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## PUBLISHERS, TALK

THE cover design this week is by the same artist whose work decorated the first cover of the enlarged Courier. Mr . Sheeres is one of the most promising of the younger artists. Several other new designers will be introduced during the next few weeks. Every cover design used on the Courier is done by a Canadian and the plates are wholly executed here.

NEXT week, attention will be directed to two of the newer towns of the West-Fort Frances and Nelson, both typical and at the same time different. These articles will not be ordinary "write-ups" put in to accompany special advertising. They are intended merely to depict phases of Canada's development.
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IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Hon. J. K. Merriman, New Premier of Cape Colony

CANADA is considerably interested in watch:ng the development of affairs in South Africa. Dr. Jameson, the man who led the abortive raid into the Transvaal, has been deposed from the premiership of Cape Colony and has been succeeded by the Hon. John Xavier Merriman, who was a member of the Cape Jameson Raid Committee and drew up the report on that event. Roughly speaking, Dr. Jameson is pro-British and Mr. Merriman pro-Boer. However, these terms do not indicate the deep distinction which they did some years ago.
Mr. Merriman was born in Somersetshire and went to South Africa with his father who wis a bishop He was, however, educated in England. He has been in politics since 1869, and is now sixty-seven years of age. For at least thirteen years he has been a member of the Cape Cabinet and may therefore be termed an experienced administrator. He has not always worked along the one line, but has varied his views from time to time. At present he has associated with him in his Cabinet, Mr. J. W. Sauer, a Dutch lawyer, who has been prominent in Cape politics for the last twenty-seven years ; Mr. F. S. Malan, editor of "Ons Land," who was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in Igor for libelling General French; and Mr. de Waal. These are the present leading members of the Bund Party

It is a peculiar feature of the British system, but one which works extremely well, that neither colour, political opinion nor past record prevent a man being premier of any portion of the Empire if he can command a following in the elected assembly or parliament which governs that country. With Mr. Merriman's accession to office, three ancient pro-Boers rule in the Transvaal, Orange River and Cape Colony. Perhaps, too, they will rule even better than those who profess greater loyalty to the Crown.

MR. CHARLES DRINKWATER has resigned from the secretaryship of the Canadian Pacific-taking up exclusively the legislative work of that company with headquarters at Ottawa. Each of the large railway corporations finds it necessary to have a specialist for this work. Their interests are


Mr. Charles Drinkwater,
Legislative Representative of C.P.R. so varied that it is absolutely necessary that some person thoroughly conversant with parliamentary practice and procedure shall handle their new legislation and watch the legislation of competitors. Mr. Drinkwater, having served ten years as secretary to Sir John Macdonald and having since had considerable connection with railway legislation, is peculiarly fitted to occupy this new post. He is an Englishman by birth and was in railway service in that country before coming to Canada in 1864. For some time he was in the service of the Grand Trunk, but since 188 I , four years before the C. P. R. transcontinental was completed, he has been secretary of the younger corporation. As secretary,
he has attended to most of the Ottawa work but will hereafter devote all his time to that branch. ${ }_{*}^{\text {He }}$ is a painstaking and efficient official.
EARLY a year ago when returning fr
British Columbia the "Thistle," the
private yacht of Lieutenant-Governor James Dunsmuir, was burned in Queen Charlotte Sound, the party escaping in the boats. Since that time Mr. Dunsmuir has used one of his tug boats whenever he wished to make a hunting or fishing trip. It will be only a month or two, however, before a brand new pleasure yacht will be ready for service. The "Dolaura" will be launched before the end of this month at Paisley, Scotland, where she is being built by Fleming \& Ferguson especially for the use of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, the coal baron of Vancouver Island.
The "Dolaura" is to be a floating home in which Mr. Dunsmuir can take his whole family. She will not be very fast, only making about fourteen knots an hour, but what she loses in speed she will make up in comfort. Her name is a combination of Dola and Laura, the former being the name of the owner's youngest


Governor Dunsmuir. daughter and the latter of his wife, an ideal combination for a family boat. Following out the idea of comfort, the new pleasure craft will contain on the main deck dining and drawing-rooms, the latter with a fireplace ; library surrounded by large bookcases; bathroom, gunroom, maids' rooms, a smaller private suite for the owner's particular use containing bedroom, sitting room, bath and clothes room; and rooms for the other members of the family. All the windows in the rooms will be large and rectangular in shape so that there will be none of that stuffiness which one is accustomed to associate with the rooms aboard ship. Everything else throughout is fitted to correspond. The ship is 218 feet over all with a 32 -foot beam.

As soon as the present session of the British Columbia Legislature is finished Mr. Dunsmuir will proceed with his family to England, but he will not join his yacht until she reaches Marseilles as His Honour is somewhat afraid of suffering from mal de mer while crossing the Bay of Biscay. From that point they will cruise right around the Mediterranean Sea and return home the same way that they went, sending the yacht home by way of the Pacific.

Governor Dunsmuir's political experiences in the past few months have not been such as the average citizen would envy. He has been accused of blocking last year's Natal Bill, and of entering into a conspiracy to bring in Japanese coolies for his coal-mines. Certain classes would like to have dipped him in the cool waters of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca. When the Natal Act was passed again this season, Mr. Dunsmuir quietly gave his gubernatorial assent. Mr. Justice Martin immediately declared it ultra vires-and Mr. Dunsmuir probably laughed.


Governor Dunsmuir's New Yacht.


COMPLAINT is made in both Montreal and Toronto that the Canadian Clubs are not serving the purpose for which they were founded with any degree of success. When a prominent person from the United States or Great Britain, such as Mr. Kipling or Mr. Bryan,

## will canadian <br> Clubs fall?

 delivers an address which may have nothing to do up to listen; when a Canadian expert delivers an audience comprises about ten per cent. of the membership. In the way, the clubs are becoming lecture bureaus rather thsip. In this for the study of Canadian history and institutions.The Canadian Club movement has met with so much success and has extended so fast that it can safely be criticised. Perhaps a little introspection on the part of the various executives and some general discussion in the clubs and the press along the lines indicated might be productive of good results. If the clubs become a place where people go to see rather than to hear, they will certainly be doomed to failure. When their popularity depends upon sensations rather than a desire for knowledge, the better class of young men will fail to enrol themselves. If these organisations are to retain a permanent place in our national life, they must perform a higher office than to present a high-class circus for the public's amusement. The circus and the theatre have their place, but it does not rank with that of a university or a parliament. The danger mentioned above is one more likely to affect the clubs in the larger cities than in the smaller cities and towns.

As yet this danger is only a mole-hill. It may grow to be a mountain, but that will take time. Meanwhile, the Canadian Clubs continue to perform a great function in providing a place where a public man may speak to a non-partisan audience on any question affecting the welfare or the material interests of mankind. They are imparting to hundreds of young Canadians a knowledge of public affairs and intellectual movements which they could gain in other ways only with great difficulty. If the personal equation is exercising an influence which is troublesome, there are many ways of counterbalancing it, and no doubt these will be utilised.

ONCE upon a time, Canada's problem was how to get immigrants; now, it is a question of how to take care of the immigrants who are coming here in large numbers. No person wants the immigration to stop; no one desires that the population should remain stationary. The only differences of opinion are found in

## the immigration

PROBLEM regard to the bonus system and the distribution of the newly-arrived.
The bonus system is applied in a general manner and tends to produce quantity rather than quality. It is applied only to British and European people and not to American. In spite of these defects, it would hardly be possible or advisable to abandon it at this stage. Quantity is desirable. Quality may also be secured by strict regulations as to physique, character, mental and moral conditions. These regulations must be applied at the port of entry and might be even stricter than they are now. The present regulations are the best we have ever had and seem to be fairly well enforced.

With regard to the distribution and care of the newly arrived, there is greater room for reform and development. The requirements of each province differ. The class of immigrant who would do well in one province might not do well in another. At present only the most rough-and-ready methods for meeting these requirements are in vogue. The immigration department at Ottawa does not work very closely with the immigration departments of the provinces. Here is where development is possible. Supposing the Ottawa authorities would, early in the year, get from each province an estimate of the
number and kind of immigrants which it could profitably place and the Dominion department were then to seek to meet these requirements much more might be accomplished.

For example, settlers from Norway and Sweden, accustomed to using the axe, would do well in Northern Ontario, Quebec and certain parts of New Brunswick. Those accustomed to fruit-raising and dairy-farming would do best in Nova Scotia and certain parts of older Ontario. The man with five hundred to a thousand pounds capital who desires a pleasant farm in a settled district could secure these in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario among the older settlements, where there are plenty of farms whose owners have gone north or west for the sake of their sons and the greater opportunities for acquiring cheap land. Mechanics would not be carried west and a plethora of farm labour left in the east.

This is not intended as a criticism of present department methods. Since Mr. Sifton inaugurated the new policy, wonderful results have been obtained. Good results may still be secured under the present system. This slight modification, the working together of the provinces and the Dominion, would not alter the present system but would simply extend its operation. When the immigrants arrive in Canada, they would be handed over to the province and looked after by it until such time as they were fully settled in their respective spheres.

Such a comprehensive plan would fix responsibility. The Dominion authorities would be responsible for bringing in the class of workers which the country required and the provinces would be responsible for them after they arrive. When the provinces had all they required, they would so inform the federal-officials and unnecessary or inopportune immigration would be avoided.

THIS is the season of the year when the artist gives the finishing touches to the pictures which he painted last year and sends them off to the galleries to be exhibited. The new Canadian Art Club closed its first exhibition in Toronto last week; this week the Ontario Society of Artists hold theirs; soon the Royal

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the public
at Toronto. Montreal will soon have one or two exhibitions. The indications are that this will be the most important art season Canada has ever known. The number and quality of the pictures was never greater; the interest on the part of the art-loving public shows a considerable development.

Nevertheless it must be admitted that the Canadian public has not yet attained to any broad degree of art interest. The Academy has been trying to hold exhibitions at the leading annual fairs in the larger cities, and and results have been so meagre and the interest so small, that the experiment will be abandoned. Probably the only art exhibition of a comprehensive nature in connection with a fair in 1908 will be that at Toronto where there is a special fire-proof art gallery and where considerable money is spent in providing an annual collection of both British and Canadian canvases. Perhaps it is not wise to try to combine an art show with an agricultural and industrial fair, but it is quite certain that the average visitor to these annual festivals fails to take any large interest in the display of pictures. The one-eared calf, the clown and the performing elephant have an attraction which is seemingly irresistible.

Further, the purchasers of pictures, while increasing in number, seem to prefer either copies or originals by European artists to the works of Canadians. The rich men of the larger cities spend many thousands annually on their purchases of foreign pictures and only a few hundreds on their Canadian purchases. Nor is any government, federal, provincial or civic, making any attempt to purchase native canvases. The Ontario Government spends about a thousand dollars
a year and this is the maximum. Neither Toronto nor Montreal has a civic collection.

All this may be natural in a new country where people have scarcely passed the wage-earning stage, but it must be discouraging to Canadian artists. Perhaps this is the darkest hour which precedes the dawn, and it may not be long before this form of public education and private pleasure will come in to help round out our national development.

$\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{R}}$R. C. C. JAMES, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, is a hopeful and optimistic person. He traces the growth of agriculture in Ontario from the production of potashes and timber to grain growing, from this to stock-raising and then to
specialised production. The latter he explains by

## A HOPEFUL

AGRICULTURIST that the Niagara Peninsula with its mild climate and light soil is specialising in fruit and that southwestern Ontario is specialising in corn, tobacco and vegetables. By this process, the average acre of farm land produces twice as much as it did fifteen years ago, and perhaps five times as much as it did in the early years of the nineteenth century.

Yet Mr. James is not satisfied. He desires, hopes, expects further progress. He wants the farmer to keep track of his costs as a manufacturer does. He wants him to introduce more machinery and see that every piece is worked at a profit. An account is to be kept for every cow, so that the farmer will keep only the most profitable. The waste and by-products must be utilised as carefully and advantageously as they are in a meat-packing establishment. In other words, farming is to be made an exact science and products per acre are again to be doubled.

Mr. James does not intend to rely upon the Agricultural College at Guelph alone. He will carry the college to the people. Already there are agricultural specialists, graduates of the O, A. C. appointed by the department, attached to six high schools. These teach agriculture in these institutions but also organise farmers' clubs, address institute meetings and conduct short courses in stock and seed feeding. These specialists will take up such subjects as are most suited to the district-it may be chickens, or beans, or hogs, or sheep, or shorthorns or grain. They will direct their energies towards accelerating the specialisation which has already begun, and they will introduce and inculcate these new methods by which Mr. James hopes to still further increase the value of the products per acre.

Those residents in other provinces who think that Hon. Adam Beck, the Hon. Mr. Whitney, or the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is the leading factor in Ontario must not overlook the influence of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and of the Hon. Nelson Monteith, the practical farmer, who is his chief.

