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About Ways and Means.

Perhaps Mr. Mowat is really anxious to get up the parliament buildings without delay, but fears to ask the house for money enough.

Decide that the big farm now called the lunatic asylum grounds is to be sold off in city lots, and the institution moved west-

ward to Mimico, or thereabouts. In the opinion of some who ought to be good judges, that sale would bring in money enough to put up splendid new parliament buildings, with half a million or a million dollars to spare.

Of course the asylum grounds could not be sold in five years, perhaps not in ten years. But the government's credit is good, and it can afford to wait. If need be it can borrow money to two per cent less than it would be warranted by custom in charging to purchasers on time.

"I Told You So."

Now that Gordon's mission to Khartoum has resulted in disaster, the prophets of "I told you so," are having their own time. It comes out that King Leopold of Belgium wanted Gordon to go to Central Africa as head manager there for the International Association, in its dealings with the native tribes, chiefly along the Congo river.

Among the things which "might have been," let us suppose this. That a strong British position had been established in Cairo, also a good solid base of operations on the Red sea. In such case what could the mahdi have done, supposing him to have been very eager to do something? If he presented himself before Cairo, or Suakin, or Massawa, he would have got to make him what the mahdi had stayed in the desert, where he belonged.

But it charged all that when a British officer trusted himself in a city of the desert, and when it became necessary to send an expedition to relieve him. Much interest now attaches to the question—did Gordon himself intend on going to Khartoum, or was it the war office that sent him there? The truth will come out by and by.

Catching Emigrants.

The London, England, correspondent of the Globe describes with much apparent satisfaction how the British centre of population are being lured with Canadian emigration literature, issued partly by the federal government and partly by the Canadian Pacific railway. If those documents are devoted to descriptions of Northwest lands, and truthful statements of the resources required by settlers there upon, well and good; but our knowledge of the world tells us the authors of such literature have a little reason to hope that the one has been calmly and judiciously stated. In the present distressed condition of the English industrial classes, their minds are easily open to any suggestion of a change that may be made by them, and this one remedy placed before them by politicians and philanthropists, who were glad to be rid of the sight of the emigrants, is in consequence to the colonies.

Under such circumstances Canadian pamphlets and posters may appeal strongly to the artisan and the laborer, and the coming spring may see our emigration labor markets flooded with thousands of recruits to the already overcrowded ranks of labor.

The Province and the Census.

The Globe is right in demanding "dollar for dollar" for Ontario. The truth is that the lower provinces have their taxation and expenditure arranged on a bad basis, in consequence of which they are always coming to Ottawa and asking for more. Expenses that in Ontario are met by township and county taxation are down below paid out of provincial funds.

M. Baldwin established in Ontario a municipal system of decentralization, the avowed object of which was to take from the province and to give to the county as much as possible. In pursuance of this idea, municipal liabilities were largely increased. The result was to relieve the general government of a great deal of expenditure, the people taxing themselves directly for it in their own counties.

Had there been a Baldwin in the lower provinces, they would have had such extension of municipal taxation and municipal control as Baldwin established for Upper Canada. Then, perhaps, local expenses that are now paid by provincial governments down by the sea, would have been paid by county taxation instead, and the cry for more subsidies would not have been heard at Ottawa. At all events it would have been very much weaker, that we may be sure of.

England, Italy and Turkey.

Somebody seems to be egging Turkey on to get into trouble over the Egyptian campaign. That somebody will by many be found in Biarritz, as the father of all diplomatic mischief, but it is quite possible that the emissaries of France and Russia have several fingers in the pie. It is a general rule that the ports should feel irritated and annoyed at the spectacle of England making war upon what is nominally Turkish territory, against the faithful followers of Mohammed. Italy's intervention affords an excuse for the expression of that annoyance without openly quarrelling with an old-time friend and protector. Italy's position in Egypt is an anomalous one, and is not sufficiently considered, but Garibaldi's reply to the port's protest makes it plain that what Italy has done has been done with England's knowledge and consent. A collision between Constantinople and Rome would be a source of great satisfaction in Berlin, Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg, and England's influence, ought to prevent any such misfortune. Garibaldi quarrels with the maintenance of Turkish supremacy in Egypt. Considering that all the European powers, and that England practically rules the country, this assurance must have impressed the Sultan's representative as a very good thing of its kind.

