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THE BYSTANDER SPEAKS.

A REVIEW OF MATTERS CANADIAN, AMERICAN AND BRITISH.

Perpetration of Deceit Depreciated.

Mr. Blake and the Editor of the Globe.

Question of the Northwest—Land

Sharks—Stock Gambling.

From the

Bystander we make the following selections:

MONTHLY NEWS TO THE PUBLIC.

"A monthly issue was found too constant

and, too frequent an interruption of other work;

but the Bystander has reason to believe that there are some among his old

readers to whom, in default of a monthly, a quarterly issue will not be unacceptable,

and however few they may be writes for them with pleasure.

In beginning a new series he has no professions to make.

He still is, or desires to be, loyal to that policy, and to that policy alone, which may

promise to bring wealth, happiness, and the virtues which follow in their train to the

homes of the Canadian people. To party government he is more than ever opposed,

and more than ever wishes to see it superseded by a government of the nation.

Canadian writers, as he believes, love the mother country better, or have more reason for loving her than he. It is in her

interest, and for her honour as well as in the interest of the world, that he deprecates

the perpetration of DEPENDENCY, and wishes to see it replaced by mutual citizenship, and England made the mother

of free nations. In this case again, however, he takes things as they are, and only protests against the waste of the people's

energy in a hopeless conflict with the ordinance of nature."

GERRY-MANDING IS CRIMINAL.

"Gerry-mandering was a blunder as well as a crime; it was not only a blunder, but a crime, and one that ought to be severely

punished. It is not only a crime, but a crime, and one that ought to be severely punished.

THE LEADER AND THE EDITOR.

"The opposition not only fought an adverse

star, but in respect of it, they changed their leader, and have more

changed their editor; and the editor crossed the policy of the leader on the main question

in the domain of the leader well defined. It is not in commercial questions that he is most at

home. He had felt himself strong on the main issue, but he has now lost his

adventurous strength by a convulsive clutch at the home rule party. Moreover, the party still suffers in part from

with effects the late management."

THE NATIONAL LIBERALS.

"The program of the National Liberal

association is too complex, too intricate, and too complex to make that broad

impression on the minds of the people which is essential to their success. It is

not to mention that some of the articles, such as that favoring an

imperial collectivism, by no means commended themselves at once to the popular

imagination, and it may be presumed that the framers specially

appeal. If Mr. McMurich and his friends could view of giving Ontario a

government which should not be the donkey-engine of an Ottawa party, and at

the same time, and to those who are not

sectarian and anti-social influence, they would certainly do us a service, and they

might look for a fair measure of support."

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN STRANGE indeed if

infusion had not in some degree affected the integrity of our country.

Two of the Toronto banks have been the

subjects of public criticism. In one case

large sums had been advanced to directors, in the perfect safety of the

particular instances, yet in contravention of a general principle, the value of which

was finally proved by the catastrophe of the Bank of Glasgow.

In the other case there appears to have been machinery for doing

indirectly that which could not be done directly. The banks of the country are

he syndicate, the high; but the country, with a group, sent to the bargain, as the only mode of escape from a bottomless

gulf of political corruption. The three knightly orders are the sole fruit of the business, and form one only consolation."

GREAT AND SMALL LAND SHARKS.

"The collapse of two hundred and eighty out of three hundred colonization companies, and the sickly condition of some of those which remain, may be taken as a

plain indication that the worst of the gambling fit is over. Still land sharking goes on to the detriment of the honest settler.

It is interesting to know the land shark's game, the more so as the knowledge

throws light on some regulations of the government which have been unduly severely

taxed with injustice. The great shark, we are told, hires a number of half-breeds or

other wasters by the month, and sends them out to squat on promised town sites,

and on spots where it is likely that the Pacific railway will cross rivers. An order in

council was passed, in the May of 1880, warning squatters on town sites that their

claims would not thereafter be respected; but that order seems not to be enforced

with inflexible rigour. The small shark goes out himself and takes up his position on

the best section or half-section that he can find, pitches his tent, makes a pretence of

going on to another, and repeats the operation. Not a few genuine settlers, who

are assured, we were driven back in the spring and summer of this year from the

Appelle valley by disgust at these proceedings. The great shark robs the government, the

small shark robs the settler; vigorous efforts are being made to exterminate the small

shark; the great shark, like the great of every species, has his friends."

HERBERT SPENCER ON RELIGION.

"In another deliverance, Mr. Herbert Spencer has presented the relation of Mill

in the over-tension of American life. He says that the gospel of work has been

preached enough, and it is time to preach the gospel of relaxation. But the gospel of

relaxation is already preached along by the daily advertisements of countless places

of amusement, and of scores of summer resorts, by programs of tours and offers of

every facility for travel, or amusements of new games, and by the publication of

novels without end. What is needed to tranquillize these anxious spirits and

these nervous nerves is rather a gospel of contentment, of indifference to inordinate

wealth, of the peace and calm of mind bred by the secure possession of some moderate

treasure, the value of which does not fluctuate with the price of stocks. But it is

difficult to see where such a treasure is to be found, except in the teaching of a

Master whom the most intellectual portion of the world seems to be making

up its mind to disown. Mr. Spencer, however, is in this matter, like most European

visitors to the United States, the victim of an illusion produced by a single only the

life of cities. In the business parts of New York or Chicago the faces are, perhaps,

more eager and careworn, the step more nervous and hurried, than in the business

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MR. GORDON BROWN DEPOSED.

Important Changes in the Management of the Globe Newspaper.

