

SUMMARY.

The Geological Society, of London, by a vote of 33 to 29, has rejected a motion to admit lady fellows.

Owing to the scarcity of water the area of cotton culture in Egypt this season is much restricted.

Violent earthquakes are reported to have occurred in Epirus. The extent of damage is unknown.

During the past two years 2,737 evictions have taken place in London. In 187 cases force had to be used.

The Emperor Francis Joseph's visit to Berlin has been fixed for August 10. He will remain here until the 16th.

The syndicate owning the celebrated "Thistle" will sell her. She will at once be fitted out for the racing season.

The man who murdered the boy Steinfalt in one of the suburbs of Hamburg, a few days ago, has been arrested at Lubek.

A bill is before the British Parliament providing that members shall not appeal to their constituents on appointment to office.

A despatch says the Assembly of New South Wales, by a vote of 45 to 25, has decided in favor of the payment of a fixed salary to members.

A man named Kertach has been sentenced at Stuttgart to 14 days' imprisonment for hawking about the streets selling "Jack the Ripper" literature.

A dense fog prevailed in London last week. The work was postponed, the darkness making it impossible to properly sample and value the stock.

It is stated that Mrs. Andrew Bubera, a lady living near New York Mills, Minn., gave birth a short time since to six children, three of whom are alive.

Queen Victoria on Wednesday, 10th ult., suddenly paid a visit to her old nurse, Mrs. Hillier, who lives at Regent's Park and talked with her for an hour.

The Madrid Government has refused China's request for permission to establish consulates in Manila and at other points in the Spanish colonies in the Pacific.

Capt. J. Gladstone, who has succeeded his father in the baronetcy, has enjoyed the reputation since the death of Col. Burnaby of being the strongest officer in the Guards.

The funeral of M. Chevreul, the aged chemist, was held at Paris on Saturday with imposing ceremonies. All the city authorities and many persons of prominence were present.

Mr. J. Lawrence Carey, member of Parliament for North Kildare, who was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for offences under the Crimes Act, is still in the hospital of the Belfast jail.

Lieut. Goodenough, who ordered his soldiers to leave a church at Clonmel because the priest fulminated from the pulpit against the Government, has been fined £3 for disturbing the congregation. He has appealed.

The Council of the Irish National League has asked Mr. Farnell to appoint a committee of ten to investigate the charges of disloyalty made by Egan and Sullivan against certain members of the League. Egan says that John Devoy is a traitor.

A committee appointed at Rochdale for the purpose of devising a suitable memorial of Mr. John Bright have decided to erect a bronze statue of the famous statesman. Several hundred pounds were subscribed for the project at a meeting held at Rochdale last night.

Mrs. Russell Harrison is ill at the White House. The whole Harrison family have suffered more or less since their arrival from the defective drainage and the inflowing crowds, who have kept the doors open and prevented proper regulation of the temperature and air.

The paper manufacturers of England are organizing a trust. They say there is no money in the business now, but the Pall Mall Gazette quotes four paper makers who have died recently worth in the aggregate £915,000. Every newspaper in the country is against the trust.

The Freeman's Journal expresses its belief that the resignation of the Marquis of Londonderry from the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is due to differences which have arisen between that official and Chief Secretary Balfour, with regard to the application of the Coercion Act.

A Kansas City despatch says that a wagon passed through that city recently bearing the following inscription on its canvas cover:—"Chintz-bred in Illinois, sicked in New-Brunswick, whitecapped in Indiana, baldknobbed in Missouri, prohibited in Kansas—Oklahoma or Bust."

The House of Meyer & Kauffmann, of Breslau, has set apart 100,000 marks for the purpose of establishing an insurance for their workmen who may become incapacitated for duty by advanced age or illness. It is said that the example of the firm will be followed by others shortly.

Drillmaster Hancock, the instructor of the Crown Prince of Prussia, whom the Emperor ordered to be arrested a short time ago for the commission of some petty offence, has been tried by court-martial and sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment in a fortress and degraded to the rank of a private soldier.

Mr. Russell Harrison, the President's son, has been arrested on a charge of libel made by ex-Governor Crosby who was charged with stealing jewels from a Washington lady in a newspaper in which Mr. Harrison owns an interest. Mr. Harrison offers to publish a retraction, but as he was not the editor of the paper or writer of the slander he refused to make a personal apology which was demanded.