Marrying and giving in marriage is one of the principal pursuits of the profane house of Guelph.

John Bull had liberally, though somewhat sulkily, dowered each one of the queen's many sons and daughters who stood up in their turn before the altar to be wed, and was just congratulating himself that the last of the long list had been reached in the person of Beatrice, when the announcement was made that the first of the second crop was ripe, and that the Prince of Wales' eldest son had been betrothed to the eldest daughter of the king of Belgium. So John must soon pull out the old leather wallet again, in spite of hard crops and idle machinery, enough gold to set up another household. More than this, Albert Victor has a number of brothers and sisters fast approaching manhood and womanhood, for whom wedding bells will soon ring, at Mr. Bull's expense, of course. The old dog naturally asks himself where this sort of thing is going to stop.

A subscriber asks us to let him know why Gen. Wolsley took his expedition up the Nile instead of going by the Red sea, with Suakin or Massawa, or both for a base of operations.

We can only say that the general himself best knows that. His choice of the Nile route has been vigorously attacked by military critics, and by recent advertisements the world seem to have the best of the Nile expedition. The Red sea, however, is a British sea, and it is not to be expected that the British navy should be so completely out of the picture as the already overcrowded ranks of labor.

agrees. It also indicates that, in the estimation of the powers that be, Gen. Wolsley has blundered.

A report comes from Ottawa that Lieut. Col. Williams, M.P., has offered to raise a regiment 600 strong for service in Egypt.

It is possible he may get the men together, and there is one thing in his favor that, unless the British government exhibits unusual and remarkable liberality, if he has not been enlisted, it will very clearly be on time.

Englishmen blame the ministry for the disaster in the Sudan.

The ministry are undoubtedly largely responsible for their original disaster, but while the matters are legally held blameless, it often happens that the employes far at least equally culpable. In this case we have rather in accord with Gen. Stone, formerly known as Stone Pacha, who says that Wolsley disregarded the first elements of military principles when he decided to divide his almost contemptibly small army, considering the serious work it had before it, into three detachments in stead of pushing forward en masse.

The same opinion was expressed in the "Canadian" by the other day as the views of military critics in England, and, rightly or wrongly, they certainly bear the impress of common sense. Apart from that aspect, however, it was surely running a great risk to allow the advance guard to get so far away from the main body as to make it possible for the former to be completely hemmed in by the enemy, without the chance of assistance.

Local Legislation.

Editor World: I can quite understand and sympathize with A Liberal's distress over Charlton's philanthropic Sunday bill. Nevertheless it is quite in keeping with the tendency to "moral" legislation of the present day, and the only fault one can reasonably find with it is that it does not relegate its acceptance or rejection to "local option." What constitutes "the greatest possible good to the greatest possible number" who can doubt? It is known to the greatest number. If for instance any honorable member of the house were to bring in a bill, subject to local option, and prohibiting any further paying of rents, it might meet with approval by a majority, there being already parliamentary precedents for never mind the loss caused to a patrician minority.

The Lieutenant-Governorship.

Editor World: Your correspondent critic objects to a second term for Lieutenant-Governor Robinson. I will simply say that if there are some things more than others which has commended Lieut. Governor Robinson and his estimable lady to the good opinion of the citizens of Toronto or of the province generally, they have been the manner in which government has been thrown open to all ranks and conditions since they have resided there. The honours which has marked the demarcation of hot and hostess towards their guests, and the total absence of any pretensions for never mind the loss caused to a patrician minority.