ANEW member of the House of Commons or of the Legislature is usually treated with amiability, provided that he recognise the fact of his newness and does not attempt to teach veterans the rules of debate. In the Ontario Legislature, a member's maiden speech is regarded with friendliness by his party and with M E M B E R indulgence by his opponents. His nervousness recalls to the members of long standing their own qualms and tremors when they first huskily addressed the Speaker and found themselves groping for a glass of water. Hence, when Mr. Allan Studholme first arose to say a few words in the Legislature last session, the House prepared to listen with deference, for the new member formed the third party and announced himself as a champion of the working-man; but, weeks ere prorogation arrived, Mr. Studholme had worn the patience of Government and Opposition exceedingly thin by his frequent and lengthy remarks. For a gentleman who professes to be a working-man par excellence, he has a strange estimate of time. It was hoped that Mr. Studholme would learn the gentle art of self-restraint during the interval but the member from East Hamilton is apparently incorrigible. Last week he consumed more than three hours in a speech which rambled freely over a continent of space and a lexicon of subjects, winding up with the oft-heard statement that the member is a working-man. There were several valiant attempts to interrupt the flow of Studholmic eloquence; but they were of no avail and at night the glare of the red star from the tower of the Parliament Buildings informed the capital of Ontario that her legislators were in their official seats. The members of the Ontario Legislature are not strangers to honest toil and are probably wondering why Mr. Studholme finds it necessary to reiterate to a
weary public the story of his laborious days. So long as a man does not insist on his virtues, he is considered a fairly satisfactory citizen ; but when he spends breath and wastes time in exploiting his industry, the listener may be forgiven for wondering if he were such a busy boy after all and if his teacher never kept him "after four" to do neglected sums. In fact, Mr. Studholme is living in the wrong age. Like the biographer whom Lord Macaulay criticised, he demands an antediluvian slice of time. His speeches would have been all very well in the days before the Deluge when several hundred years were consumed in an earthly career; but Ontario in the Twentieth Century cannot afford to encourage dissertations of three hours' length on Everything in General and Nothing in Particular.

$I^{N}$N 1898-9, the population of Newfoundland was 220,000 and in eight years it has increased ro,000, states the Hon. E. M. Jackman, Minister of Finance, in his budget speech delivered a few days ago. This is not a remarkable increase in population for eight years, but it shows

## newfoundland's <br> PROGRESS

that the Island Colony is making progress. In
twelve millions. the same period its imports have grown from six to ten millions and its exports from seven to The general shipping has increased 47 per cent. These figures are more significant.

Newfoundland sells its codfish, for that item forms two-thirds of its exports, to various countries. Brazil heads the list, then comes Portugal, then Canada, then Great Britain, United States, Italy and Spain. The total sales of all articles to Canada in 1906-07 was $\$ 1,523,608$. So the sister colony is a very fair although nott the largest customer.

The total revenue of the colony for the year was two and threequarter million dollars, and the surplus was \$125,000. The public debt has increased four and a half million dollars and now stands at a little over twenty-one millions. Mr. Jackman points out the growing importance of agriculture and how the establishment of an experimental farm will help that feature of Newfoundland industry. Shipbuilding is to be encouraged by a bonus varying from four to ten dollars a ton. The forest and mineral resources are being rapidly developed, and in a short time paper and pulp making will be a leading industry.

It will be interesting to Canadians to note that in closing his address, Mr. Jackman announced the future policy of the Government which has ruled the colony for eight years, in this significant sentence: "In a word, sir, I believe that the best interests of Newfoundland can only be secured by paddling our own canoe and directing the energies of our people through our own parliament." From this, the Canadian of average intelligence will gather that Newfoundland believes in itself.

$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{N}}$N his new life of Sir John Macdonald, Dr. Parkin states that the Washington Treaty marked the opening of a new era in the history of imperial negotiations. It will be remembered that the clauses in this treaty in which Canada was most concerned were those

## THETREATY-

 MAKING POWER relating to the San Juan boundary, the Alabama claims and the Atlantic fisheries. In the negotiations, Great Britain was represented by Earl de Grey, Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Edward Thornton, Sir John Macdonald and Mr. Montagu Bernard. Sir John was thus representing both Great Britain and Canada-a rather trying and difficult position. The British commissioners proposed to accept the United States' suggestion that the value of the concession to fish in Canadian waters should be submitted to arbitration. Sir John's colleagues refused at first to accept this. They were willing to exchange these valuable rights for reciprocal trade rights but refused to approve any cash offer. The home government over-ruled the objection and instructed the commissioners to agree to the proposal for free fish and a money compensation to be settled by arbitration. Sir John was in a dilemma. Either he must disagree with his cabinet or spoil Great Britain's chances of settling her other outstanding disputes with the United States. He finally decided that imperial interests should receive first consideration and the Treaty was agreed upon.Thus, this treaty was the first in which a colonist represented the British Government in matters which affected the Empire as a whole. Further, the colonial epresentative took a broad view of imperial affairs and accepted the responsibility of certain sacrifices for the general good. Dr. Parkin draws the conclusion that "co-operation seems, therefore, the only possible future of national diplomacy for British people. It implies an increasing breadth of view in the colonial statesmen, as well as a clear grasp of the new relations of the empire on the part of statesmen of the motherland."

IT is always a nice question between a Government and an Opposition when criticism becomes obstruction. The aim of a Government is naturally to get business done. It is willing to answer reasonable questions and recognises that the country expects it to answer arguments; but when the Opposition has once stated its objection to a certain policy, the average Government then thinks that it would well become that Opposition to permit the division bells to ring. That it should go on arguing with a view to awaking the people to an appreciation of the issues at stake, usually seems to the ministers-in-a-hurry to smack of obstruction. But the people seldom object to obstruction except when they see its results in the aggregate. That is, if the obstruction is carried on in a lively manner, they genuinely enjoy it while it is going; but when Parliament has occupied their attention for a certain length of time, they become impatient at its "lagging superfluous on the stage" and want to know why it has not finished its business and gone home.

It is good public policy to give an Opposition all the latitude it desires in criticism. To stifle criticism is not only to permit rascality to work its will in office but to deaden public interest in public affairs. Down at Washington, they have seriously limited the freedom of criticism, on the plea that they could in no other way get their business done, with the result that the American people have wholly lost interest in such criticism as is permitted. When the leader of the majority party can shut off criticism at will, and only such critics as he will listen to can get the floor, a busy people naturally conclude that they need not waste their time on such pre-arranged debating. A free Opposition is the only Opposition to which the electorate will pay any serious attention; and the withdrawal of public attention from public business is, perhaps, a greater loss than the semi-gagging of an Opposition.

But an Opposition ought to remember that it is its chief business to keep the attention of the country. Here was a mistake made by the ablest man who ever led an Opposition in Canada-Edward Blake. Mr. Blake could not get over the impression that he was addressing a court. He would get up a case which would have convinced an entire bench of judges, and he would take five or six hours to lay it before the House of Commons. Then he would wonder mildly why the Government did not resign. But the truth was that his case was so elaborate that the real court of public opinion had not listened to it long enough to catch more than its drift, while the shorter and livelier defence of Sir John Macdonald had entirely erased any impression it had made from the public mind. The great Blake had failed to remember that he was addressing, not a court, but the mutable multitude who have not more than half an hour a day to give to the national business. An Opposition should talk in head-lines. It should feel itself governed by the restrictions which limit the prolixity of an advertisement writer.

Thus when the Opposition members delay the business of Parliament until the people have grown weary of reading the reports of "the House," they have defeated their own purpose. They may have been doing good work, and they may have kept the public interested in quite a lively manner; but when the show must drag along for weeks after this interest has flagged, they will find that the last impression of weariness is about all that the session has left with the average busy citizen. The short, sharp debating of the British House of Commons is much more effective. The Opposition speakers there manage to get their case before the people in the course of a single afternoon or evening; and then the House is free to get to other business. This is good political tactics-to say nothing of the time and patience saved. For the Opposition may be certain that when the dragging sessions of Parliament begin to get on the public nerves, the blame will be laid at their doors. The people will never think of
blaming the Government; for they will know that no Ministry will take longer to the discussion of the business it has decided to put through than it can possibly help.

It is utter nonsense, however, to condemn an Opposition because its programme is more critical than constructive. It is the first and most frequent duty of an Opposition to be critical of the constructive and administrative programmes of the Government. Its very criticisms of the constructive features of the Ministerial programme, constitute a constructive Opposition programme ; for these criticisms are presumed in the case of all serious statesmen to indicate the sort of constructive measures that they would introduce if they were in power. An Opposition may be a very good Opposition, indeed, and yet it may not propose any very violent variation from the programme which the Ministry professes to follow. But it may propose to take that programme far more seriously and really to do what the Ministry only makes a pretence of doing. Undoubtedly, it is a strong card for an Opposition to have a strong constructive programme to propose. The Conservatives. had such a card in the National Policy in 1878; but neither the Federal Liberals in 1896 nor the Ontario Conservatives at the last elections had anything of the sort. It is the party which provides the constructive programme which must stand the fire of the campaign; but it has the advantage of choosing the battle-ground.


The English artist presents a pathetic picture of the Young King of Portugal in his sudden Royal responsibility.

## Men and Other Men

Iis exceedingly curious to note how the big men of the day are both abused and admired. Mr Andrew Carnegie is cursed for his business methods and admired for his generosity. Mr. Rockefeller is in exactly the same position. The case of Mr. J. P. Morgan is not quite on all fours, but it is nearly so. Mr. Morgan has been accused of being one of the leaders of modern high finance. He has been behind many promotions as the under writer who has looked into the undertaking and has guaranteed that when the stock is put upon the market the public will gobble it up. The public usually gobbled as predicted and when it got a pain in its stomach, it cursed Mr. Morgan. Yet, a few weeks ago, when the financial institutions in New York were tottering, when wealthy women were tearing their hair, when the owners of automobiles, country houses and pleasure yachts were considering the uses of the revolver, when the prosperity of twenty years seemed to have all gone for naught, Mr Morgan stepped in as the saviour of the Unite States. The press turned tail at once and began to tell what a great man he was, what a patriotic citizen, what a wonderful financier.

Something of the same situation has developed in Ontario. Mr. William Mackenzie is president of several companies and in connection with these there has been public criticism, perhaps justly, perhaps unjustly. Many companies get criticism and some of them deserve it. He was a director of the Electric Development Company and has been described as one of the leading spirits of the Elec trical Ring. The Public Ownership boomsters shot many a dart at him and his colleagues. But a change has come over the scene. It was rumoured that the Electrical Development Company would be forced into liquidation, that the bonds would be defaulted, that ruin stared many people in the face. It looked as if Ontario, as an investor's field, would receive a blow which would make somebody stagger. The public ownership advocates retired for a season, and men began to talk sense once more.
Just at this juncture, Mr. William Mackenzie, who had up to this time never uttered a word concerning the campaign against the Electric Ring, appeared with a scheme to save the Electrical Development Company. The public gave a sigh of relief. For several days it wondered in silence. Then it began to speak and it said: "Great man, William Mackenzie," using Indian forms of expression. It is probable that when the public said that it was as far wrong as when it declared that he and his associates had no other motive than to rob the public. Mr. Mackenzie is a remarkably clever and able man, but he would be the last one to seek any extravagant reverence.

From these observations, one may conclude that there are men and other men. The men, the real men, are those who learn to do something other than


The Duke of Oporto
Heir-presumptive to the Portugese Throne-brotber of the late King Carlos.
protesting against their neighbours, against authority, against enterprise, against "vested interests" (if you will), and against success generally. The other men are the destructive critics, those who are full of suspicion and jealousy, those who are so narrowminded that another man's success pains them greatly. These other men may win out for a time,


## A Setback for Republicanism

 HERE are some lessons to be drawn from the death of the King and Crown Prince of Portugal, and the first is that republicanism or democracy, whichever term one cares to use for a vague movement, receives a setback whenever it resorts to violence. Senhor Franco, the premier and dictator of Portugal, set out to reform abuses in the administration. In this he was supported by King Carlos. The civil list was purged of ureless office-holders and the finances of the kingdom were put on a better footing. The reformers, however, became impatient and over-bearing, and sought to make progress by suspending the constitution. This led certain classes of the people to plan revolution. They would send the Royal Family to Brazil and set up a republic in Portugal.Just at this juncture, some wild, uncontrollable spirits brought their rifles into play and murder resulted. The natural revulsion of feeling resulted and the late king's second son is now safely seated on the throne as Don Manuel II. He at once issued a manifesto swearing to uphold the Catholic religion and to work for the welfare of Portugal. He is barely more than eighteen years of age and has been pursuing his studies at the Military Polytechnic.