It is asserted that, upon the return of Mr. H. M. Stanley to England, he will be naturalized as a British subject, forsaking his American adoption, and that the Government will confer upon him higher honors than have ever before been conferred upon a journalist or an explorer, and two professions Stanley combines. It is also stated that the Belgian Government will join in decorating and otherwise honoring Mr. Stanley.

A despatch says the St. James Gazette announces that Mr. Wm. Henry Smith, first Lord of the Treasury, is about to be raised to the peerage, and that he will accordingly resign the Government leadership in the House of Commons and take his seat in the House of Lords. The Gazette insists that of the possible candidates for the leadership in succession to Mr.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

THE IRISH VICEGERENT. LONDON, April 11.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, said Lord Londonderry originally took the office of Irish viceroy for two years, but that he had consented under pressure to resign the post for a longer term. The Viceroy had not yet tendered his resignation, but the Government could not assume that he would continue in office.

THE SUGAR BOUNTIES BILL. Baron Henry de Worma introduced the sugar convention bill in the House of Commons this evening. In commenting on the injurious effects of bounties he warned the House that the system might be extended to other than raw material, that America's most important surplus might be devoted to bounties on manufacture and thus destroy the Lancashire industry. The second reading of the bill was fixed for May 2. Sir Lyon Playfair gave notice that he would move the second reading of the measure.

A HEATED DISCUSSION. LONDON, April 12.—In the House of Commons this evening, Prof. Stuart (Radical) asked Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, whether the circular sent to the Irish police directing them to collate all secret information regarding the doings of members of the National League was designed to aid the Times.

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THE WINNIEGEE ORANGE DISTRICT LODGE last week passed a resolution condemning in the strongest terms the members of the above order who voted against Col. O'Brien's motion, individually repudiating all connection with any of the present political parties, and will in future vote as Protestants first.

A SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS in opposition to the Jesuits' Estates Act, and calling upon all Christian people to unite in defence of civil and religious liberty by returning to Parliament only such men as will oppose the persistent aggressions of the Romish hierarchy was unanimously adopted by the Presbyterian Synod in session at Brantford on Wednesday; a petition praying for disallowance will be prepared.

A DESPATCH says: At the annual meeting of the Canadian Cattle Company at Aberdeen it appeared that the seven shipments of stores from Canada last autumn involved a loss of £192. This result is entirely due to the leakage of sea during the last voyage, sinking 1850. The total season's loss is £339. The directors suggest reverting to the original design to act merely as consignees, and not incur the risk of chartering ships and purchasing cattle in advance, Canadian farmers and shippers sending cattle to Aberdeen direct being certain to realize a profit.

LOSS OF THE S.S. "DENMARK." QUEENSTOWN, April 12.—The Inman line S.S. "City of Chester," from New York, arrived today. She reports that on April 8th in lat. 46° N., long. 37° W., she passed the Danish S.S. "Denmark," from Christians and Copenhagen for New York. The "Denmark" had been abandoned by her crew. Her stern was level with the sea, and her bow stood high out of the water. She was apparently sinking. The "Denmark" was a vessel of 2200 tons, and belonged to the Thingvalia line. She was commanded by Lieut. Knudsen. The "Denmark" was formerly the Belgian steamer "Jan Breydel." She was a barque-rigged vessel, and was 340 feet long, 40 feet breadth, and 25 feet deep. She was built at Newcastle, England, in 1880.

THE NEWS IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK, April 12.—There is great excitement here over the abandonment of the vessel. The Thingvalia Line is probably the largest carrying emigrant line that plies between this port and Europe. The "Denmark" had on board several thousand passengers, 650 passengers, presumably all immigrants. The crew numbered forty men. The office of the agents of the steamer has been thronged with people all day, and the streets are crowded with people. The agents say they have no news to give them.

