no doubt that in any circumstances there would be an adequate rally. Japan has, in short, its own army nursing service, which renders offers of foreign aid quite superfluous.

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[New York Commercial Advertiser.]

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THE LIBERAL CHOICE.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

We are proud of the Liberals of North Oxford. No public man ever received a higher tribute from a political gathering than that which was paid Hon. Mr. Ross at the city hall yesterday. The spirit pervading the whole meeting was admirable. There was nothing worthy of a political gathering to represent a constituency like this in one of the country's halls of legislation and candidates for the nomination were not lacking. But all were united in a desire to strengthen the hands of the Government by not only acquiescing but warmly supporting the choice of the convention.

A ROUND ROBIN "LIMERICK."

A very good example of the rolling poem that gathers, not moss, perhaps, if by that is meant merit, but a greater indefiniteness of meaning, is this round robin "limerick" which has been called "See—Pass It Along."

A clever young man at the South
 Bit off more than he could safely chaut;
 And the people all shout,
 "Not a word of that!"
 "We'll sault yault—that's what we will do!"
 Montreal Herald.

And we hear they will really sault, tault,
 For the cash that this young fellow blaut;
 Will he drop his swell swagger,
 This infantile bragger,
 And howl in his corner, "Sault-hault!"
 Baltimore News.

No, he said tault a fellow whaut knaut:
 "Sault!" I'll tault yault what I mean tault daunt;
 I intend to sault yault!

Said he: "That I'm saulting is tault tault!"
 Pittsburgh Dispatch.

My sakes! What a horrible sault!
 Why makes such an awful daunt?
 The pittance he stole
 Would be tramped 'neath the sole
 Of an average alderman's sault!

Milwaukee Sentinel.

In a moment of aberration we might add:

Was it tault the young man did not
 Say: "I'll tault yault what I mean tault daunt!"

It passes better, it is tault
 Preposterous by haught.
 At the tale one must laugh.
 For one knows it just gault as it tault.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[Chicago News.]

It takes two to fill a family farr.

An ounce of love is worth a ton of sympathy.

Under hesitating a man often finds it too late to act.

No, Cordella, a floating debt isn't necessarily a light one.

The poet is born, but the liar is compelled to acquire his art.

Some men ought to be thankful that the world doesn't understand them.

Once there was a man who fell in love with a woman's voice; she seldom used it.

Men who know when they get enough may be too full for utterance after getting it.

A married man says he objects to giving his wife spending money because she invariably spends it.

READY TO BELIEVE HIM.

[Washington Star.]

"It is a generous and helpful world," said the multi-millionaire.

"Indeed?"

"Yes, when it was announced that I desired to die a comparatively poor man there was a general movement to assist me in the enterprise."

BECAUSE SHE SMILED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

Because she smiled he went away Brave-hearted to his work that day.

His petty cares were all forgot.

He hurried on with joy, glad thought, His task became joy-giving play.

He did not know the sky was gray.

To him the world was bright and gay; By splendid hopes his breast was sought Because she smiled.

She smiled at any woman may

While letting fancy freely stray;

She smiled at him, yet saw him not, And for a miracle was wrought—

A man was made from hopeless clay Because she smiled.

Chicago Record-Herald.

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FAMOUS HOUSES

OF OLD LONDON

THE FORMER HOMES OF MILTON
 AND LORD NELSON ARE TO
 BE PRESERVED.

The Place Where Macaulay Died—
 Restoration and Placing of
 Commemorative Tablets.

A tablet was recently unveiled by the Earl of Rosebery at Holly Lodge, Campden Hill, the house in which Lord Macaulay died, says Philip Gibbs in the London Express.

This is the inauguration of a new and patriotic work which has been undertaken by the London County Council to preserve and call to mind the historic memories which linger in many London houses. This excellent scheme is a continuation of the work originally started by the Society of Arts in 1888, since which time the following houses, 35 in number, have been indicated in the way mentioned:

FAMOUS HOUSES.

Joanna Bailie, Bolton House, Windmill Hill; Hampstead; James Barry, 36 Castle street, Oxford street; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 12 Wimpole street; Robert Browning, 19 Warwick crescent; Paddington; Edmund Burke, 37 Gerard street; Lord Byron, 10 Holles street (pulled down); a fresh memorial, consisting of a bronze relief bust of Byron placed in an architectural frame of Portland stone, has been erected; George Canning, 37 Conduit street; Charles Crankshaw, 280 Hampstead road; Mme. d'Arbury (Fanny Burney), 11 Bolton street, Piccadilly.

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Purest, Sweetest, Most Effective Remedies
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This treatment at once stops falling hair, removes crusts, scales and dandruff, destroys hair parasites, soothes irritated, itching surfaces, stimulates the hair follicles, loosens the scalp skin, supplies the roots with energy and nourishment, makes the hair grow upon a sweet, wholesome, healthy scalp when all else fails.