A writer in the London "Illustrated News" thus voices Britain's attitude towards the extremists who have added one more to the list of the rulers who have fallen by the assassin's hand:
"King Carlos had been warned that the lowest orders of his people were being incensed against him by an irresponsible press and irresponsible speakers, but he was a man of more than ordinary personal courage, accustomed since he came to the throne to mingle with his subjects in the friendliest fashion, and he refused to take precautions. Why the Crown Prince should have been murdered at the same time as his father is too great a problem for the average intelligence, because Prince Louis Philip, who had only just returned from a journey to the Portuguese colonies in Africa, was out of sympathy with Senhor Franco's drastic measures, and had protested against them to his father. The whole melancholy business is almost inexplicable until we remember that eightyfive per cent. of the people of Portugal are illiterate, and that Lisbon is full of men and women who have been cheating the State for years, and have been called upon peremptorily in the past few months to refrain from further attacks upon the national prosperity."


Don Manuel II of Portugal
Born November 15th 1889. Succeeded February 1st, 1908.


King Edward and His Friend Don Carlos Carlos was born Sept. 28th, 1863, and was a second cousin once removed to King Edward.

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A Land of Much Politics, Thriving Industries and Great Ships



Mr. Hazen,
Leader of the Conservatives.

NEXT Tuesday, $3^{\text {rd }}$ of March, the Province of New Brunswick will hold a general election. Four weeks ago the Liberal Legislature was dissolved - the successor to a long line of Liberal Governments that since 1883 have held sway in that province. The two leaders, Messrs. Robinson and Hazen, have conducted as lively a campaign as was ever held in that province of much politics Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the present Minister of Public Works in the Dominion Cabinet and former Premier of New Brunswick, has been lending a strong hand to Premier Robinson. The platform of the Conservatives contains twelve large planks. The Liberals claim that every plank has been already used by the Government which has just gone out of office. The public debt has been one of the bones of contention. The last Government increased the debt by a couple of millions. Most of this increase has been in the building of bridges. New Brunswick is a land of bridges. In twenty-five years fifty-eight steel bridges have been built by the Government

Quite naturally it is practical matters like these that have made the campaign material in New Brunswick. The trade and the industries of the province are increasing at an enormous rate. Once upon a time sentiment and scenery and political ideas were the meat and drink of the Maritime Provinces. Among the oldest of the provinces of Canada, they have made very much of Canada's history and produced many of our most famous statesmen.

New Brunswick more than any other province is the direct measure of the growth of Canadain the matter of immigration. St. John is the winter port of Canada. More Canadian immigrants pass through St. John than through any other city in Canada, except Montreal and Winnipeg. All the immigrants from Europe must pass through either St. John, Halifax or Montreal. Perhaps mos of the quarter million in 1907 passed through St. John. Most of these also passed through Montreal and Winnipeg. Many, however, got no further than New Brunswick. That province is claiming more and more of the new arrivals to the Dominion St. John is not only the gateway to the interior she is also the capital of a vastly rich province whose combined resources of lumber, iron, fisheries, farm and fruit products, manufacturing and shipping are only beginning to be adequately estimated. Las year the trade in St. John, including local and foreign, totalled more than $\$ 35,000,000$. During 1906 the total volume of traffic at St. John no including coastwise traffic was $1,820,8$ Io tons, carried in $\mathrm{r}, 906$ vessels.

The growth in money value of this trade may be learned from the following figures showing the increase of trade in St. John from 1898 to 1906 inclusive: 1898 , $\$ 7,063,992$; 1900, $\$ 9,773.534$; 1902, \$14,273,846; 1904, \$13,318,058; 1906, \$23,337,505. This represents a total increase in nine years of 230 per cent. Since St. John was made a winter port in 1896 the trade at that port has included not only Canadian produce, but immense cargoes of cattle, meats, grain and provisions from the United States. Two great trunk lines of railway now have termini at St. John; the near future will probably see a third-the Grand Trunk Pacific. The geographical relation of our winter port to the rest of the Dominion and to foreign ports may be seen from a few mileage figures: From Vancouver St. John is
distant by rail, $3,37 \mathrm{I}$ miles; from Winnipeg, 1,905 miles; from Toronto, 825 miles; Montreal, 48I miles; London, England, 2,973 miles; Liverpool, 2,700 miles.

As a city St. John has many unique advantages besides being an ocean port and possessed of magnificent scenery. Civic improvements have been making rapid progress. The city has a splendid lot of public buildings and fine streets, attractive parks and as many modern improvements in the way of pavements, sewers, water-mains and electric lighting as may be found in any city in Canada.

Much of New Brunswick of course is still in the woods, for which the province is thankful. The woods of New Brunswick have been the pride of Eastern Canada and the backbone of the province's wealth. The game of New Brunswick is excelled nowhere in civilised Canada. To the American sportsman the great moose runs of New Brunswick are as well known as the woods of Maine, which but for a political accident might have been in New Brunswick. Writers like Charles D. G. Roberts have done much to advertise the marvellous wealth


Premier Robinson,
Leader of the Liberal Party in New Brunswick.
of natural life and resources in that remarkable land with its tremendous rivers whose names used to be such a burden to the school-boy.

The history of provincial politics in New Brunswick is replete with change and human interest. No province in the Dominion has a more shifting kaleidoscope. Men have come and men have gone.

Messrs. Robinson and Hazen are the inheritors of a long line of political traditions and great fights. For twenty-five years the province has been Liberal in government. In less than half that period more than half the great changes have taken place. In the old days New Brunswick took issue with Nova Scotia in opposing Confederation. For many years the province had nothing but coalition governments. Down to 1883 these coalitions were largely Conservative. Hon. Mr. Tweedie, who had formerly been a Conservative, managed to become a Liberal Hon. Dr. Pugsley remained a Liberal when he became Premier in succession to Mr. Tweedie. Mr Emmerson, who had preceded Mr. Tweedie, announced himself as the leader of a coalition. Mr. Robinson, the late Premier, however, is a straight Liberal, and Mr. Hazen, his opponent, is as clear-cut a Conservative.

Eleven Premiers have had the helm in New Brunswick since Confederation, as compared to six in Ontario, eight in Nova Scotia and eighteen in Quebec. The other province that has beaten New Brunswick in its lineage of Premiers is the farthest away-British Columbia, which has had fourteen since 1871 . Prince Edward Island has had eight since 1873.

Five of New Brunswick's Premiers have left the province since 1896 . Away back in the Confederation days Hon. A. R. Wetmore was Premier and Attorney-General. His successor was Hon. George G. King in 1871. Up till 1878 the chief issue in successive campaigns was religion and education. In 1878 Sir Leonard Tilley, then Lieutenant-Governor, became Liberal leader in the House. He defeated Mr. King. Afterwards Mr. J. J. Fraser, Provincial Secretary under Mr. King, became Premier for four years. Next came Hon. A. G. Blair, who began to make Liberalism a bigger power in the province. Mr. Blair remained Premier for thirteen years-making a record tenure-with four dissolutions and a sweeping victory in 1890, and general elections again in 1892 and 1895. In 1896 Mr . Blair became Minister of Railways in the Laurier Cabinet. Hon. Mr. Emmerson was the next Premier of note, succeeding the 'brief term of Hon. James Mitchell. During Mr. Emmerson's regime the Opposition formulated the Moncton Platform," under the leadership of Mr. E. L. Wetmore, now Chief Justice of Saskatchewan. Two other Opposition leaders came temporarily to the front before Mr. J. D. Hazen, the present leader, took the helm. He has been fighting hard against the Emmerson-Tweedie-Pugsley-Robinson forces. Hon. Mr. Tweedie succeeded Mr. Emmerson as Premier. Hon. Dr. Pugsley succeeded Mr. Tweedie when the latter became Lieutenant-Governor. The present leader became Premier on the appointment of Dr. Pugsley to the Dominion Cabinet.


St. John, N.B:-Where most large Canadian steamers engaged in the Atlantic trade, load and unload during the winter months.

# Winter 



Ski-ing and Snow-Shoeing by all ages


A Dog Train-This photograph was taken during a visit of Lady Minto who is seated in the sleigh.

## BRITISH TRADEIN CANADA

CNADA has been "looked over" by a number of people in the past few years. None of these has studied our trade conditions with greater care and thoroughness than Mr . Richard Grigg, a special commissioner sent out from London by the Board of Trade, a department of the British Government. Mr. Grigg's report has just been issued and is an interesting volume. It may be had from Eyre \& Spottiswoode, King's Printers, for the sum of one shilling and five pence.

Mr . Grigg concerns himself mainly with our foreign trade and its distribution among the countries which sell to us. He finds that British sales to this country reached their lowest point in $1895-6-7$, when they fell to an average of thirty-one million dollars a year. In 1898-9-1900, the average rose to nearly thirty-eight millions, in 1901-2-3 to fifty millions, and in 1904-5-6 to sixty-three and three-quarter millions a year. Viewed by itself this increase of one hundred per cent. is satisfactory. However, he finds that during the same number of years the sales of United States goods increased from an average of fifty-three millions a year to an average of one hundred and fifty-four millions, or an increase of nearly two hundred per cent. Viewed in this way, British sales have grown only one-half as fast as United States sales. The item of "natural products" explains to some extent the size of United States sales to Canada, but even deducting these, United States trade is seen to be more than holding its own.

Mr . Grigg is apparently pleased with the great decline in German sales to Canada, due to the imposition of the surtax of one-third imposed in 1903. He views the growth of French sales with equanimity and is prepared to see them increase under the new convention. He warns the Board of Trade that
should Germany consent to a similar convention and get the advantages of the Canadian Intermediate Tariff, "such action will be fraught with undoubtedly serious consequences to British trade." He repeats this warning on another page and with this ringing in their ears, the British Government cannot be expected to assist Germany's ambition to get back into the Canadian market if such ambition exists.

Mr . Grigg is well aware of the extent to which United States manufacturers are invading Canada. They have a direct or indirect interest in many Canadian concerns. They have also many branch factories. A bank manager estimates that in the city of Montreal alone, twenty-five millions of United States capital has been invested during the past five years. The Illinois Manufacturers' Association reports that 122 of the leading concerns in the United States have established branch plants in Canada. Mr. Grigg states that he has a list of 36 manufacturing firms in Hamilton alone in which the capital is mainly from the United States. He is very anxious to see the British manufacturer take up the same policy of branch factories in Canada because it would gratify Canadians, enlarge sales and give manufacturers a more intimate acquaintance with the market. Partially finished materials could be sent over here and the work completed in Canadian factories. Most Canadians will agree that this is sound advice.

Mr . Grigg makes two summaries of his suggestions and the briefest of these is quoted in full:
"(I) The geographical position of Canada, and its contiguity to the United States, give American trade very great advantages, and impose correspondingly severe handicaps upon British trade.
(2) The preference enjoyed by the United Kingdom, both in good will and in tariff treatment,
is helpful in neutralising to some extent the geographical advantages which the United States enjoy, but is insufficient of itself to do more than check the decline in the United Kingdom's share of Canadian trade. The preference gives substantial aid to the United Kingdom in competition with European countries, but may be diminished at any time through the adoption of the newly established Intermediate Tariff.
"(3) Both British and American trade in Canada have to encounter the growing rivalry of Canadian industries, which, however, offer great opportunities (hitherto comparatively little used) for the investment of British capital.
(4) Much could be done to promote British trade with the Dominion by-
"(a) The promotion of rapid and cheap transit and communication between the United Kingdom and Canada;
(b) More careful study of Canadian conditions by British traders;
"(c) Improvement in the representation of British merchants and manufacturers in Canada;
"(d) Greater adaptability and exactness in meeting the wishes of Canadian buyers;
"(e) The adoption of Canadian standards, weights and measures and currency, for specifications and price quotations
"(f) Better advertising and catalogues and cheaper postage rates;
(g) More elasticity in terms of credit (rendered possible by fuller knowledge of local circumstances ) "(5) It is highly desirable to promote mutual knowledge of commercial and industrial conditions by a system of British commercial correspondents in Canada, and the wider distribution of commercial and trade reports, both official and other."

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J. W. Beatty, A.R.C.A.