THEORIES AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS. NEW YORK, April 13.—There is still no news of the missing passengers and crew of the wrecked steamship "Denmark." The question that now occupies the minds of marine men is when will the National Line steamship "Denmark" arrive and will she bring news of the "Denmark." The National steamship is two days and seven hours late. There is a faint possibility that the delay of the "Denmark" is due to her being in collision with the "Denmark." It would be a strange fate that should befall these two vessels together, thousands of miles out on the ocean. There is no means of accounting for the way the "Denmark" lay in the sea when sighted by the "City of Chester" except by a collision. Her stern was so high and the "Denmark" was so low, that she was washing over the after-deck and her bow was so high that her keel could be seen. The National Line steamer "Denmark" left on March 20th. The Thingvalia steamer "Denmark" left Christiansand on March 26. The vessels could not, therefore, be far apart when the latter was seen waterlogged by the "City of Chester." Several steamships came into port today, but so far none have brought the wished-for news. The "Hammonia" came over the track of the Thingvalia Line. In fact, all the steamers that come through the English Channel take nearly the same course. The "Cheriton" came from Mediterranean ports and would be on the equatorial side of the northern European steamship track. The British vessels would have a course to the Arctic side of it. This ought to increase the chances of rescue. It is held that unless a comparatively large vessel, or a steamer, or a ship, took up the shipwrecked people, it would be most likely that the nearest port, the Azores, would be made for.

THE MAIL AND THE JESUITS. TORONTO, April 9.—It is understood that the Montreal Printing Company in the libel suit brought against it by the Jesuits has retained M. Bernay, the celebrated Paris advocate, to assist its Canadian counsel in the preparation of its defence. The Jesuits have retained four prominent members of the Montreal bar. The Mail amongst other pleads will raise the question of the validity of the Jesuit incorporation. The various embassies from Montreal to the effect that the case is likely to be settled out of court are not credited in the Mail office. The Mail people are anxious to go into court, and will fight to the bitter end, no matter what the result to themselves may be.

DAILYMEN'S CONVENTION.

OTTAWA, April 9.—The convention of Canadian dairymen organized by W. H. Lynch met today. Delegates are present from three provincial associations. Quebec sends the Hon. Mr. De Labreure, the Hon. Louis Beaudry, the Rev. cure Montagny, Prof. Bernard, Mr. J. DeL. Tache and A. McCallum, of Danville, and Mr. H. S. Foster, of Knowlton. Col. Rhodes, Minister of Agriculture, is in attendance, and the Minister of Agriculture of Ontario, The Hon. Chas. Drury is expected. Some fifty delegates are present. They organized this morning and are holding the first regular session this afternoon.

THE OFFICERS. OTTAWA, April 9.—Mr. D. M. MacPherson of Lancaster, Ont., was today chosen president, and Mr. J. C. Chapais of the Province of Quebec, secretary of the newly organized Dominion Dairymen's Association. The convention was addressed by a number of members of parliament including Mr. Fisher, of Bromo, and by Mr. W. H. Lynch. This afternoon the delegates visited the Experimental Farm on invitation of Prof. Saunders.

THE DRAWINGS OF THE NEW ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, MONTREAL. The drawings of the new Royal Victoria Hospital, which Sir George Stephen and Sir Donald Smith are to give to Montreal in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, have arrived from Europe, and it is expected that nothing more than the foundation of the magnificent building will be provided in this year. Accommodation is to be given for 350 patients, at a cost of half a million dollars. A commanding site on the north-east shoulder of Mount Royal, overlooking the city and adjoining the Park, of which a part has been granted for convalescent patients, has also been conferred by the generous donors in addition to their original gift.



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DR. GEORGE ROSS, SUB-DEAN OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY. Dr. George Ross, professor of clinical medicine in McGill Medical College, is the son of the late Arthur Ross, seigneur of Beauvoir, in the province of Quebec. He was born in Montreal on the 11th of March, 1813. His father was also born in the city. His grandfather, David Ross, was one of the early King's Counsel in Canada. Dr. Ross was educated in Montreal, and was very successful in taking prizes. He won the Davidson gold medal in the High School, took the Chapman gold medal in classics at McGill, 1832, and the Holmes gold medal at the time of his graduation from the medical department in 1836, holding the latter post till 1873, when he went into general practice in the city. The same year he was elected an attending physician of that institution, and received from the government of McGill University the appointment of Professor of Clinical Medicine. Shortly after undertaking these duties he resigned all share in the surgical practice of the Hospital, devoting himself entirely to purely medical cases. The classes in attendance are very large, and as a bedside teacher Dr. Ross has been very successful, having done credit to his university, and giving satisfaction to the students of the several successive years. He is one of the governors of the Hospital and Secretary of its Medical Board.