An important event took place at a meeting of the Globe newspaper stockholders on

Saturday afternoon. Mr. J. Gordon Brown, managing director and managing editor of the

paper, was removed from that position, and will be succeeded by Mr. John F. Taylor

of the Don paper mill. Mr. Brown, it is understood, still remains on the directorate.

Mrs. Brown, widow of the late Hon. George Brown, retains her full interest in the paper

and will hereafter be on the board. It is understood that Mr. J. T. Hawke, president

of the paper, assumes for the present the editorial management, and Mr. C. W. Taylor

will continue to act as business manager. These changes have been on the tapis for

some months, and the understanding that has been working against Mr. Brown has at

last come to the surface.

THE TORONTO HUNT CLUB.

A Merry Winter Gathering on Saturday Afternoon.

The Toronto Hunt Club had an annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, without

duels, hounds or fox. Instead of these well-robbed sleighs were the order of the

day and the sleighing bells took place of the whippers' lorn. The occasion was on

the invitation of Mr. James Worts to the members and friends for a gathering at

Lindenwood, the residence of that gentleman. There accordingly were assembled

at 3:30 about one hundred members and twenty five "traps," including the "four-

in-hand" and tandem of all kinds. There were also many ladies, who on ordinary

occasions would have been found in the saddle, but who now were seen snugly

enveloped in the very acceptable buffalo robe. A start was made for the city after the

gentlemen had partaken of a slight refreshment, the lead being taken by Mr. Worts in

his beautiful sleigh and lively team, followed by Mr. Bond and E. Worts in their

splendid four-in-hand, and these in turn by the different cutters of the members.

The whole as it dashed at a lively pace past the World office presented a

kingly spectacle, and took one back to the merry days of Toronto. The route was

King street, Simcoo street, the Avenue, River street, Jarvis street, Gerrard street.

Here those who could not find advantage of Mr. Worts' invitation to dinner, and also

the ladies, broke off and the remainder struck out for the Don and Danforth roads.

Here, as the sleighs were passing the

Woodbine where dinner was ready for the hungry hunters.

The spread made by miss host Duggan, assisted by Mr. H. Webb, would have done

credit to any hotel in Toronto. The following gentlemen took their seats at the

table: Mr. James Worts (in the chair), Messrs Geo. G. Gardner, Copeland (master

of the hounds), A. Gooderham, Donaldson, Hamilton, and Messrs. Murray, Akers, Alf Smith, Hawke, Dr. Campbell, Bond, F. Worts, Kent (Montreal), Sims, W. B. Hamilton, T. G. Blackstock, Murray, Akers, Wray, Col. Arthur, Dirie, Manly, Mara, W. S. Lee, Dr. Smith, Goodson, Galbraith, Lomas and Mr. G. Thomas.

The host, Mr. G. Gardner, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Copeland, the Ladies (referred to by Mr. Hamilton), Mrs. Worts, and the ladies, were

in the chair, and the memory of the late master, J. G. Worts, drank in silence.

The Finding of Five Diamonds.

To know just a little of anything is no disparagement, provided you don't argue

about, enlarge upon or draw conclusions from that little. A little learning is not

necessarily a dangerous thing. But generally speaking a little knowledge leads to

trouble, and the great rhymist tells the truth. To apply the idea, a young

man, whose only idea is immediate wealth, was walking down Yonge street yesterday

and at a certain place (near the Paris kid glove store) he struck with his

finger a piece of jewelry. It was a diamond. The young man picked it up. Why, said he to himself, these stones

appear to be diamonds. And how many are there? There are four; and by my life

there are five! And how large they are! But are they really diamonds? Perhaps

they are. The cut surfaces look very much like the real article, and see how they do

glitter. And there are a few of them, and how big. Here's a thousand dollars at a

stroke. The young man had a walk of a hundred yards before he was very full of

speculation. A thousand dollars at a stroke, and a glittering prospect. He was

becoming more and more convinced that the stones were genuine diamonds. He hit

them with his teeth. No impression was left on the crystals. He observed that the setting was deep and that the diamonds

came to a point. Perhaps they were worth a good deal. He had almost turned, with

BEECHER AND THE BEARS

THE REV. DIVINE OPINION OF STOCK GAMBLING.

What He Thinks of the Wheat Business—His Own Experiences of Dubbling in

Panama Stocks Explained.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Before the senate commission today, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher said, in reply to the question, "What do you think of the wheat business?"

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A GAME OF POKER

Which Ended in the Murder of a Saloon Keeper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Martin Hesse and others were playing poker at Frederick

Dochterman's saloon on Ferry street only this morning. Hesse became indebted

to Dochterman to the extent of seventy-five cents, and being unable to pay was

ordered out. When Dochterman went into the hall way an hour later, Hesse sprang upon

him and plunged a large knife into his bosom, killing him instantly. Hesse was

arrested, and the knife was found on him. He claimed that he acted in self-defense.

His wife stated she was arrested several times in Germany for attempts at murder.

FINES.

Reeder's Hall, Cincinnati, burned—Destructive conflagration in Newport, Ark.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Reeder's hall at Riverside, in the lower story of which were the mayor's office, council chamber and

office, was burned to-night. The hall was used by the presbyterians as a place of worship. Loss \$10,000.

NEWARK, Dec. 17.—One of the most disastrous fires ever known here

broke out at 1 o'clock this morning and laid waste six buildings, nearly all of which were occupied by business firms.

Eight brick stores are included in the ruins. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

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