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# LIFE'S CHEQUERBOARD By Helen Walfacer 

Resume: Lady Marchmont and her grandniece, Les ey, are visiting the former's nephew, Richard Skene, a "Strode," his Scottish home. They withdraw from the dining-room, after Lady Marchmont has pled with her nephew to forgive an erring member of the family. Mr Skene's lawyer, Dalmahoy, ventures to refer to this njury of many years before. The offender, Adrian Skene, the son of Richard's cousin, had refused years before to marry Lesley and the old lawyer advises his friend to alter his will. Mr. Skene tells of how Adrian had won Mary Erskine, the girl whom he had loved, and the emotion called up by this recital of past wrongs proves too much for his failing strength. He falls to the floor and dies of an attack of heart trouble. Lesley Home, after her uncle's death, dreads the prospect of meeting Adrian again. Adrian arrives and is greeted warmly. At the reading of the will it is found that the property is left to him, on condition that he marries Lesley. Otherwise the latter becomes owner of "Strode." In the excitement following this announcement, Adrian's wife appears. Lesley wishes Adrian to accept position of manager of the Strode estate. The latter accepts and informs his wife, Alys, a shallow and rather disappointing young person, of his new position with which he is naturally delighted since Adrian had not been successful as a London journalist. Sir Neil Wedderburne, one of the trustees, is dissatisfied with Adrian's management and shows plainly that he desires Lesley to become his wife. In the meantime, Alys becomes restless and discontented with the quiet life of "Strode." One day, while looking over some old papers, Alys One day, while looking over some old papers, Alys
comes upon an unsigned will which gave "Strode" to Adrian. She forges the signature and places the will among papers which Lesley Home is to examine. The latter finds the will and arranges for a meeting of legal authorities. The forgery is detected and announced. Adrian sees that Alys is guilty but screens her by refusing to explain. He then leaves "Strode" in disgrace. Two years go by and Sir Neil resumes without success his suit for Lesley's favour. The latter informs Lady Marchmont of her belief that Alys, who had also Marchmont of her belief that Alys, During an aftersuddenly left "Strode," is in London. During an afternoon walk, Lesley meets Adrian who says that Alys has. completely disappeared. Some time afterwards Lesley attends an evening reception where "Fiammetta" recite from Adrian's poems, "The Underworld."


UST as the coveted front row was attained, an intrepid dame jostled Lesley so sharply that she was forced almost violently against the man next to her. She turned towards him with a word of apology, but the slight mechanical smile froze upon her lips. The man was Adrian Skene - Adrian, whom never upon earth had she expected to meet again.

For the moment neither had a word to say, though Adrian had the advantage of Lesley in knowing that if he went to Morelands there was a possibility of encountering her.

In the world to which he had returned men ask no questions, and though the one or two friends of whom he had spoken saw that some cloud had passed over his life, that was no concern of theirs. Tonight one of them, a clever journalist, had urged Adrian to accompany him to Sir Hartley's.
"You ought to hear that woman, Fiammetta, as she calls herself. It's a new sensation, and that's saying a great deal nowadays. To hear her give that poem 'Buried Alive'-I hope she'll do it to-night-makes you feel the whole thing. You realise himself, crushed under a mountain of injustice and misunderstanding, as if the clods had been shovelled misunderstanding, as if the clods Come and hear for yourself, though, and then tell me if I am rhapsodising," as Adrian listened with his faint, half-ironical smile.

Go and hear "Buried Alive"- the words which had been wrung from him before the searing anguish of the earlier days had been forcec down to despair-
ing endurance, though the smouldering fires would at times leap up fierce and high again, as when, under the Kensington elms, he had looked into Lesley's face. Could he risk that heightened torment again, even if he were willing to venture himself once more into the society of his kind, where, to his morbid sensitiveness, it seemed to him that the brand upon him must appear, naked and visible, to all.
desire to the desire to hear his own words uttered by human lips and openly swaying human hearts. It was the
only share he could ever claim in the wide and sudden fame into which his book had sprung, nor did he wish for any other. It had been written as with his heart's blood, and he could not barter that for earthly success in any form. Upon the hitherto unknown woman who, to his deep chagrin. had singularly identified herself with "The Underworld" and had leaped into notoriety along with it, he had bestowed more than a passing wonder, but that and every other sensation was blotted from his mind when he turned and found Lesley close by his side, so close that, when she looked round, her breath was on his cheek and the warm whiteness of her arm touched his sleeve.

For one instant the sense of her near presence encompassed and possessed him, he could think of naught beyond, and in that instant, while they stood face to face, the curtains fronting them were parted and swept aside.

Swept aside to reveal-Alys!. Alys who for two long years had been sought for in vain.

Only life-long training and inherited breeding stopped the cry on Lesley's lips. Involuntarily her hand closed tight on Adrian's arm, and through glove and sleeve she could feel the tense quiver of hard-held excitement. It was an Alys whom she had never seen nor dreamed of, but Alys beyond anv possibility of doubt or mistake.

Her grey, dilated eyes, which seemed to dwarf the little passion-pale face, held a world of bitter wonder which yet was not altogether wonder, of jealous wrath and woe, as her transfixing glance lighted upon her husband and Lesley standing side by side, the girl's hand clasping Adrian's arm, the wave of emotion called up by their unexpected meeting not yet wholly merged in the stricken amazement with which they returned her gaze.
"Jove! what a Medea she'd make! They should have given her a cauldron instead of that lamp beside her," muttered someone, and the tall, slight figure with its mystic, shadowy garments and the cabalistic suggestions of the flashing green ornaments, might well have seemed the priestess of some mysterious en

While each drew a long breath the hush of keen and eager curiosity lasted, heightened by Fiammetta's strange intense look, which all imagined was but part of the pose, save those who had once seen

Then Fiammetta swiftly the library at Strode.
Then Fiammetta swiftly reared her head, swept her eyes over her audience, and, with a slight, graceful, swaying motion of her hands began to speak. The stillness of curiosity deepened to eager, painful absorption, as that thrilling voice, strangely deep for so fragile a physique, unveiled the inmost throes of a heart prisoned within itself, buried alive in its own despair-and that to an audience whose chief perplexity was a choice of pleasures!

To one of her hearers-to Adrian Skene-each word was torture. If he could, he would have escaped from the sound of that voice, escaped from his position by Lesley's side, but he could not force his way through the serried listening ranks behind him. The silken threads of convention held him like iron bands. With all his might he had striven to think mercifully of the woman for whom he had sacrificed more than life, to remember the girl who had loved him rather than the wife who had ruined him, who in her mad, mistaken folly had rendered him an outcast. After all she was little more than a child, small wonder that she had blencined when the pinch of trial came, that she had made no effort to stay the stone which her own rash hands had set rolling. Could he have allowed his wife to take up such a burden, even had she been willing? But
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With one bound Adrian Skene was on the platform, with one grasp he tore down one of the heavy screening curtains, and flung himself upon the writhing figure, heedless of the streams of blazing oil which were iegaing toout his fect and spreating the frey terore evere wider and farther. Next instant half a dozen men, Neil Wedderburne amongst them, were by his side trying to stamp down the flames, to smother them with rugs or curtains, to hold them back at all hazards from the oaken panelling, tinderdry with ages wutil water coudid beb bromphit
The hail was in witid contuision Sir Hartey summoning the household, some calling for water, some for a doctor, others screaming and rushing to and fro panic-stricken. Lady Marchmont, who, since the first parting of the curtains, had sat in rigid, keen-eyed stillness, pulled the woman by her side down into a chair.

Sit down and hold your tongue; surely you're fit for that at least. Since you can't help you needn't hinder," she said with a biting emphasis, against Adrian hysterical fright was not proof.
Adrian had gathered the moaning girl into his arms--a formless shape still swathed in the trailing folds of the heavy curtain. The air was thick with smoke and bitter with the reek of the fire, now hissng out into blackness under the splashing water.
"Let me help you-you're not fit. Look at your hands!" exclaimed one as Adrian moved stumblingly forward with his burden towards fresher air.
"She is my wife," was all the reply.

## CHAPTER XVI.

"It is only a question of time-and, I fear, a very short time. To attempt anything is only to torture He had been one of the guests, and had instantly offered his services.

Alys caught Sir Frank's low murmur; hearing, like every other faculty and nerve, seemed heightened to feverish activity by her fiery torment. It was nature's last rally before the final collapse, the
last flare of the candle before it gutters black into the socket.
"Am I dying?" she cried, her voice a hoarse, thin shriek. "For God's sake let me die, then. Why are you trying to keep me alive-'where their worm dieth not and their re is not quenched'-where did I hear that-it's true-true-true," the broken words rising to a wail, heart-piercing, nerve-shaking

Adrian winced, Sir Neil clenched his hands in a strong man's shrinking from irremediable pain. Agatha Kenyon, crouched on one of the window seats, broke into helpless sobbing, while Lady Marchmont sat more stiffly erect, though amid her voluminous draperies her fragile little wisp of a figure seemed shrunken to the proportions of a child's.

Adrian turned to Sir Frank, his face wrung.
"If nothing can be done, if there is no chance, no hope, can't you give her an easier passage-if it must be." His voice was strained out of all likeness to its usual tones.

The great doctor nodded. "I sent at oncethe motor should be back shortly. Poor child, I wish to heaven it were here!" for Alys was speaking again in that strange, thin, unnatural voice, which seemed already divorced from earthly sounds.
"If I were dead I should be at peace, shouldn't I?" turning her eyes upon Lesley, who was supporting the restless head. "I should feel nothingknow nothing-remember nothing-so they say. Oh, do you think I'll remember?" a sudden note of panic in the tenuous thread of voice, while the leap of her eyes towards Lesley was like the clutch of a desperate hand.
"Alys," said Lesley, in a low, shaken voice, "I believe that we shall feel-that we shall knowthat we shall remember. If there is anything you fear to remember, lay it down, don't carry your burden with you-surely you've borne it long enough. Oh, Alys, is there one here would deny you forgiveness if you asked it? Is God less merciful than man?"

That this poor trembling soul should go out into the darkness with doubt upon her lips and despair in her heart, that she should carry her sin and her secret with her into the silence was anguish to Lesley.
"Forgiveness will take the sting from memory, the pang from death. Oh, Alys, beg for it nowman will hear-God will hear." Her eyes were a voiceless prayer more compelling than her entreating words.
"Where is Adrian?" breathed Alys.
He knelt on the other side of the couch.
"Alys, my poor child, there is no need to speak. I know what you would say-I have always known it. As some day my own sole need will be forgiveness, I do forgive what you did-for my sake."

A sudden strange flicker, which was no fever fire, lit the great hollow eyes. He who reads the
heart alone knew what lay behind that look. Love, jealousy, cruel as the grave, remorse-these were the three strands of the cord which still bound her to earth. Which would yield first, or would they snap only with the silver cord itself?

At last her look settled on Adrian's face, and slowly, slowly that "strange fire" sank and faded.

There was a slight stir at the door. Sir Frank went to it, and then, coming back to the couch, put a glass to Alys's drawn lips.
"Drink this, my poor child; it will ease you," he said gently.

Alys seemed to divine his meaning. With what strength was left to her she turned her head away.
"No, no ; I can't-I must speak-I must-there is no ease, no peace for me till I speak," her voice suddenly shrilling out again in a half-delirious note. I See, there is the brand of shame upon him; it was again, but her look was like a finger pointing to that red scorch on Adrian's brow. "Don't let me die red scorch on Adrian's brow. "Don't let me
before I speak-if I do it may take it away."
"No, no; there is no need to speak-only drink this," said Sir Frank soothingly, pressing the glass again to her convulsed mouth.

Sir Neil canght his arm.
"For God's sake let her speak as long as she can-you don't know how much hangs on it," he muttered hoarsely. If Sir Frank did not know, Neil Wedderburne did, to the depths of his honest heart.
"Are they all here-all who were in the room that day?" went on Alys in the same high, strained key. "I thought I saw them," looking restlessly round with narrowed eyes, as if trying to pierce through gathering shadows, though the great room was bathed in a soft glow of light. "But tell them--tell them it was I-not you-I took the keys-I found the will-I forged"-the word was almost a shriek-"the name. It was for you-I thought it would give you back your own. I saw you knew -but I couldn't-I daren't confess-I tried-I did try."

The flame of life sank. Speech passed into confused and piteous moaning, though in hard-drawn gasps and with imploring eyes fixed upon her husband's face she still struggled for utterance. Now and again there came a stray articulate word.
"Forgive-mercy-God have-mercy!"
The tears had come with a sudden rush to Lesley's eyes, pain-scorched till now, and were falling thick upon the face which the heavy hand of Death was already moulding to his own likeness.
"Oh, Alys," she cried, "it was for love you did it-to her who loved much, much was forgiven."

Did she hear? There was a catch in the hard sobbing breath, a flicker of the dimming eyes still fastened on Adrian's face. He stooped nearer.
"Alys!" he breathed, and the eyes softened.

Lesley softly rose from beside the couch where she had knelt so long, and in silence the others followed, leaving husband and wife alone together in the nearing shadow of that infinite and awful Presence which men call Death, but which the wiser name Peace.
"So you are alone again."
"Yes, Lesley and Lady Marchmont have gone back to Strode. , I thought you would have come to say good-bye.
"I have said good-bye," said Sir Neil with grim significance.

They were in Mrs. Kenyon's pretty drawing-room-an airy background which always threw into full relief her brother's height and air of abundant vigour. The latter was as noticeable as ever, though the keen blue eyes might lack something of their vivid outlook.