Since August, 1874, Dr. Ross has been one of the editors of the Montreal Medical Journal, to which he was a frequent contributor before taking the editorial chair. Dr. Ross has been president of the Montreal Medical-Chirurgical Society, and is present president of the Canadian Medical Association.

MURDEROUS TEXAN PREACHERS. NAVARATA, TEXAS, April 9.—Two preachers figured in tragedies here on Sunday. The Rev. K. M. Lawson shot and killed a negro named James Miller, who had stolen several articles from him. While the Rev. Hall Miller was conducting Sunday-school an intoxicated man, named Burchard, disturbed the meeting. There upon an altercation between the preacher and the disturber, and the Rev. Mr. Miller went home. He returned with a shot gun and fired its contents into Burchard's side, killing him.

THE REGENT OF LUXEMBURG. LUXEMBURG, April 12.—The ex-Duke of Nassau has received telegrams congratulating him on his assumption of the regency of Luxembourg from the Emperor William of Germany, the King of Saxony, the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, and President Carnot of France. At a banquet given this evening by the regent to the members of the Chamber of Deputies the regent proposed a toast to the King of the Netherlands and expressed a hope for His Majesty's speedy recovery.

THE SAMOAN DISASTER.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE TERRIBLE CALAMITY. THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE STORM EVER EXPERIENCED IN THAT REGION. SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—The steaming "Alamanda" arrived at 7 o'clock this morning from Australia. She touched at the Samoan islands and has on board thirty-six wounded seamen from the United States ships lost at Apia. A letter from Apia, Samoa, dated March 30, says: The Samoan islands have been visited by a disaster more appalling than all the wars ever waged here. The most violent and destructive hurricane ever known in the South Pacific ocean passed over these islands on March 15 and 17.

THE "EBER" HAD NO SHOW. The three American men-of-war were swept ashore almost at the same point. It was on the little German gunboat "Eber" that the greatest loss of life occurred. The "Eber" had seventy-six men. Five were ashore during the

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CHAPTER I.—FREEDOM.

"Freedom!" Well, if I couldn't get hold of a less hackneyed theme, I wouldn't write at all," said Agnes Delmarter, drawing herself up to her full height, which was that of at least a head and shoulders above her nearest neighbor, Quanita Lacy.

"Don't you believe in freedom?" drawled Quanita, with the prettiest little lip and an edifying gravity that was belied by a certain twinkle of laughing blue eyes. "I thought," continued the speaker, "that freedom was that sacred bit about which we have been studying so hard all these years. I may be mistaken—you know I don't profess to be one of the learned ones—but, girls, haven't some of you heard about an American eagle?"

"Pshaw!" said Agnes, with such a gesture as she might have used in brushing away a fly. "What I mean is that we've been exploring the fields of history, science and art all these years; we are supposed to be up in the dogies, to be conversant with the higher mathematics, and to know more than I suppose we'll ever know again, and I should have thought that freedom was something that we never used nicknames." "I might have found something newer than liberty to write about."

"But don't you like to see the eagle soar, Aggie?" persisted Quanita. "Why, we're all stretching out our hands to grasp the tips of his bill feathers; and when they're ever so nearly within reach, should think their grey hue flashing in the sunlight would contain a world of inspiration—that is, for any one who wants to take the trouble to catch such unsubstantial things. For my part I don't."

"Do you mean that you don't want to be free?" asked Sadie Schermersherer. "I thought you were the most anxious of all girls to have commencement-day come."

"I'm tired of study and glad to have nothing to do, if that's what you mean, but holding on to those tail feathers looks too much like work. That kind of ever so near and so far, and I'm glad it's men that have to follow him, and not weaker vessels."

"There's a ding at your suffrage ideas, Aggie," said one of the other girls. "My name is 'Agnes, please,'" said the tall young lady.

"I beg your pardon: I ought to have known better," said the snubbed one. "To call you pet-names is a freedom one does not often take."

"Don't quarrel, girls," said Lallemond. "You may call me what you please, Corrie. I'm not one of those who are afraid to take liberties with it. It does not admit of inflections."

"That sounds scholarly," said Sadie. "But, Lallemond, aren't you glad you're so soon to have your liberty?"

