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London, Friday, April 11.

The World's Fair is a long way off, but
that does not prevent the Chicago authorities
from claiming a present population for the
city of 1,200,000. Perhaps Milwaukee
has been annexed. They are great stretch-
ers in the windy city.

In the warm spring of 1899 the only men who
are apt to be chilled by retaining their flannels
are the dry goods merchants. (Detroit Free
Press)

It is dangerous to write too far ahead
these days. No doubt the above was
penned while the thermometer pointed to
spring temperature, but it had no applica-
tion to the blizzard of yesterday.

Five hundred thousand dollars is to be
invested in electric street railroads in
Springfield, Mo., and the company which
is now being organized for that purpose
will purchase all the rights and property of
the old street railroad company. In Ham-
ilton, Ont., the street railway company
meditate adopting electricity as an agency
for propelling cars up the steep streets
of the city. The electric horse is the horse
of the near future and it will be a happy day
for the nag when it is so.

Mr. C. H. MACKINTOSH is very anxious
to get into Parliament again. He once
represented Ottawa, but at last election he
was given the slip in favor of a millionaire
lumberman, whose monetary assistance was
urgently required by the wire-pullers. Mr.
Mackintosh wants to be the Tory candidate
for the seat now vacant; but a large num-
ber of the party prefer Mr. Christie, a
lawyer. The upshot is a row in the camp.
The gatherings of the two factions have
been like bear-gardens. Charley will be
quite at home in meetings of this kind. He
graduated at Aliaa Craigton that memorable
occasion when he got out of a row by
dropping from a window in a hall where a
meeting had been in progress, and made
his way across the fields.

SENATOR POIRIER has resolved to try and
get his fellow members in the Dominion
Senate to head off a reform which it is evi-
dent the democratic party of Canada will
compel, if not soon effected. The proposi-
tion is to have the British North America
Act amended so as to provide that all future
vacancies in the Senate shall be filled by the
members of the Provincial Legislatures.
Next to the total abolition of the Senate,
this proposition is probably the best. The
present method of filling the so-called
upper House with creatures of the
Government of the day is most
objectionable, and cannot too soon
be reformed. But why should a Senator,
any more than an M. P., be deemed worthy
of a life-long lease of political power? The
Chamber should, in some measure, be made
amenable to the popular voice.

It is during this changeable kind of
weather that people suffer most severely
from "colds." These colds are not neces-
sarily the result of exposure to a low tem-
perature. They may be simply a product
of a rainy season, as, according to a re-
liable authority on the subject, every sea-
son of the kind through which we have
been passing ought to convince intelligent
observers of two facts: First, that the
causes of catarrh may be totally independ-
ent of a low temperature; and secondly,
in getting along in the world, and it is no
doubt true that valuable help may be ren-
dered along intelligent and reasonable lines.
The Ontario Government, for example, has
done a great service by grants of money for
educational purposes, whereby the primary
and higher instruction of our boys and girls
is well provided for by aid given to agri-
cultural societies, dairy associations, fruit
growers' associations, etc., whereby new
processes and methods are encouraged; by
buses to railways, whereby distant parts
of the country are joined by lines of cheap
and rapid transit, and products and markets
are brought near together. A score of
similar plans have been devised by our
Local Government to build up the country
and improve the condition of its citizens
intellectually and socially. The
Ontario Government has also been aiming to
do some service, although in so doing it has
not shown much fertility of resource. It
has given us a continental railway at a cost
to the country in money and money's
worth of about \$150,000,000, handing the
whole of it over to a corporation which is
stronger than the Government. It has also
given us a customs tariff which beautifully
serves the purpose of taxing 990 men out
of every 1,000 in order that 10 may be made
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to get along in the world, and men will
readily perceive what classes of measures
are most likely to conduce to the well-being
of the country. But it is quite manifest
that Governments cannot act very intelli-
gently unless they know the condition of
the people. What helps one may hurt
another, and this must inevitably be the
case where men are affected in their occu-

pations by any system of taxes or tariffs.
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sarily must deal with the interests of the
people, and whether they will do so to the
help or the hurt of the people depends very
much on the intelligence of the methods
they pursue.