At Morelands Agatha Kenyon had cried her kind heart out in pity and sympathy for the dead and the living, but her keenest regrets found utterance now in her faltered:
"My poor Neil-it's horribly hard on you-what-what will you do now?"
"Does it matter much?" with a shrug. Then he faced round from the window out of which he had been intently if absently gazing. "You've been a good friend and done your best for me, Agatha, but-well, it won't be to-morrow, nor the next day, nor likely for many a day to come, but Time is bound to do his work by and by, and two people who are made for each other"-valiantly-"are bound to find that out too, and all the sooner if they get a fair field to do it in. Wedderburne can look after itself for a bit. Lesley's trustees are discharged; her cousin is the one she should naturally turn to if she wants advice, so I think I'll have a try at Thibet and the mountain sheep. I've always been hankering to have a shot at one, and as they're uncommon shy beasts and very few of them left, by the time I've secured a good head, well"-with a courageous smile-"things will likely have settled down at Strode."
"Lesley is losing a brave gentleman, Neil!" exclaimed Agatha Kenyon, breaking into a sudden sob and throwing her arms round her tall brother, in spite of his known objections to such demonstrations.
"Oh, come, Agatha," he said awkwardly, though for once he suffered the embrace; then reality broke through reserve for once. "It's all that's left to me, but it's precious little for a man to do for the woman he-loves-only to take himself out of her way. I wonder how many of us would do and suffer what Adrian Skene did, and for a woman, whom, poor soul, he didn't love."
the end.

# THE ROMANCE OF SELINA KING 

## A Story of Cross-Purposes and Reconciliation

FOR more years than she cared to remember Selina King had been the most patronised milliner in Sheldon, and was, indeed, the authority on hats for the whole community. She preserved her independence of Grant \& Company, the enterprising firm which had signally failed to secure Miss Selina as head milliner, and had sent to Toronto for Miss Belmer, whom they advertised as "A lady who has studied her art in the best establishments of Paris.'

But Miss Selina saw with calmness the advent of the Parisian student of headgear, for hers was the assurance of genius. No one else could transform wire and chiffon into such marvels of grace and beauty as could Miss Selina, and she had a kindly, tender way of receiving a battered old bonnet of two years' wearing, and saying brightly, "Well, I'll see if something can't be made of this, Mrs. Brown. The ribbon looks as if it could be freshened

Poor Mrs. Brown, whose economies were heartrending, but who had a true woman's love for finery beneath her rusty garments, could hardly believe her eyes when she saw the new shape with revived ribbons and a bunch of violets nestling coyly at the left side, and the bill only one dollar and a half.

Miss Selina's fame had gone abroad through the country, and more than once she had received flattering offers from city firms, for commercial travellers had long admired the hat-making skill of the little woman, whose brown eyes were as bright as the iridescent trimming of which she was so fond. But

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she had remained firm in her allegiance to Sheldon and the little white cottage with green blinds, which half-witted Sophie Waggs kept as spotless as a pan of new milk.

Millie King, her only brother's daughter, lived with Miss Selina, and was going to the Sheldon High School, and her aunt cherished hopes that her niece would "learn the business." She often said: "Now, remember, Millie, that there's a way of doing it that just belongs to you like a taste for music, or a head for figures. You certainly seem to have the right twist to a ribbon, and next year we'll see if you haven't a knack for covering shapes. There's some that can never get things smooth. There's Sarah Hunter, now. That girl fairly drives me wild. She would have made even that man Job say words that he'd be sorry for."

Miss Selina's consternation may be imagined when, one freezing February night, as she and Millie sat before the sitting-room coal-stove and enjoyed "Northern spies," the latter suddenly said: "Aunt Selina, do you know that I believe I'll get married, after all, instead of learning the millinery next spring."
"Millie King, are you clean crazy? Why, you're only sixteen, and don't know anything about the ways of a house, let alone the queer ways of a man. If I just catch you flirting with Tom Pringle, or any other boy at that school, you'll go straight back
to your father and the farm, although your stepmother is a woman I never could stand."
"I'm not flirting with any one," said Millie demurely, "there isn't a boy in the school with any style except Harold Jordan, and he's going away to Montreal next month to be in his uncle's railroad office. But I've thought it all out, and some day or other I'm going to get married to someone who will take me away from Sheldon. I intend," continued Millie with solemnity, "to see the world."

Her aunt gazed at her in alarm, for Millie was usually a retiring young person, but she had the King will, which meant accomplishment of purpose.
'You've been reading some fool love stories' in my fashion magazines," she said in dismay.
"No, I haven't. In fact, Aunt Selina," said this sage of sixteen, "I don't believe much in love. It seems to get people into a great deal of trouble. But if I marry a man who can afford to buy me hats it will be much easier than trimming them for other people."

Her aunt was more puzzled than ever; sentimentality would be bad enough, but this cold-blooded commercialism was remarkably ungirlish.
"Of course," Millie continued, "you have done just splendid by not getting married, and you're putting money in the bank every week. It's much nicer than being the wife of a poor man like Mr. Brown, or a drunkard like Jack Sloane. But I've made up my mind that if a rich man comes along I'd rather have him than trim hats."
"Millicent King, you've no business to talk about
such things for years yet. And I'd like to know where you'll meet the rich man in Sheldon. Old Richard Miles is the only one I know that hasn't a wife, and he's a perfect miser, and swears something awful. Besides, there's insanity in the family and dear knows what he'd do if he went mad in a hurry some day. There's ten o'clock! You go along to bed, and don't think any more of a millionaire dropping in to marry you."

But long after Millie had fallen asleep, to dream of the man who would save her from a future of hat-trimming, her Aunt Selina sat before the scarlet glow of the coals, and thought of a summer's day more than sixteen years ago, when her talent for millinery had not yet burst into full flower, and she had thought of spending her days not in the little white cottage, but in the old brown honse wher Richard White's father had lived before him.

The old brown house was in a sad condition now for Jack Sloane had moved there years ago, and between Jack's drunken attacks on walls and furniture and the severe usage floors and bannisters received from Jack's large and noisy family, the
White homestead was in a condition that Selina White homestead was

She had kept so quiet about it all that even her mother did not dream that when Richard White went away to the West he took the brightest part of Selina's girlhood with him. She was one of those women who are considered ambitious, if not hard, but who are incapable of bestowing their best gifts upon more than one.

No one in Sheldon knew that the capable little woman with keen brown eyes had given her heart long ago to shy, awkward Richard White, whose "folks" had disappeared entirely from the town, leaving a few graves in the old plot, to which Miss Selina could give much secret care, since it adjoined the King corner, where there was a weeping willow.

Selina, in her school-days, had been noted for a certain trimness, that had caught the eye and fancy of the head milliner at Forbes' "Emporium," and before she was eighteen Selina had given promise of rare skill. So well did she please the head milliner, Mrs. Rolph, that the elder lady determined to "set up for herself," and take Selina as partner.

Success had followed their small undertaking, and on Mrs. Rolph's death, the young milliner was quite equal to assuming charge of the "hats and fancy goods." Selina had not lacked for admirers, for hers was an attractive face, with a challenge for those who could not match her alertness; but even those who considered that her rose-adorned hat covered the prettiest head in the choir, stood in awe of her quick retorts, and seldom reached the openly sentimental stages.

From very ancient days a tenor voice has found an easy way to the feminine heart, and Richard White had a voice with which he was able to express the feelings to which his tongue was not equal. Finally, in a glorious springtime many years ago, Richard had decided on taking the momentous step of asking Selina if he might see her home from church. To his amazement her reply of "Certainly, Mr. White," came in most subdued tones, and he found himself actually taking the lead in the conversation and discoursing almost fluently on the slight rainfall they had had that April. He later found his way to an exceedingly slippery chair in the parlour of the white cottage.

After that he found it easier to approach the chief soprano, and he at last summoned courage to call for her to go to choir practice on Friday evening. This was almost a conclusive step, and by the time July came Richard was only waiting for a favourable opportunity to tell Selina that she was in his eyes the fairest of women, and the only one whom he wished to see managing the affairs of the old brown house.

But Selina, as is the way of womanhood, feeling secure of her lover, was in no hurry to have the decisive moment come, and preferred the gentle dallyings of wooing to the final surrender of courtship. Her mother was a gentle, easy-going woman, who was so lost in admiration of her daughter's executive ability that she gave little heed to the various young men who had escorted Selina home after the service."
So Selina, unwarned and unheeding, went on playing with the feelings of the unfortunate Richard, who confided to the minister one evening that he never could understand women, nor what they meant by being as sweet as honey one day, and as sour as vinegar the next.

The day of the Sunday School picnic had come, and Richard was to drive Selina out to the grove on the banks of the Maitland River, but in the morning she sent him word that she would rather go with the others in the picnic van.

He read the note gloomily, and had almost re-
was to go for a row with him on the river in the evening. He appeared rather late to find Selina looking after the wants of her Sunday School class, and closely attended by Joe Merton, who had just opened a new stationer's shop in Sheldon, and was possessed of a degree of assurance which Richard found embarrassing and disgusting.

Selina was dressed in white, and wore a fragrant cluster of spicy pinks in her belt. She was feeling somewhat alarmed by Richard's lateness, but when he appeared she decided that he must be taught a lesson. At last, the hungry children were fed, and Richard approached his flushed sweetheart.
"I have the boat ready," he said; "we can be out for an hour, for I drove down, and we can go back later than the rest."
"I'm tired looking after those tables," said Selina, briefly, "so I've decided not to go on the river, and I've just promised to drive back with Mr. Merton. You ought to have been here earlier."

The last reproach was too much for Richard's patience and endurance, and he showed the dangerous temper of a gentle nature. His face was pale to the lips as he said: "You have broken your word to me twice to-day."
"You ought to have been here earlier. Here!" with a laughing glance, "you may have these flowers." She held out the fading cluster of pinks, which seemed to the man a symbol of her feeling. With a gesture of rage he snatched the flowers and crushed them into a spicy ball before he threw them

"For goodness sake, Selina, don't cry, I'm not used to it."
from him. Selina's smile turned to indignation, but her eyes fell before the quiet fury in his.

Mr. Merton found her anything but a cheerful companion, and she spent the night in vain conjectures as to whether she had gone too far.

Three days afterwards she listened without a quiver, when Mrs. Rolph talked to a customer about how suddenly Richard White had picked up that morning and left for British Columbia.

Surely he would write or had left a message ! But Richard had gone utterly from Sheldon life, and no one but the minister suspected the reason for his sudden departure, and Selina was so taken up that summer with Mr. Merton and preparations for an unusual number of September weddings, that Sheldon gave no thought to her feelings on the subject of Richard's flight.

But it all came back to her now as she shivered and spread out her hands to the warmth, while an unusually stormy blast shrieked at the porch door and made the shutters creak. She saw the grove in the twilight, the white wrath on the stern young face, and could almost smell the fragrance of those crushed flowers as Richard threw them passionately away.
"And to hear that child Millie talk of marrying as if it were just like that picnic! Well, it's a long time ago, and it's time I gave up thinking of it. I suppose Richard was married out there, though t's strange I never heard.'

The next week Sheldon was thrown into a state
of excitement by the sudden death of old Richard Miles, who was possessed of considerable wealth for Sheldon, and who had been known as the stingiest old bachelor in the county.
"Miss King, what do you suppose has happened ?" said Mrs. Brown, bursting into the shop and neglecting to shake the snow from her coat before laying her arms across the show-case, "do you remember Richard White who went away out West about sixteen years ago?"

Of course I do," said Miss Selina, hiding her shaking hands beneath some folds of black crape;
"he sang in our choir. What has happened him?"
"Why, if old Richard Miles hasn't gone and left every cent to him. It seems the old man was once in love with Richard's mother, and liked the boy. Lawyer Wilson has found out where Richard is, and has telegraphed, and he says Richard is coming next week. It's a good thing that there were no
near relatives, as there won't be any one to quarrel over the property. Did you ever hear if he'd married ""

I don't know," said Selina brusquely, "but it's likely that he did, and that there's a lot of children to spend the money on.
"Dear me!" said Mrs. Brown wistfully, "they say there's about fifty thousand dollars. It seems as if some people get everything, and the rest of us have to put up with the leavings. Now, if he'd only left us two thousand!"

The next Sunday morning, just as the choir arose to sing the first hymn, there was a general turning of heads as a stalwart broad-shouldered man was shown to one of the front pews.

Selina's heart gave an unprecedented leap, for, in spite of the change which sixteen years had brought, she would have known Richard White's eyes and walk anywhere. She was mute during the singing of "My Faith Looks up to Thee," and her voice shook terribly during her solo in the anthem. She longed for, yet dreaded, the conclusion of the service, and hardly knew what to think when the leader said they must practise the evening anthem for a quarter of an hour after the congregation had gone. She was hurrying along towards the cottage when she heard the sound of a firm step in the snow behind her, and her face straightway became the colour of the white world around her.
"Miss King, you are surely going to speak to an old friend! Why, I'm almost out of breath."
"I'm sure I'm very glad to see you. You-you are so much broader."
"I've changed in a good many ways," he said, with a twinkle in his gray eyes, "but if you'll ask me in to dinner, I'll show you that I still appreciate
Sheldon fare." Sheldon fare.'