"Yes, I consider myself as having my school-days are nearly over—girls, have you realized the fact that we're really grown up?"

"I realize it every day," said Agnes—"realize it sadly too; for being grown up means that life lies close before us, with all its responsibilities, its possibilities, for good and ill, its joys and sorrows, its work."

"What are you going to do," said Corrie. "I am sure I don't know, the field is so immense. Human want and human suffering are around us on every side; the fields are white to the harvest, and the Master tells us to sow his precious seed therein; but we cannot all sow everywhere, and I don't really know where to begin. But I do want to consecrate myself, with my education and my acquisitions, to Christ's service and to bring some sheaves into his garner. Beyond that I have no plans."

"In your manner of speaking was somewhat pedantic and her language was slightly stilted, but her tone was as sincere as her expression was earnest, and the girls all respected her honest integrity of purpose, appearing as it did upon the back-ground of a consistent Christian life. It was the earnestness of the moment, possessed by a malicious little teasing fairy when her tall, grave friend was talking. Quick as thought she threw herself into a languishing attitude and said:

"It makes me tired to hear St. Agnes. I may add to your name, if I must not shorten from the name of St. Agnes, she means to go to school and packing up books only to begin to sow seeds and bind up sheaves! I'm glad I'm not a saint."

"What are you?" said Agnes, with some asperity. "A butterfly, a thistle-down or a creature composed of that stuff of which dreams are made?"

"For the purpose of creating a diversion Corrie Merchant said:

"Lallemond, what are you going to do with your freedom?"

"What other girls do, I imagine," said the young lady, with the tone of a blunt speaker, but with a friendly smile. "I shall come out in the fall as a 'rosebud,' I suppose; that's the fashionable name for a debutante now. Mamma is going to send me to Paris for my evening-dresses. I believe it's going to be very gay next winter."

"I really expect to enjoy all that sort of thing, so unworthy of an immortal being!" said Agnes, at length extricating herself, and speaking with dignity.

"Of course she does," said Quanita, answering for Lallemond: "I do. Every girl does, unless like St. Agnes, she means to take the veil. We'll be a bouquet of rosebuds, will we not, girls? Corrie'll be a Jacquenotte; Sadie, a Marchal Niel; Lallemond, a delicate tea; Agnes—only she will not I believe—I'll be a yellow sweet brier with twice round all the rest with my thorns and my perfume."

"Your perfume surely," said one of the girls, looking fondly at the class-pret. "I say, girls," said a quiet voice that had not yet spoken: "don't you think we ought to aim at making our own perfume? We ought to be able to perfume ourselves. Agnes is right in saying that the Master calls us to his work, but we ought to begin in some definite way. We ought to organize something."

"What do you propose?"

Alice Lawton blushed furiously. She was not gifted with the tongue of a blunt speaker, but she was with an commanding presence, like Agnes, and she possessed little weight with her companions; but she was an earnest Christian girl, and she greatly desired to influence the others for good. It was almost with a sense of martyrdom that she said in answer to the question:

"My mother thought it would be nice for us to form a young woman's Christian Temperance Union."

"A—what?" said Quanita, making a noise that sounded very like a long, low whistle. "I fancy my girls making into Jerry Nolan's cellar, catching old drunk Jake by the collar, dragging him out and kneeling on the sidewalk and praying for him! That's the sort of thing temperance women do, isn't it?"

"Not those of the Union to which my mother belongs," said Alice, more boldly. "I believe something of the kind was done some years ago, during that excitement which was called the 'crusade.'"

"Isn't it all the same thing?" said Corrie. "I don't mean to be rude, Alice; I want to know. What does the society your mother belongs to do at its meetings?"

"Pretty much what is done at other meetings. Scripture is read, prayers are offered, hymns sung."

"But what is it all for?" said one of the girls.

"To influence public opinion and do a variety of things that we should come to understand if we were once organized."

"All reform movements," said Agnes,

ocularly, "should emanate from the church, to its keeping Christ entrusted the salvation and the regeneration of the world. Our church has not seen fit to any great degree to support this woman's temperance movement, and I don't think we ought to do anything without its sanction."

"Girls," said Lallemond, "this whole thing is low and not countenanced by upper society. It is not 'good form'; no society leaders are in it. Mamma says that she investigated the subject thoroughly at the outbreak of the crusade. She thought at first that it was going to be a popular movement in which ladies might take part, but it fell flat; scarcely any one of our set took it up—I heard her talking to your mother about it, Alice, when she was first started."