The Tory Ministers who are drawing
\$8,000 a year for supervising the work done
by their hosts of deputies decline to reduce
the taxes of the people of Canada. They
meet all suggestions that it is their duty to
do so, rather than accumulate large sur-
pluses in the treasury, to be expended for
the benefit of favorites, or to corrupt con-
stituencies, with the assertion that everybody
is prosperous, and that the farmers are con-
tented, happy, and selling down a great
deal of money. The excuse for extrava-
gance is ill-founded, as our friends in the
country well know. In Simcoe county, for
example, the grand jury—a representative
body—has felt it to be their duty to speak
boldly out in these terms:

We feel that the agriculture community
should have legislation to help them out of
their financial difficulties, as it appears to us
that if nothing is done along that line it will
soon become a case of landlord and tenant.
The best way to help the farmers and
every other class in the community is to
reduce the taxes which they have to pay on
the necessities of life. One does not help a
man to pay his debts by impudently pick-
ing his pockets.

AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES.

In again selecting Mr. W. M. Dack,
M. P. P., as their candidate for the Legisla-
ture, the Liberals of Central Bruce have
done well. Mr. Dack is a young man, and
he has many talents. He knows when to
hold his tongue, and he has lost no oppor-
tunity, with voice and pen, to advance the
interests of his native Province.

Mr. Andrew Miscampbell has been
chosen by the Tories of East Simcoe to
contest the seat held by Hon. Charles
Drury, Minister of Agriculture. The
Tories will miss Campbell after election
day, for there is really not a ghost of a
chance of his defeating the able and popular
head of Provincial agricultural interests.
Mr. Miscampbell is merely put up to make
enough show of fight to keep the Minister
in his own constituency during the heat
of the coming election fight.

Commend us to General Laurie, one of
the Nova Scotia M. P. s, for hoghanness.
That individual has removed to London,
Eng., yet he cleaves to his seat in the
House of Commons, and what is more has
put in a bill for mileage to and from the
British metropolis. The compilers of the
act of Parliament affecting the payment of
members never contemplated that a repre-
sentative should reside abroad and be paid
travelling expenses, yet General Laurie
takes advantage of the ambiguity of the
statute and has been given the very large
sum represented by the rate of 10 cents
a mile for crossing the Atlantic. Laurie
seems to be a fitting companion for Tupper.

The Spectator says that Hamilton has
50,000 inhabitants, which it has not, and
that it should have two members in the
Legislature, because North Brant, with a
much smaller population has one member.
All in good time, neighbor. The census
will be taken next year; then Premier
Mowat will see that not only Hamilton
but London is done full justice to in the redistribution of seats
which the state of the population is shown
to warrant. Heavens! Mr. Gibson, of course,
has ably represented the interests of Ham-
ilton. We hardly think that he has
neglected in any way to promote them. He
is, in fact, a model M. P. P.; but numbers
count, and no doubt the Ambitious City, as
well as the Capital of the West, will be
given two members. Mr. Gibson will have
an associate. Ex-Mayor Mason would be
a worthy one.

MORE INFORMATION WANTED.

A few weeks ago the ADVERTISER sug-
gested to the Ontario and Dominion Parli-
aments the propriety of collecting and pub-
lishing statistics of a reliable character
which might serve to ascertain more or less
definitely the economic condition of our
people according to their occupations.
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and Legislatures may do to help the people
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We think it is of the first importance,
then, that Governments and Legislatures
should acquaint themselves as far as pos-
sible with the actual condition of the people,
and of the people in their several classes
and occupations. It was with this object
in view that a few weeks ago we suggested
the taking of measures to procure statistics
from the banks, building and savings
societies and other sources to show the
relative condition of the several occupations,
so that with such information in their
possession our rulers might proceed with a
growing intelligence to shape the legislation
which affects the people in their several
relations. One only needs to read the de-
bates of our representatives at Ottawa to
be convinced of the great divergence of
opinion which prevails on the state of the
country, and especially on the position of
the farmers and working classes. An
annual statement of the banks and building
and savings societies, properly classified,
would do more to show the real condition
of the people than a thousand pages of
parliamentary debates, full of assertions
and opinions and generalizations based on a
fewer or larger number of facts which no
one but the man who states them knows to
be authentic.