Miss Selina hesitated, but, as she did so, he coolly opened the gate and followed her to the door. She felt thankful that there was a chicken, and that Hester Thorne had brought her some Devonshire cream the night before.

After her departure a sudden silence fell upon the two friends who were left in the old parlour, and Miss Selina nervously fingered her mother's amethyst brooch which clasped her embroidered collar.
"I could almost imagine I had never been away," said Richard, at last. "This room looks as if nothing had been changed. You don't know what it's like to a man who has knocked about for sixteen years to come back and find you and the cottage looking as if I had gone away yesterday."
"But we've both changed," said Selina, hurriedly.
"You don't look as if I'd been away so long, my
Selina became flushed. He really had no right to talk like that.
"And you didn't marry Mr. Merton," continued her "guest.
"We were never engaged," said Selina, with dignity
"Selina, do you remember the flowers I threw away?"
"You were very rude."
"Perhaps, and very foolish. But what were you? For years I wondered if you had ever cared the least bit. Then the life was rough and exciting-not the life for a woman-and I gave up all thoughts of anything but getting on. But down in my heart all the time there's been the thought of a girl who I supposed had forgotten long ago. For goodness sake, Selina, don't cry. I'm not used to it, and-"

Mr . Richard White stood gazing in dire distress upon a small woman's shaking form. Then his face grew determined, and he picked up the small woman in a summary fashion, in spite of her struggles, and held her firmly until her remarks became coherent.
"It was all your fault," she declared.
"Of course it was," he answered promptly, although he wondered how she had arrived at such a conclusion, "but it will be your fault if we're not


TIMELY RHYMES.
Down East, in the city, St. John,
A lively election is on;
In spite of rude jibes
They won't take bad bribes, And soon snowy wings they will don.
The Bishop out Winnipeg way Forbids his dear people to stray;

But Cup:d just smiles
And says: "Watch my wiles,
As I blend Green and Orange to-day.
A bright London boy known as Beck
To Ottawa lately did trek;
Sir Wilfrid was bland,
While Earl Grey gave his hand, And said: "Fair Niagara's no wreck."
There is a keen statesman named Foy, Whose ways are both cautious and coy. He wants law reform,
But there may be a storm
Should he rashly the K. C.'s annoy.

## Dear Studholme again has got gay

And talked three good hours away.
While Whitney says "Fudge!
Yet Studholme won't budge
For the labouring-man has a say.

## WISE LEE.

THE County of Bruce has sent many stalwart sons to the West, most of whom have done their Ontario home high honour. Financial success is the lot of the man from Bruce, for the blood of Scotland flows evenly through his veins and enables him to hold his own and sometimes a little more. It was related by a former Bruce man who has found Vancouver a Pacific Paradise that he noticed a laundry sign, "Lee Bruce," swinging across a Vancouver street.
"What's that for ?" he demanded of the Oriental.
"Me from Bluce," replied the smiling Lee.
"The dickens you are," replied the Ontario settler, who straightway demanded the obliteration of the honoured name.

## SIX OR HALF A DOZEN.

MR. W. F. MACLEAN, member for South York, is usually on hand when there is a festivity of any kind in his county. Last November he appeared at a church opening in Toronto Junction where he was warmly welcomed. Dr. J. T. Gilmour, Warden of the Central Prison, who formerly represented West York in the Legislature, was also in attendance and prepared for an exchange of compliments with William of the World.
"So Saul is among the prophets," exclaimed the Warden, who was brought up in a Durham County Sunday School.

His editorial friend looked up with a beaming countenance. "Which of us is Saul, Doctor?" And the Warden wouldn't say.

## SOMETHING NEW.

MRS. DE FLAT: "Can you show me anything new in folding beds?"
Dealer: "Only this, madam, and it really is quite a success. On arising in the morning you touch : spring and it turns into a washstand and bath $\mathrm{t} 1^{\prime}$ ? After your bath you touch apother spring, and i becomes a dressing-case with a French plate mirro:If you breakfast in your room, a slight pressure will transform it into an extension table. Aiter breakfast you press these three buttons at once and you have an upright piano. That's all it will do,
except that when you die it can be changed into a rosewood coffin."-The Independent.

## PROUD OF IT

THE, late Henry Ward Beecher, during a vacation, heard one of his own published sermons delivered in an obscure village. At the close of the service he accosted the divine and said, "That was a fair discourse. How long did it take you to write it?"
"Oh, I tossed it off one evening when I had leisure," was the reply.
"Indeed!" said Mr. Beecher. "It took me much longer than that to think out the very framework of the sermon."
"Are you Mr. Henry Ward Beecher?"
"I am," was the reply.
"Well, then," said the unabashed preacher, "all that I have to say is that I ain't ashamed to preach one of your sermons anywhere."

## THE CONSEQUENCE.

A THEOLOGICAL student was sent one Sunday to supply a vacant pulpit in a Connecticut valley town. A few days after he received a copy of the weekly paper of that place with the following item marked: "Rev. - of the senior class at Yale Seminary supplied the pulpit at the Congregational Church last Sunday, and the church will now be closed for three weeks for repairs."

"How do you feel after you've killed a man, Colonel ?"
"How do you feel after you've killed a m

## HOW HE WAS KNOWN.

$\mathrm{A}^{\text {T Oxford University some years ago, there was a }}$ tutor in one of the colleges who limped in his gait. Stopping one day lately at a railway station, he was accosted by a well-known politician, who recognised him and asked if he were not the chaplain of that college at such a time, naming the year. The tutor replied that he was. "I was there," said the interrogator, adling thoughtlessly, "and I knew you by your limp."
"Well," said the reverend gentleman, "it seems my limping made a deeper impression on you than my preaching,"
"Ah, sir," the politician replied with ready wit, "it is the highest compliment we can pay a parson to say that he is known by his walk rather than by his conversation."

## KNOWLEDGE WAS BIELIEF.

THE Rev. Dr. C. M. Lamson, who was president of the American Board of Foreign Missions at the time of his death, used to relate the following in relation to himself:

He was called as a pastor over a parish, and was
undergoing examination before a council when the question was asked him:
"Do you believe in a hell?"
The retiring clergyman of the parish sat beside him, and, giving him a nudge, said:
"Tell them yes; if you don't now you will before you have been here six months."

## DIDN'T CARE FOR CARDS.

6 I HEAR," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that Miss Wadsworth has taken up the study of Gaelic."
"Has she?" replied her hostess, as she kicked back a corner of the $\$ 3,000$ rug. "Josiah wanted me to take it up but I never was no hand for cards."Chicago Record-Herald.

## CRUSHING A THEATRE BORE.

THE wonder is why some people go to the theatre. They certainly do not go to see the play-or, at least, to listen to what is being said behind the footlights. And it isn't alone noisy box parties that are objectionable. Some women would talk dress and some men would talk shop while little Eva was dying.

One evening in a Broadway theatre two men grew warm in an argument over a dog between the acts. One man owned a mongrel fox-terrier that he was cracking up to the skies, and as no dog owner cares to hear another man's dog extolled above his own, the wrangle was carried into the succeeding act.

The curtain rose to slow music, and the scene on the stage should have occupied both the eyes and ears of the audience. And there sat those two wretched men talking about the dog. People said "Sh!" and men and women both turned and scowled at the offenders ; but they kept on.

Suddenly a man in the row behind leaned over and asked the dog's owner what he considered the animal worth.
"I wouldn't sell him for a \$1o note," declared the dog's owner, too surprised to take offense.
"Take twelve for him?" demanded the man behind.
"Well, I might."
"Then you'd call fifteen a good price?"
"Sure."
The man behind drew out a plethoric roll, skinned off a yellowback and handed it to the dog's owner. "There's twenty. The dog's mine. Now kindly stop talking about my dog!"

The people around snickered, and, though the fellow made a woeful attempt to turn the joke by gracefully pocketing the note and tendering $\$ 5$ in change, the snub was crushing in its effect.-Short Stories.

## LOGICAL.

MR. W. J. LAMPTON is a humourist with a happy faculty for proving everything. Here is one of his latest experiments:
"No news is good news," said the man who was expecting bad news and had heard nothing.
"That's where you are wrong," replied the consoling logician; "because if, as you say, 'No news is good news,' then if you had received good news, it would have been bad news, for no news being good news, how could any news be other than bad?"

But the other man refused to be comforted.

## A PHILOSOPHER.

${ }^{6}$ T HE Chinese pay all their debts on the first day of each year," remarked the man who thinks it his duty to scatter wisdom.
"I have heard so," replied the careless person. "But I'd rather be in debt all my life than be a Chinaman."

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND PROGRESS

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY has just become the wonder of Moose Jaw. The president of the Canadian Pacific Railway had just arrived in his private car "Killarney." Alert as usual he cast his eagle eye over the station. The station bar was in full blast-as usual; a Canadian Pacific bar for which the company had paid to get a license; a very handy bar for the travelling public as well as for the train hands-for it was very close to the front door. Sir Thomas looked in at the bar. He was thinking hard; and the bartender wondered who he might be and what sort of drink the gentleman might want. When the visitor opened his mouth it was not to mention the name of any drink either ancient or modern; he did not even want a cigar or a match. To the station-master he said tersely: "Shut that place up!" The official was startled and of course place up!" The official was startled and of expostulate. He intimated that license for the bar would expire within a few months and he supposed that what Sir Thomas desired was that, when it expired, it should not be renewed. said the president, "I do not want it closed at the end of the year, nor at the end of the month. I want it closed now. Lock the door and pay of want it closed now. Lock the door and pay off into Moose Jaw to allow a bar to be operated in that room."
So the bar at Moose Jaw is closed and will stay closed.

Which recalls another liquor episode that happened at Moose Jaw many years ago when it was nothing but a way station and when the whole of the Northwest was a prohibition country. Many and ingenious were the devices resorted to for im porting whiskey into the Territories and Moose Jaw had its share. One day an innocent-looking cask was dumped off on the Moose Jaw platform labelled Coal Oil." The mounted police were suspicious about this barrel and at once took possession. One of them sat on the barrel while the other went to get an auger to let the contents out of the barrel in the usual way. Some of the inhabitants, however, were ather wiser and much quicker than the policemen They surreptitiously got a pail and a brace and bit and crawled under the platform. One of the party thrust his brace and bit up through a crack and industriously bored a hole in the cask, out of which the good liquor was drawn into the pail-while the uardian of the law sat and sat and didn't notice a thing till the barrel was empty.

VANCOUVER has been visited by one of the foremost financiers of Great Britain - Sir Edgar Vincent, the man whom the British Government sent to Egypt in 1883 to tell the Khedive how to spend his money. Sir Edgar, who is already heavily interested in United States transcontinentals, is said to be ooking over the Canadian West for more railroads o finance. In all probability he will have no trouble in locating a number of railways in need of new ties and rolling stock in that land of railways. In fact, it seems likely that if he should stay long nough and remain in that mood, it might be necessary for Sir Edgar to count the ties to get home.

THE, latest phase of technical education in Canso, Nova Scotia, is a school for mariners. A night school has been established in which ambitious, practical young men will learn the rudiments of the mysteries of those who go down to the sea in ships. There are already more than forty students. These men have a wide field. It will be a safe inference that during their entire course they will be all at sea. This new departure is no fad, either, but a right down practical course and a worthy addition to the curriculum of the provinces that have the reputation of turning out Canada's most famous seamen. And yet Mr. Harold T. McGrath, writing in the "Fortnightly Review," says that Canadians are lacking in maritime enterprise. He says in a very pointed, almost pert, manner :

Canadians, truth to tell, are not conspicuous for maritime enterprise. While the American halibut and whale fishers proceed to distant Greenland in quest of fares, and the Newfoundlanders now pursue the cod into Hudson Strait and the whales along the Labrador, the Canadians content themselves with netting mackerel off the Nova Scotia coast or hooking codfish on the Grand Banks. They do not venture into the turbulent, ice-cumbered waters of the remote north. The American whalers are really, with the exception of the Hudson Bay Company's steamer on her annual voyage, and the Newfoundlander entering the straits after cod, almost the only ships that visit the Bay, and a Canadian vessel is never seen there.'