"My mother is of our set," whatever that is," said Alice, flushing.

"Of course," answered Lallemond; "no one ever doubted that. Your mother wanted my mother to join the crusade, and so give her influence to the cause. You know about the subject she did not; she says the whole subject is vulgar."

"So it is," said Sadie. "Imagine touching a drunkard! I always cross the street when I see one."

"Didn't a priest and the Levite one do that," said Quanita, with an innocent look. "I'm not a good Bible-scholar, but I kind of thought so."

"A kind of thought so," too, and she remembered also who was the Good Samaritan that saved sinners by laying his hands on them, but she did not profess to be a Bible scholar, and already had asserted herself more than usual.

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"Family interest? What can it be?"

"I will inform you on your return from the committee. The business concerns your brother. Poor Saybrook!" added the lady, with a sigh.

Why did all the Delmarter family prefix that adjective to the name of the eldest son? Whence came the sigh that usually followed its utterance? Agnes had a general vague idea, though as a rule she did not share in the feeling that prompted either. In strange inconsistency with her strict code of duty, this young Christian woman did not love her brother. In her childhood days he had represented the teasing element which such a nature as hers is least likely to regard with patience, and so many and so stormy had been the collisions constantly occurring between the two children that to keep the peace had often strained to the utmost the authority of both mother and father. As the boy was usually the aggressor in such cases, indignation was generally rightly levelled against him, and the girl early learned to add her voice of both command and reprimand to the voice of her parents—a thing to which she had not been accustomed to do as a younger sister.

Saybrook Delmarter was the kind of young man sure to be popular with society-girls—who looked delightfully mysterious when they spoke of him as "a little wild"—and to be equally unattractive to such girls as his sister, who looked at life through the sober medium of moral and religious truth. Saybrook had made for himself a social circle in which his sister would not have cared to enter.

Of late Agnes had been somewhat puzzled by several overtures at intimacy on the part of her brother, especially during the past summer when he had come to spend one Sunday at the seaside resort where she and her mother were staying. He somewhat unconsciously entered the room where Agnes was doing her regularly prescribed Sunday-afternoon reading. Throwing himself into an easy-chair, he began by asking if his sister was in correspondence with any of her old schoolmates, and being answered with a quiet negative, he suddenly told her that he would help her in a very important matter if she would do so. "I have a letter," he said, "which I must decline to talk about such subject on this holy day," firmly said his sister. "There is but one topic of sufficient importance to occupy the thoughts of an immortal being on the Sabbath, and until the greatest of all questions is settled, we have no right to think of anything else while I read you, from one of my favorite authors, this definition of repentance:

"It gives me great pleasure, Saybrook, to see you at last anxious about your soul."

"I beg my pardon," said the young man, completely thrown off his guard. "Do you always live up in the clouds? People call you a girl of common sense, and I want your advice and help in a very practical affair—one in which my whole earthly happiness and that of another person are concerned."

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fluffy hair that threw itself into their arms, showering kisses upon them and coupling man an endearing epithet with the terms 'mother' and 'daddy.' Mamma said, 'belonging to that New England class of women who rarely lavish caresses even upon their own babies, and who treat their grown-up children with ceremonious politeness, was glad to take refuge from her embarrassment in turning her attention to the little child's mother, who, however, was scarcely behind her daughter in effusiveness."

Thus the two old schoolmates were left to each other's society, and to Agnes the warms of his company was even more distasteful than it had been in the school-days. What was the cause of this? Why did she find this trifling, insignificant butterfly? At any rate, Agnes was resolved to show from the start that that sort of thing did not suit her, and

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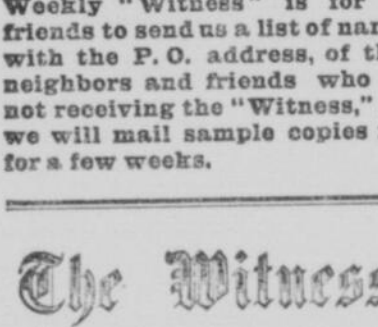
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1889.

THE FLOUR DUTIES.