Our Minister of Agriculture for Ontario,
who is a man of excellent understanding
and judgment, has recognized the value of
getting exact information to guide him in
carrying on the work of his department—a
department which has close relations to all
the great producing classes of the
country—and in a short bill which he
introduced and carried through
in the session of the Legislature just closed
he has made provision for a very practical
character to inform himself as well as the
country generally respecting the condition
of the different classes and occupations of
the community. This bill provides among
other things for statements to be furnished
by building societies showing the amount of
stock in them held and paid up by farmers,
merchants, professional men, mechanics
and other classes. It also provides for
annual statements to be furnished by
officers of the county courts showing by
the same classification the number and
amount of chattel mortgages, etc., which
have been registered in each county of the
Province, the number which have been dis-
charged and the amount of them, and other
information of a like character.

These are statistics which may easily be
procured, and their value in demonstrating
the condition of people in their several
occupations from year to year and their
utility in the framing of legislation which
may affect the people in their economic re-
lations will be readily perceived and
appreciated. And yet, strange to say, the
Conservative members of the Local
Legislature could see no other object or
purpose in the measure than a device
for procuring "value ruling," to quote
their own phrase. Evidently it is news
to them that the skillful doctor
seeks first to diagnose the case of his
patient before he ventures to pre-
scribe treatment, and following this wise
and sensible practice Mr. Drury wants to
get his finger on the business pulse of the
country so that he may be guided in future
efforts to improve its condition. The To-
ronto Empire, however, notices the main de-
vice of the measure is to represent "mort-
gages outstanding on the registry books as
showing indebtedness when certainly three-
fourths of the amount, and probably a
larger proportion, has been paid off." Now
this is not the purpose of Mr. Drury's bill
at all, the fact being that Mr. Meredith
urged the Minister of Agriculture to pro-
vide for the collection of such statistics,
and that the Minister pointed out the very
objection stated by the Empire as fatal to
the adoption of the plan. But the Empire
is nothing if not unfair.

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Church, Hamilton.

Mr. D. Henderson has bought the farm

owned by Mr. W. Seale, 150 acres, east

half of lot 17 and lot 18, con. 19, East Wil-

liams.

The wife of Thomas A. Hall, who strayed

away while going home from the asylum,

was found at the house of a relative in Lon-

don South.

A lot in old St. Paul's Cemetery survey

was sold by private sale by W. M. Moore

yesterday to J. H. McMechan. The price

paid was \$800.

Dr. McIntyre, of Glenora, is about to let

the contract for a new brick block on Main

street, in that village, to comprise store,

office and dwelling.

James Thompson, an old offender, was

charged at the Police Court this morning

with drunkenness and vagrancy. He was

fined \$2 or twelve days.

Charles L. Davis (Alvin Joslin) contem-

plates retiring from the stage at the end of

this season, and will build and manage an

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MERRY MINSTRELS

The Asylum Folks Enjoy a Good Time.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given last night by the Asylum Minstrel Troupe, under the direction of Dr. Sippl. The choruses were sung with great accuracy and spirit, while the soloists all acquitted themselves well, particularly C. J. Sippl, whose rendering of "Lead Them Straight" was specially good. Mr. George Thurling was also a prominent feature, and helped the show along wonderfully well. The songs were principally local and several of the jokes were good-humoredly given and received equally kindly. Arthur Sippl gave a very good stump speech and made some very fair hits. After the performance the supper room occupied the attention of the minstrels for a time. Drs. O'Reilly, Buckle and Sippl made brief speeches, the Inspector being very warm in his praises of the show. Following is the programme:

Song and chorus—"But It Is So".....Gatty

Song and chorus—"Old Black Joe".....Foster

Song—"Lead Them Straight".....Smallwood

Song and chorus—"Far Away Over There".....Gatty

Song—"Hear Them Bells".....McCosh

Song—"Sitting in the Twilight".....Jordan

Song and chorus—"Who Did It".....Gatty

Closing chorus—"Good Night".....Gatty

Stump speech.....A. Sippl

Topical song.....G. Thurling

Double bass catastrophe.....J. J. Wright

Musical guards—"March Past".....J. Wright

The performance concluded with a farce entitled "De O'Reilly Squash," with the following cast:

.....A. Sippl

.....W. England

.....G. Thurling

.....J. Wright

.....G. Thurling

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