Millions of women now rely on Cuticura Soap assisted by Cuticura Ointment, the great skin cure, for preserving, purifying and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening and soothing red, rough and sore hands, for baby rashes, itchings and chaffings, for annoying irritations, or too free or offensive perspiration, for ulcerative weaknesses, and for many other ailments and purposes which readily suggest themselves, as well as for all the purposes of the toilet and nursery.

Cuticura remedies are the standard skin cure and humor remedy of the world. Bathe the affected parts with hot water and Cuticura Soap, to cleanse the surface of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle. Dry, without hard rubbing, and apply Cuticura Ointment freely, to allay itching, irritation and inflammation, and soothe and heal, and, lastly, in the severer forms, take Cuticura Resolvent, to cool and cleanse the blood. A single set is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring skin, scalp and blood humors, from pimples to scrofula, from infancy to age, when all else fails.

On many a day the door knocker lifted by the white, nervous hand of Sir Joseph Reynolds, who came to visit his dearest and most honored friend; and over the threshold passed many a time the shuffling, figure of little "Goddie," known to fame as Oliver Goldsmith, who came to listen to the

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Gents' Fine Colored Shirts, open back and front, stiff bosoms, reinforced shoulders, separate cuffs, all sizes (14 to 16½ inclusive.) Regular price \$1, sale price **75c**

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Men's Colored and White Shirts, soft and stiff fronts, open backs, open fronts, and open back and fronts; also some full dress shirts, slightly soiled. Regular prices 75c to \$1.25; sale price..... **50c**

Men's Flannellet Shirts, extra values. Regular price 35c, sale price..... **23c**

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS IN MEN'S FINE WOOL UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS.

Collars—Men's Linen Collars. Regular prices 10c, 10½c and 15c; sale price..... **5c**

Cuffs—Men's Linen Cuffs. Regular price 25c; sale price, a pair... **10c**

Neckties—All latest styles in flowing ends, puffs, four-in-hands; finest assortment. Regular price 50c, sale price..... **25c**

All 25c Neckwear at..... **12½c**

Gloves—Men's Mocha Kid Gloves, wool lined, slightly soiled. Regular price \$1, sale price. **50c**

Mufflers—Way's Mufflers, black and blue. Regular price 50c, sale price..... **42c**

Cardigan Jackets—Regular prices \$2.50 and \$3.00; sale prices..... **\$1.25 and \$1.50**

Socks—Men's Heavy Wool Socks, Regular price 20c, sale price **15c**

WHERE NELSON LIVED.

Who would think, but for the white stone tablet, that there, at 147 New Bond street, Horatio Nelson lived in the heyday of his fame? When fashionable women go shopping, and fashionable men show off their latest waggery, the one among the one-eyed, pale faced little hero of a hundred sea fights might be seen entering the house which was his port of rest between his voyages and victories.

From No. 1 Devonshire Terrace, Portland Place, Charles Dickens gave to a delighted public his deathless novels, "Barnaby Rudge" and "The Old Curiosity Shop," and some of the happiest hours of the novelist's life were spent in this plain but comfortable house, where many a gathering of good fellows made uproarious fun, and a delighted public was regaled with the most far-fetched puns, under the presiding genius of a man whose high spirits and overflowing humor were not kept only for his boozing friends.

The London County Council is to be warmly congratulated upon the inauguration of its excellent scheme. And it is good news to hear that besides the houses mentioned on the list it is proposed to affix tablets to the houses already mentioned, and to such worthies as Henry Cavendish, James Clerk-Maxwell, Charles Darwin, William Hazlitt, William Pitt, Samuel Richardson and Thomas Young.

BAD KIDNEYS BLAMED

For Numerous Deaths—Quebec Man Gives Fuller Proof Dodd's Kidney Pills Is the Cure.

Val Racine, Que., Jan. 11.—Like an echo from nearly every funeral comes the words "Death was due to Kidney Disease," and for that reason the experience of Emelien Cloutier, of this place, is of especial interest. It is further evidence that Dodd's Kidney Pills cure Kidney Disease of any and every kind.

"I had pains in the back and headache and could not sleep at night," M. Cloutier states, "I got up in the morning more fatigued than the night before. I took nine boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and they cured me completely. Now I can sleep well and work well, and my backache and headache are gone. I have had no trouble since I took Dodd's Kidney Pills."

A carpet industry was started a few years ago in a poor district in Donegal, and, commencing with a dozen women workers, it has grown to such an extent that it now finds employment for several hundred "peopies." The carpets are hand made, after the Turkish and Persian fashion, in mosaics of small, brilliant squares, the designs and colorings being most artistic and effective.

SEVERE COLDS are easily cured by the use of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs, and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

Holiday Gifts.

Feather cushions, 50 cents each; down cushions, tea caddies, feather pillows, in art tickings. Feathers sold by the pound. Mattresses, springs, iron beds, large stock of stoves at J. F. Hunt, 8 Bond street, feather pillow and mattress manufacturers, 25 Richmond street, north. Telephone 607.

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