A Voice from the United States.

I have suffered for the last 23 years with dyspepsia and general debility, and tried many remedies, but with little success until I used Burdock Blood Bitters, when relief was quick and permanent. A. LOON, Alpena, Mich., U.S.A. 246

Here, There and Everywhere.

Trouble makes us near of kin. John Ruskin is inveighing against the sewing machine. Since last year ended so-called men have had fewer snoring proposals. If poetry has feet it is a wonder that it doesn't offend like the writer. A cremation society has been formed in Buffalo with a capital of \$10,000. What war marks in the mud common-place things become in the light of memory! Love may be blind, but it is not deaf, as the girl said when her beau played the flute. It's not women's place to make trouble for men, but the men may be troublesome all the time. Between El Mahdi and the dynamite band the British lion's tail has been twisted until it curls. Some boarding-house keepers blame the skating rinks for the financial stringency of their landlords. If a minister is a conscientious man and practices what he preaches he ought to make a "good" living in vail. A vegetarian writes: "Immorally lurks in mutton chop, but really is beef, perversion in poultry and vinery in veal." It is no longer customary to place the mystic letters R.S.V.P. on invitation cards. Well-bred persons need no such hint. A will be charged on a former profession and the paleontologist drop the corpse and run. There are times I suppose when all men are a little blind, and unreasonable, and that's why, besides, more than a little, replied wisely. An experienced party thinks that whisky should be taken straight, or if you must drink it with something, drink it with slattery. The Washington authorities contemplate taking the residences owned by three foreign legations. It has been the practice to excise them. The oldest society of its kind in America is the Philadelphia association for promoting agriculture. It celebrated its centennial on Feb. 5.

PEDRO IN NEW ORLEANS.

A LAST VISIT TO THE SHOW AND ADIEU TO THE CITY.

The Mexican Department—Advice to Incoming Visitors—Toronto the Queen of the West.

Editor World: I have paid my last visit to the exhibition and find the Mexican department complete. Egozo Ruiz, the gentleman in charge, went through it with us, explaining each article of manufacture. All are in special cases; these he unlocked in order that we could handle their contents. The dress of a Mexican well is rather costly. Fancy one of our King street, ladies, paying \$500 for his street rig? What a shot for the tailor, if he got the cash. The horse trappings were in the same order, nothing being too good or too showy. In china-ware they have some very fanciful articles, except in price. I asked our guide the selling price of some China jugs and vases. He at once reminded me that they only exhibited and they had nothing for sale, nor did they intend to sell any one article. Still I wanted to know the price of the various articles. The Chinese man would charge the Mexican man \$1 for an exhibit, but in all interest, from one end of it to the other. The samples of hardware and their minerals are in splendid order, and the whole together made our party feel that they were in charge of the whole concern—the exhibit, the band and the company of artists. The living party are to visit the falls ere they return to their homes. I asked them to visit Toronto. We exchanged cards and if our guide comes he, if not others, will see our beautiful city. The Russian department is not yet complete.

Washington are in full force with their water engines, and operate with a large pond of water. They send sprays to the top of the buildings. I paid another visit to the cattle and horse. Many have been removed, they say, to make room for other exhibits. The poultry show is very nice, and the carriage department is now in capital order, every style of vehicle and harness that all the carriages will be complete ere the "Mardi Gras" I doubt it. Our friends tried to get us through the ticket at starting and at this critical moment a courier, who examines the two signatures. If a fraud he counts the tickets and hands you over to a constable, but he is locked at it. But our friends tried to get us through the ticket at starting, and at this critical moment a courier, who examines the two signatures. If a fraud he counts the tickets and hands you over to a constable, but he is locked at it. But our friends tried to get us through the ticket at starting, and at this critical moment a courier, who examines the two signatures. If a fraud he counts the tickets and hands you over to a constable, but he is locked at it.

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