THE man who knows more than any other living man about the border wars between Canada and the United States has just completed fifty years of public office. That is Magistrate Bartlett, of


Mr. Alexander Bartlett,
Police Magistrate, Windsor, Ontario.
Windsor-called Windsor's grand old man. Mr. Bartlett is eighty-seven years old. He is the oldest acting magistrate in Canada and he is still on the bench. When he became town clerk on February I3th, 1858, Windsor was a town of 2,000 . It is now 15,000 . He has been exactly thirty years magistrate. He was a boy volunteer in the Rebellion of 1837 and he remembers the irascible old Colonel Prince as well as though he had been his own brother. Magistrate Bartlett was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

DR. ORR, manager of the Canadian National Exhibition, has gone to the Vatican to get pictures from under the nose of His Holiness the Pope; pictures that have never been allowed out of the Royal Palace. A few days ago the great collection of Russian pictures brought to the St. Louis Exhibition by special permission of the Czar, were seized by the collector of customs at New York. They are still in the customs house under an order of sale, in spite of the fact that the United States Government gave a bond of $\$ 50,000$ that the paintings would be returned safe and sound to Russia within a stated time. As the time has expired and the duty has not been paid the Government who gave the bond sees fit to confiscate the pictures. One of them belongs to the Emperor. It was taken from the Royal Palace at St. Petersburg.

THE man who wrote "Songs of the Sour Dough" has been on a visit from Dawson to Victoria where he did some of his earliest manipulation of bank notes and rhymes. Mr. Service is highly appreciated in Victoria and also in Ladysmith, the new mining town by the sea, where he went afterwards. He is still a bank clerk; perhaps the most remarkable bank clerk in the world. He is not known to have any particular passion for tennis or five o'clock teas. Surrounded by heaps of money, he writes the passions of the derelicts who have gone from all parts of the world to the Yukon in search of gold, the basis of all money. So far as we know he has not yet been spoiled. There are those who consider him Canada's greatest poet. At any rate his verses are now in the eighth edition. Perhaps if Mr. Service would undertake to write about a few optimistic, hopeful aspects of that wonderful western life in the mountains and on the prairies, he might have a sound chance of earning that distinction. At present he ranks as a poet of pessimism; of the seamy side and the dumps; of broken lives and melancholy derelicts who in that last resort of the adventurer are learning grimly how to buck up.

FOUR thousand miles from Halifax the people of the West are interested in reminiscences of -President Schurman of Cornell University Miss Maria Lawson is the writer. In most interesting fashion she says
"In one of the widest parts of the crescent-shaped island (at Freetown) is a beautiful hill crowned with a splendid grove of white birches. Just beyond the grove was a low lying farm bordered by a hawthorn hedge. Here the summer breezes stirred the oatfields into verdant billows. In the midst was a comfortable, unpretentious farmhouse. In the sunny kitchen, with its well-scoured floor, the mistress of the house was generally to be found. There was a large family and as was usual in those days the younger boys had to go to work early. Jacob Schurman was the third son, and at about the age of twelve he obtained a clerkship in a store in the county town of Summerside. But measuring goods or calculating prices was not congenial work to this strong-bodied, big-brained boy. He was soon at school again and before he was out of his teens he had graduated from the highest institution of learning in his native province and was teaching. Having earned sufficient money to pay his fees he entered Acadia College. When he was in his twenty-first year the Gilchrist scholarship, enabling the winner to pursue his education in Great Britain and Germany, became vacant, and Schurman, whose ambition had hitherto been to become a Baptist minister, saw before him a wider outlook. The young student came home, not to spend a holiday, but to bend every faculty to the purpose of gaining the scholarship. Refusing every invitation and declining to see even the most intimate of old time playmates, the lad rose with the dawn and during the long hours of the midsummer day bent over his books or perhaps conned them as he lay in some sheltered fragrant nook.'

OTTAWA, by some considered by far the most beautiful city in Canada, is clamouring for more factories. Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, is agitating for a beautified city. Mr. Joseph Tasse, who has lately taken up his residence in the western capital, advocates joint action by the municipality and the Government to make Victoria the most beautiful capital in Canada. He cites Washington as an example. One of the Ottawa newspapers is agitating among business men to see what may be done to bring smokestacks and factories to the capital. Many of the citizens seem to be in favour of the movement. Hamilton is cited as a brisk example of a city that gets industries. Ottawa, the seat of government, seems to be weary of being cited as the home of the Parliament Buildings. There are inherent reasons why it is difficult to get industries to Ottawa. The most compelling is the fact that owing to the beautification of the city for residential purposes rents have risen too high for workingmen to live there profitably. After this we shall not be surprised to hear of a movement to plant factories in Washington.

OUT in Brandon, Manitoba, they are teaching Ruthenians the duties of Canadian citizenship. A school has been opened to teach these shy and mysterious foreigners from the land of much politics and many wars in the south of Europe, just what it means to wrestle with the hardest language in the world; what it feels like to sing "The Maple Leaf Forever." Thirty young men have been admitted. They will take a three years course. When they are graduated they will be sent out to teach in the seventy Ruthenian schools in Manitoba. Many of these Ruthenians are highly educated in their own language and they are an exceedingly intelligentlooking lot of students. The school is a boardingschool and is under the management of Principal J. T. Cressey, who was in charge of the Ruthenian school in Winnipeg before it was transferred to Brandon.


Some of the Ships of St. John,. NB.

## LITERARY NOTES

## POET'S PROSE

THE essay collections of Mr. Bliss Carman have been favourably received by a public which recognises that few writers can live by poetry alone. The Kinship of Nature is a book to be read more than once and to be kept within easy reach. The dedication to Dr. Parkin, the writer's former "master," is a most graceful and unstudied eulogy in which the passing reference to "the leafy northern city" betrays the heimweh of the nature-lover. Few Canadian writers, who have become known to the clipping bureaus, have been content to remain in their native land. New York has successfully allured most of them, England is the home of Mr. Robert Barr, Sir Gilbert Parker and Dr. Crozier and all such whose means and inclination lead them to an old land. Mr. W. A. Fraser still finds his home in Georgetown, a quiet Ontario corner for one who excels in stories of stolen jewels and glorious tigers; but Mr. Fraser has been all over the world between times and spends a year or two in Georgetown by way of variety.

Mr. Carman's prose indicates, in nearly every essay, the poet's homesickness for woods and streams. New York is not his continuing city, nor does he ever become urban in philosophy. The writings of our maritime celebrities, to which group Mr. Carman belongs, have been aptly called "the birch-bark school." They belong to the outdoors of the canoe and the unspoiled spaces, not to the cultivated outdoors of the country club. Mr. Carman, in his latest essay, An Old-Fashioned Essence, gives an exquisite study of the "flower virtues," leaving the reader to wonder whether his analogies are more than playful. How poignantly reminiscent is the early question:

Can there be anyone who does not remember the pitchers and bowls full of pansies and stocks and mignonette, of roses and poppies and nasturtiums, of heliotrope and sweet-peas and lilies-of-the-valley, in odorous darkened rooms of some old country house far away from the noice of town, among the elms and the hay-fields and the silver rivers?
"Indoors, in that grateful stillness, beads of icy water gathered on the brown stone jug on the sideboard, and the scent and colour of homelike companionable blossoms filled the dwelling with friendliness and charm.'

## ARTHURIAN DRAMAS.

THE mention of Mr. Carman will remind some of his readers of the Canadian poet's firm friend and comrade, Richard Hovey, who died seven years ago. Duffield and Company of New York have now issued "The Holy Grail and Other Fragments, Being the Uncompleted Parts of the Arthurian Dramas. Edited with Introduction and Notes by Mrs. Richard Hovey and with a Preface by Bliss Carman." From the same publishers come also in five volumes, Along the Trail, The Quest of Merlin, The Marriage of Guinevere, The Birth of Galahad and Taliesin. Mr. Hovey has not done a great work in the Arthurian field. He will probably be more truly remembered by his shorter productions, even such a piece of rollicking roguery as Barney $M c G e e$, than by his more pretentious poems.

## NAMING THE BOOK.

6W HAT'S in a Title?" may well be asked by the modern publisher. The novelist seems to turn to the Elizabethan period more often than to any other for inspiration in this matter. "Knitters in the Sun" is one of the most fantastic titles taken from Shakespearean pages, while the books with Biblical titles would fill a library. Last summer an English novel was published under the title, "Blind Mouths," and a reviewer, more daring than informed, objected to the words, declaring them stupid and meaningless. The editor of that periodical was at once overwhelmed with correspondence calling attention to the fact that "Blind Mouths" is an expression from Milton's Lycidas and, instead of being stupid, has a double significance, as Ruskin has shown in his Sesame and Lilies. The announcement by Henry Holt and Company of Mr. De Morgan's new novel has created some conjecture as to title. "Somehow Good" is the encouraging heading, which appears to be suggested by Tennyson's In Memoriam lines:
"And yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill."
Canadian novelists have shown a preference for brief titles, Mr. Connor following Mr. Caine's example in the matter of such as "The Doctor," "The Prospector."

## A STIRRING SERIES.

MR. ROBERT BARR, the Canadian who has settled in Old London and has become the editor of The Idler, is contributing a remarkable series of short stories to the Windsor Magazine. So far as they have gone, the adventures of Young Lord Stranleigh are the most diverting happenings since the early days of Sherlock Holmes. Mr. Barr has done no better work than these latest narratives and his readers are hoping that he will keep up the pace. It is all very well to make a blustery hero accomplish deeds of daring; but to make an indolent, blase young aristocrat, who apparently takes no interest in anything but trivialities, achieve wonders of ingenuity and energy, in the effort to circumvent grafters and "sich," is a feat which stimulates the reader's curiosity, even in these fiction-strewn days. It is not easy to become interested in the modern short story but Young Lord Stranleigh is worth watching.

## LIKE LOOKING BACKWARD.

NOT since the days of Edward Bellamy have we read such glowing accounts of an ideal world as those written by the modern socialist. Mrs. Julia Dawson has been contributing to the London (England) Daily Mail a series of articles on the marvellous benefits woman is to derive from socialism. It sounds like the millenium to be informed that under socialism every woman may live "in a good home, have good furniture, good clothes and good food." It is a monotonously fine prospect but a certain poem haunts the memory-a narrative which announces: "This is the tale of the Council, the German Kaiser decreed," and the poem proves more human than the socialistic programme.

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## MENDELSSOHN CHOIR IN

## BUFFALO

THRREE hundred passengers left Toronto last Monday afternoon on the "Mendelssohn
Special," which took the champion choir to Buffalo for their fourth annual concert. The arrangements for the comfort of the choir members and their friends are in the hands of an excellent committee experienced in managing such affairs, while Mr. J D. McDonald of the Grand Trunk Railway always accompanies the Mendelssohn party to smooth the way

## across the border.

The programme, as carried out in Convention Hall, was very much the same as that given in Toronto on Saturday, February 15th, and was received with enthusiastic approval by the large audience which invariably marks "Mendelssohn Night" across the line. A striking popular appeal was made in the stanza of The StarSpangled Banner sung as encore to Sir Hubert Parry's Blest Pair of Sirens. The Canadian choir sang the praises of their neighbour's flag with no uncertain volume nor emphasis and their efforts were appreciated by applause which might have stirred the Stars and Stripes and Union Jack stretched on either side of the stage. The effect of the "Pan-American" organ of Convention Hall in certain numbers reminded Canadian hearers of a sad lack in the equipment of Massey Hall, Toronto, as the Buffalo people have the advantage of possessing an instrument worthy of an im mense auditorium. The Palestrina, and Lotti motettes, the lightsome group of Hey Nonino, Night Witchery and The Cruiskeen Lawn, Cornelius' Christmas Song and Hero's Rest, Lassen's Serenade and Cesar Franck's Psalm 150 were the remaining numbers which proved an artistic delight to the thousands who went unwillingly away. Mr. Josef Hof mann and Mr. Claude Cunningham repeated their Toronto triumphs.
An extremely pleasant feature of the event was the presentation to Mr . Vogt by the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus of a laurel wreath in which an immense cluster of jacqueminot roses tied in blue and white silk streamers clasped the emblem of honour and symbolised the international friendship. The Mendelssohn Choir afterwards entertained their Buffalo friends at a banquet given in the Ellicott Club at which President W. H. Elliott of the Mendelssohn Choir ably presided with the united flags and imposing laurel wreath for background. The toasts of the President, the King and "Our Guests" were suitably and musically honoured. The utmost cordiality and enthusiasm characterised the occasion and both Dr. Roswell Park of Buffalo and "our own" Mr. A. S. Vogt proved themselves nobly equal to oratorical demands. It was almost dawn when three hundred sleepy but satisfied Torontonians exchanged the railway train for the special cars in waiting at the Union Station. The most careful and complete management made this fourth trip to Buffalo an occasion for rejoicing.