The position of the millers of Canada must, indeed, be a desperate one, for their opportunity is great. Up to this year they have not signalled themselves by making increasing and unblinking demands upon the country, as have other industries.

THE HOME RULE PROBLEM.

Home Rule for Scotland received a fair support in the Imperial House of Commons last week. The principle was supported by a larger number of members than was necessary to induce the Liberals of England to support the Irish demand for home rule.

A RAILWAY PROBLEM.

By the amendments to the Interstate Commerce Act, adopted by the Congress of the United States, the clauses of that Act, which make it illegal for any railway company doing business between any two States to charge more or less than their published schedule rates, have been directly applied to systems composed of several companies, and to systems or companies which traverse a portion of a foreign country.

CURIOUS FINANCING.

Sir Richard Cartwright has exposed a piece of Government financing which implies either sharp practice on the part of the financial agents of the Dominion in England, or extraordinary blundering on the part of the members of the Government, or both.

HOW TO BRING THEM TO TERMS.

The constructive statesman of the new world thought spared the perplexity of dealing with traditional privileges and hoary abuses is equally harassed by the existence of privileged corporations, created by our legislatures, and placed practically beyond the reach of ordinary criminal law by which individual citizens are kept in order.

on getting worse and worse for thirty years, without any practical interference by aldermen, with whom the Company seems always able to agree on its own terms, or any assertion of rights by citizens, who know well that the Company could ruin them in the courts and could much more easily afford to pay any number of damages that might be proved than give the public its rights. If it were possible to have some local official arrested and put in jail for eight or ten days people would think an effort at self-defence worth while and the nuisance would be removed in short order at whatever cost.

up after the races they were built to sail were over, or have been converted into schooners. The sixty-foot class is quite big enough to give both the designer and sailing master every opportunity which size and power afford them, and yet are not too big to be used as cruisers and for ordinary racing.

THE GOVERNMENT URBANS seem to think that late events show the necessity of an able and vigorous representative of the minority in the Province of Quebec in the Cabinet. Everyone will probably agree with them. It is said that the Hon. J. C. Abbott is to resign on the Senate, run for a Quebec constituency, and enter the Cabinet as Minister of Railways, and representative of the Protestants of this Province.

MONTREAL'S TEN MEMBERS.

A delegation pleading with the Provincial Treasurer for the acknowledgment of Montreal's right to limit the number of licenses granted within her borders was told with that gentleman's usual frankness that it stood to reason that the request could not be granted.

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alderwoman by the Council itself. Women are prominent and active members of the School Board in London, and it is safe to say that in the not very distant future all representative offices will be declared open to them.

THE ENDEAVOUR for the capture of Morrison has not, from all accounts, been very wisely or judiciously managed, and as the natural difficulties in the way of capturing an outlaw in such a wild, rough country are very great, the fact that it has failed of its purpose must cause little surprise.

IN SIGHT OF THE ENERGETIC PROTESTS of the commercial world and the press, the Postmaster-General has forced through the objectionable changes in the postal operations, which, under the guise of conferring a boon upon the public, seriously increase the postal rates, with but little modification.

THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS will vote on the 22nd instant upon the question of constitutional prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

IF THE PEOPLE OF LINCOLN were well represented by those who made themselves prominent at the "Jesuit question" meeting to hear Mr. Rykert's explanation as to his conduct, and if the proceedings were rightly reported, then Mr. Rykert is a fit and proper representative for the county, and the county is a fit and proper constituency to be represented by Mr. Rykert.

THE PLANS of the British Central African Company, which proposes to establish an extensive railway system in the Zambesi country, will be looked for with much interest by all who are interested in the work of opening up the dark continent.

JUDGES STEPHEN AND HEDDLESON, before whom was heard the petition of Mr. Beresford-Hope, asking for the unseating of Lady Sandhurst on the ground that women cannot be public representatives, have given a decision in favor of the plaintiff.

THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY of London should have taken warning from its recent disbandment and instead of feasting over its returned guns should have set itself to work to learn something about them.

volunteers of London, who are the real, if not the legal, heirs of the city train bands. The howl that was made by all bedlamites about the Prince of Wales' arbitrary conduct has prevented such a clearing up of the affairs of the Ancient and Honorable Company as might have resulted in the property they now hold being applied to increasing the defensive powers of the city of London instead of, as at present, going to the destruction of the digestive organs of a few privileged "artillery" men, who bear about as much relation to actual gunnery as Freemasons do to the craft of building in stone.

THE MINISTER OF CUSTOMS is said by a Government newspaper to have been convinced by the deputations which waited upon him of the injury done to Canadian shipping and importing interests by that clause of the Customs Act which levies a duty upon the cost of inland transportation and shipment of goods imported to Canada.

ABYSSINIA will, in all probability, lapse into a state of anarchy now that her warrior king is dead, and the Italians will hardly be able to resist the opportunities of extending their power over the country which its disorganized condition will thrust upon them.

THE APRIL REPORT of the Department of Agriculture for the United States declares the present condition of the winter wheat crop over the entire country very favorable.

THE PREMIER'S COMPANY.

THE STORY that STANLEY aroused El Senousi, the Mohammedan leader, who, according to all accounts, is rapidly vanquishing the Khalif's forces, is plainly inconsistent with the facts of Stanley's expedition, as narrated in his letter.

THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT should urge upon the Imperial Government the duty of forcing upon the attention of the United States the claims of the unfortunate Canadian sealers, who have suffered great losses by the illegal seizure of their vessels by the United States Government cruisers in Behring Sea.

WE COMMENCE to-day a delightful tale of some length by a well-known American writer. The "Y's, and their Work," by Margaret E. Winslow, gives a picture of American fashionable society which will not soon be forgotten by the reader.

INSPIRED BY THEIR VICTORY the Free Traders of New South Wales are, according to a cable despatch, about to carry free trade to its logical conclusion by sweeping away all specific duties and replacing them by direct taxes.

THE MOTION by the Hon. C. H. Tupper to read the third time the Fisheries bill to amend the law in relation to the fishing in the tidal waters of the Maritime Provinces, Mr. Weldon, of St. John, and others of the Opposition regarded the bill as unconstitutional, being an infringement of the rights of the riparian proprietors of the fishing grounds.

MITCHELL VS. TUPPER.

THE MEMBER for Northumberland took umbrage at this, and also at a charge of inconsistency, and was warmly castigated by Mr. Tupper for what he termed his flippant manner in dealing with a subject about which he knew very little.

Major-General Laurier made an attack to-day on French bounty regulations for the movement of fish in transit. He asked for Customs regulations to protect Canadian fishermen by enforcing the same regulations as prevail in the United States. The bounty given by the Government is \$1.80 per quintal of 112 lbs. Mr. Jones, of Halifax, did not agree that any special exception should be made in regard to fish bonded merchandise. Mr. Kennedy, the junior member from Mr. Jones' city, Halifax, at once rose to take issue with Mr. Jones, while the Minister of Customs was for once in accord with Mr. Jones. The discussion was not finished at six o'clock and the motion was never brought on.

AFTER RECESS the Canadian Pacific Railway bill was further considered in Committee.

THE MIDDLETON EVIDENCE.

ON A QUESTION of privilege Sir John Macdonald referred to Mr. Lester's query of some weeks ago concerning Sir Alexander Campbell's relations with the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company.

WHEN THE ORDER for the second reading of Mr. Boyl's bill to prevent the practice of fraud by the peddlers and commission men in the sale of nursery stock, the Premier said there was no objection to sending the bill to a special committee.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, April 8.

To-day was private members' day, the only day of the week left for such legislation as affects private interests. It is daily becoming more and more evident that the attempt to pro- gress by Easter has been abandoned and many say it will be well on in May before His Excellency comes down to the Reid Chamber and with the assistance of Black Rod assents to the laws to defend him.

A COPPER QUESTION.

Major-General Laurier made an attack to-day on French bounty regulations for the movement of fish in transit. He asked for Customs regulations to protect Canadian fishermen by enforcing the same regulations as prevail in the United States.

AFTER RECESS the Canadian Pacific Railway bill was further considered in Committee.

THE MIDDLETON EVIDENCE.

ON A QUESTION of privilege Sir John Macdonald referred to Mr. Lester's query of some weeks ago concerning Sir Alexander Campbell's relations with the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company.

WHEN THE ORDER for the second reading of Mr. Boyl's bill to prevent the practice of fraud by the peddlers and commission men in the sale of nursery stock, the Premier said there was no objection to sending the bill to a special committee.

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