THIS is trophy week at the Capital and Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara is one of the busiest men in Ottawa during the competition, as the secretary is supposed to be a bureau of information, at the disposal of all competitors.
The Calve concert in Ottawa last week was a most satisfying event. The programme seems to have been almost a Patti affair, as it included such well-worn favourites as Annie Laurie,

Comin Thro the Rye and Old Folks at Home. Calve's accent is not stricty Caledonian but the audience was delighted to hear of Maxwelton's
braes and the Suwanee River once

## THE visit of the celebrated Shef-

 field Choir to this country in al, is one of those events in the his ory of Canada and of the United Kingdom which is worthy of more than passing interest. The idea of bringing to Canada this most celebrated of the better known choirs of England was inspired by a desire to draw still closer the bonds of musical unity which were cemented when Sir Alexander Mackenzie paid his now historic visit to the Dominion a few years ago. It has been taken up with tremendous enthusiasm by the musicians of the north of England and already the promoter of the enterprise, Dr. C. A. E. Harriss, or Ottawa, is in receipt of information that not only will the choir come in a body, 250 strong, but that it will be accompanied by numerous distinguished journalists representing both the Sheffield and the London press, lay as well as musical.Inasmuch as the members of the choir are prominently identified with the industrial enterprises of Sheffield, the visit will be of economic importance as well as of influence musically It will be impossible for these captains of industry to come to Canada see for themselves the industrial growth of Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and other places, and to grasp for themselves the enormous potentialities of Canada, without substantial advantage ensuing from a business standpoint. This view of the case has been grasped by the executive council of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which has sent a letter to the Lord Mayor of Sheffield not only extending a hearty welcome to the members of the choir and their friends, but also assuring him "that members of our association individually will do everything in their power to make your visit both profitable and enjoyable.
The municipal corporations of Ottawa and Toronto have also seized the imperial importance of the coming visit, and have forwarded resolutions to the Lord Mayor of Sheffield extending cordial invitations to the Sheffield Choir, and assuring them of the most hearty of welcomes. A similar letter will, it is understood, be sent forward in the course of a few days by the Mayor of Montreal, while the Boards of Trade of all three cities have already begun preparations to share in the reception of this notable musical organisation.
The choir will only be in Canada for a fortnight, owing to the impossibility of its members being absent from their homes for more than a month, but during that brief space they will be heard in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, and other centres in Ontario and will give their farewell concert in Quebec City

THE London Musical Herald recently announced editorially: "The organist of Canterbury Cathedral is going to Canada. Is it possible that the holder of one of the most historical posts in England can improve his lot by migrating to a young country? That such is presumably the case is strong testimony to the growth of music in the Dominion. Dr. Perrin will be the first to hold the position of Professor of Music in McGill University. Besides the university professorship, Dr. Perrin will


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Mr. H. M. Fletcher,
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will have great opportunities for usefulness in developing the musical art o! Canada."
There is the inevitable touch of condescension in the closing sentence of this quotation. The editor of the Londón Musical World does not seem to be aware that most English organists are shamefully underpaid and that this continent is paying salaries such as few English organists receive. Even musicians are not quite ethereal when the questions arise as to what shall we eat and wherewithal shall
we be clothed. For a new country, Canada is paying well for her musical instruction and already possesses several organs which are fit for a master's use.

THE Schubert Choir, under Mr. H. M. Fletcher, conductor, will be assisted by the Pittsburg Orchestra in their two concerts in Massey Hall, Toronto, on March and and 3rd. Mr. Emil Paur is so well-known in Toronto that advertisement of his ability and of the orchestra's attractions is merely a repetition of what Canadian audiences have been aware of for some years-that the musicians from Steel City are a finely-disciplined organisation with a conductor of rare magnetism. Toronto made friends with the Pittsburg Orchestra in the days when Mr. Victor Herbert of sunny ways was its popular head and will doubtless give the Pennsylvanians a hearty welcome next Monday night. The orchestra has been increased and strengthened, the new concert-master proving an excellent official. Mr. Fletcher paid a professional visit to Pittsburg about a fortnight ago and found his association with the orchestra most encouraging. The choral numbers on Monday evening, will be Hunting Song from Schubert's Rosamunde, Gounod's Ave Verum, Schubert's God is My Guide, Kremser's In Winter, Boughton's choral variations on the English folk-song, King Arthur Had Three Sons, Strauss Spring's Delight and Max Bruch's Roman Obsequies. The Boughton number is a novelty, racy of the soil, with a colour and swing which should make it an attractive feature. It was first performed at the Leeds Festival of 1907. Kremser's In Winter is a chorus for men's voices which was rendered with fine effect by the

Vienna Maennerchor in Buffalo last spring. The orchestral numbers will


Mr. Emil Paur,
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be the Tannhauser overture, Richard Strauss' Death and Transfiguration, Suite No. 1, Op. 46, Peer Gynt by Grieg, Der Freischutz, Valse and March from Berlioz' Damnation of Faust, the first two being the only orchestra numbers on Monday evening. On Tuesday the Schubert Choir will sing Schubert's The Omnipotence, Leslie's Up, Up Ye Dames, Storch's Night Witchery, a Strauss waltz for ladies' voices, and the cantata, Phaudrig Crohoore by Villiers Stanford, in which J. Sheridan Le Fanu's Irish verse has been given appropriate setting, the old-time ballad lilt being successfully reproduced in the first section of the cantata, which ends, however, in the sorrowful Celtic "keen." His Excellency, the Gover-nor-General, and His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, have extended their patronage to these events.
Manager Shipman's Proposal

MR. ERNEST SHIPMAN, the theatrical manager, is said to have concluded arrangements with New York, whereby theatres in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Albany and New York will be open to those who win the Canadian amateur trophy at Ottawa this week. Mr. Shipman, accompanied by his wife, known to the theatrical world as Miss Roselle Knott, is spending this week at Ottawa with a view to witnessing the performances.

## A Strong Play

MISS VIOLA ALLEN, whose acting in Shakespearean roles has given her a commanding place among modern actresses, will appear at the Princess Theatre, Toronto, next week in Irene Wycherley, the play which won such a remarkable triumph in London last year with the Canadian actress, Miss Lena Ashwell, in the title role. Miss Allen's ability and charm would alone suffice to attract crowds to the theatre and the play is said to be one of unusual dramatic strength. Toronto has been unusually favoured during the last fortnight with such stage attractions as Miss Maxine Elliott and Miss Blanche Bates, but next week's presentation at the Princess will doubtless prove the climax to the theatrical season. Mr. Grant Stewart, a graduate of the University of Toronto, is also in the cast.

## B O O K S WORTH HAVING

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Miss Viola Allen, at the Princess Theatre, Toronto, next week,

IT must have been Solomon who said that it is desirable to keep Distress, Diseases and Domestics out of polite conversation. There is a certain rejoiced when that doleful Richard wanted to sit on the ground and tell sad stories of the death of kings. Emily Bliss is a creature of that class. She is a widow and it is my impression that her husband was glad to die and that if he ever sees Emily coming towards him in heavenly guise he will take to his wings and seek a nice, cheerful angel to sing to. Emily takes a perfect delight in telling you of the final illness and death of "poor dear William" and of how she held his hand to the last.

It was my ill-luck to meet this mourner on one of those mornings when it was 'steen below zero and you felt that you didn't want to talk to anyone about anything. But Emily seated herself with a jerk and hardly waited to pay her car fare before she said:

Isn't this weather perfectly dreadful? And aren't you sorry for all the hungry people in Shacktown? I declare it's something terrible about all those babies being frozen-or was it starved? Did you read about the twins who had their feet frost-bitten and had nothing to eat but raw $\overline{\text { potatoes? And }}$ wasn't it too sad about those two young Englishmen who committed suicide in Hamilton by turning on the gas-or did they blow it out? Really, there seems to be ever so much more suffering than there used to be. I could hardly eat more than a few pieces of toast and some bacon for breakfast for thinking of all the poor people. And the crimes are something awful. Did you read about the man who shot his wife and son and then jumped out of a fourthstorey window? Ithink it must be the race for wealth which sets people off
like that. Insanity's an awful fate and I always hope I'll die sudenly like that. Insanity's an awful fate and I always hope I'll die suddenly. In fact, sudden death rather runs in our family although my father's sister, who died two weeks ago, had cancer of the liver and suffered just dreadfully. Aunt Maria was telling me all about it yesterday and-
"I get off here," I said in desperation, although I was blocks away from my destination, and I alighted from that car wishing I might meet Mr. James L. Hughes or any other apostle of cheerfulness who would take the wails of Emily out of my ears. There are too many doleful sisters like her who are eternally talking about the sad and the sinful but who, if the truth were known, are doing little to make the world brighter. This is a jolly old planet most of the year and when it isn't, why, let us imitate the poet and wear our troubles inside out to show the silver lining. You will generally find that the smiling woman is doing the most to alleviate distress-only she does not find it necessary to advertise the fact, nor to shout to the left hand what the right hand is doing.

CHICAGO is in a chronic state of advice. It is eternally offering suggestions as to what the rest of the continent should eat, drink and wear, while the rest of America smiles in its sleeve and wishes that the second city of the
Western Hemisphere would cultivate a sweeter voice and more repose. The Western Hemisphere would cultivate a sweeter voice and more repose. The
latest adviser (strange to say) is not a university professor but a medical authority who criticises woman's dress adversely, declaring that she wears too little about her neck and ankles and too much about her waist. Some men are tiresomely fussy about what women wear, although they would fiercely resent any feminine criticism of their coats and ties. Suppose a woman were to dress in absolutely sensible fashion, as to shoes, gown, gloves and hat. Man would arise in absolute wrath at such a spectacle and preach at her, write about her, and even legislate concerning her until the sensible woman returned to ridiculous garb once more. Folly, frills and femininity are associated in the masculine mind.

AN English writer, who really comes from Ireland and who is called by the Scottish name of James Douglas, has many piquant paragraphs on the subject of international marriages. One of his latest "cheese and celery" reflections declares: "The difference between an English and an American husband is this: The one gives himself a good time and his wife a bad one; the other gives himself a bad time and his wife a good one." This sounds quite sagacious and trustworthy; but Mr. Douglas does not see that, to an American man, working hard is not giving himself a bad time. In fact, the American enjoys his business absorption immensely and grudges the time spent away from his beloved desk or warehouse. He has not yet learned how much time to devote to luncheon nor how to be happy on a holiday. But there can be no doubt that the American (perhaps this includes Canada) delights in seeing the women of the household have "a good time." He likes to see his wife and daughters well-dressed and smiling and never dreams of their standing in awe of him in the old-fashioned way. It is rather amusing to the women of this land to hear of their crushed and oppressed sex; for the Canadian daughter can usually wind her paternal parent around her smallest digit, while he rather enjoys the process.

Canadienne.

## ENVOY.

My songs were once of the sunrise;
They shouted it over the bar;
First-footing the downs, they flourished,
And flamed with the morning star.
My songs are now of the sunset:
Their brows are touched with light,
But their feet are lost in the shadows And wet with the dews of night.

Yet for the joy in their making Take them, O fond and true,
And for his sake who made them Let them be dear to you.
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## THE SECRET OF IT.

WHERE does the clerk of the weather store
The days that are sunny and fair? In your soul is a room with a shining
And all of these days are there.
Where does the clerk of the weather keep
The days that are dreary and blue? In a second room in your soul they sleep
And you have the keys of the two.
And why are my days so often, I pray, Filled full of clouds and gloom?
Because you forget at the break of day
And open the dreary room.
-St. Nicholas.
" $\mathrm{O}{ }^{\mathrm{H}}$ cry., Tommy, you're too old to "Yes; an. I'm too $y$-y-young ter have w-wot I'm cryin' fer."-Cassell's Magazine.

## WHY TIGERS CAN'T CLIMB.

 An East Indian Legend.THIS tale is of the Tiger and his Aunt who is the Cat:
They dwelt among the jungles in the shade of Ararat.
The Cat was very clever, but the Tiger, he was slow;
He couldn't catch the Nilghau or the heavy Buffalo;
His claws were long and pointed, but his wit was short and blunt;
He begged his wise Relation to instruct him how to hunt.
The Cat on velvet pattens stole along the quiet hill;
"Now, this," she whispered, "Nephew, is the way to stalk your kill."
The Cat drew up her haunches on the mossy forest couch;
"And this," she said, "my Nephew, is the proper way to crouch."
She hurtled through the shadows like a missile from a sling;
"And that, my loving Nephew, is the only way to spring!'
Oh, hungry was the Nephew, and the Aunt was sleek and plump;
The Tiger at his Teacher made his first apprentice jump;
He did it very ably, but the Puss, more quick than he,
Escaped his clutching talons and ran up a cedar tree,
To purr upon the Snarler from the bough on which she sat,
"How glad I am, my Nephew, that I didn't teach you that!"
And, since that curtailed lesson in the rudiments of crime,
No enterprising Tiger has discovered how to climb. -St. Nicholas.


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    Mother - Wh't b'lieve I've ever seen a baby P'liceman !"-Punch.
    Peggy - thoughtfully).

