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Economical Reform.

Despite the large revenue the Ontario government receives from crown lands, the periodical sales of timber limits, law stamps, license fees, the Dominion subsidy, etc., the cost of provincial government has developed to such an extent that, in order to meet the ever increasing expenditure various measures are now before the Ontario Assembly for the purpose of supplementing the revenue, that may well make the people of the Province pause and consider the situation. The fact is, although the Province has been eating up its capital in the matter of its timber wealth, its revenue from other sources has been found inadequate to meet its running expenses, without a gradual resort to various means of direct taxation. Meanwhile the machinery of government has been growing gradually more complicated and expensive, instead of retrenchment and simplification being the order of the day. When a few years ago Mr. Mowat decided upon re-organizing the liquor licenses fees, it was for the purpose of getting a large haul for the provincial purse, the municipalities getting but a tithe of the revenue from that source. And now that the agitation against the fee system in connection with registrars, sheriffs and other officials has forced the government to do something in the way of reform, we find that the measure proposed is entirely in the interests of the provincial treasury. Apart from the inequality and the immoral tendency of the fee system, the salaries received by officials in certain localities had become to be justly regarded as nothing short of public robbery. In the "reform" proposed, nothing is offered in the way of simplifying and cheapening the machinery of government; as, for instance, by having one or two heads of departments with properly qualified subordinates, instead of four or five heads, as at present, running the public interests at their own sweet wills; by having some standard of qualification for fitness, in addition to the only one now required, viz., party services; etc., etc. The "reform" proposed consists simply in lopping off the fees over a certain sum—for the provincial treasury—"only this, and nothing more." So far as the municipalities and the heavily taxed ratepayers are concerned, the "reform" means certainly the latter. The over-burdened taxpayer will also, no doubt, be gratified to know that another reform proposed is to tax insurance companies and insurance agents—for the benefit of the provincial treasury; and yet another reform providing for a tax upon estates of \$100,000, over and above the present surrogate fees and upon estates of \$10,000 and over, not devised to certain relatives—and all for the sake of our governing Home Rule institution at Toronto. It remains to be seen whether the people of the Province will continue to have faith in

economical legislation on the lines these measures indicate, or whether they will not make a demand for retrenchment of a different kind.

Editorial Notes.

A RETURN, which was laid upon the table of the Dominion House last week, shows the export of horses, sheep, barley, hay, potatoes and eggs from Canada to England and the United States during the last six months of 1891. Of horses there were exported to England from July 1 to December 31, 1891, 524; to the United States, 2,801; sheep, 30,792 to England, 254,149 to the States; eggs, 3,283,111 dozens to England, 3,197,115 to the States; barley, 1,780,606 bushels to England, 1,988,579 to the States; hay, 9,065 tons to England, 28,476 to the United States. Six bushels of potatoes were exported to England during the six months, and 33,710 to the United States, whilst 239,001 bushels of potatoes were sent to the Spanish West Indies, and 34,731 to Newfoundland.

BRADSTREET'S statement of failures in the Dominion for the first quarter of 1892 shows a decrease of three in number, as compared with the same period of 1881, with an increase of assets of \$186,373 and a decrease in liabilities of \$186,762. In Ontario the decrease in the number of failures was 45, in comparison with the figures for the first quarter of 1891, whilst the record in the Maritime provinces and British Columbia fell considerably behind. The record on the whole shows that the Dominion is recovering, slowly it is true, from the effects of the depression of 1890-91, a depression which affected the whole continent. The same commercial authority, in referring to the state of trade in the United States, says:—

"The period of practical stagnation in industrial and commercial circles is being indefinitely prolonged, evidently far beyond what had been anticipated. With this go the long prevalent features, declining prices for leading staples as well as low rates of money on best security."

THE Board of Education on Tuesday evening devoted considerable attention to important matters of school discipline, as a reference to our report in another column will show. We do not know that the pupils of our Lindsay schools are worse in respect of the conduct with which the resolutions of the board deal, than the pupils of most towns in Ontario; but it will be admitted that there is much room for improvement, to effect which will require earnest attention on the part of our teachers, and encouragement in their work on the part of the board. The resolution asking the assistance of the town council in the matter of suppressing street loafing, it is to be hoped will effect this much at least, the drawing the attention of the parents of the community to the dangers of street associations, especially at night, to our young people. It is positively surprising the number of children of tender years who are to be found at all hours loitering about our streets, many of them belonging to families of whose training better things might reasonably be expected. It is not necessary to dwell upon the evils such a state of things indicate, or of the necessity of some effort being made in the direction of reform. As to the grosser forms of misconduct on the part of pupils of which complaints are made, and about the treatment of which the board has pretty clearly defined its intentions, we believe with the "Presbyterian Review" that "the safest course to adopt is a pretty literal interpretation, of Solomon's rod of correction. A smart whipping administered without passion, is worth a score of fancy punishments to which some parents, and especially theory ridden teachers resort." We give the quotation in full without any reference to the methods of discipline employed in our town schools, but simply to combat that maudlin sentimentality, which has been gaining ground in the public mind against the wholesome use of the rod in dealing with all juvenile offences.

In the matter of liquor and tobacco, the report of the Inland Revenue department for 1890-91 shows the receipts to have been \$6,905,005, as compared with \$7,854,581 in 1889-90. The falling off was due to a decrease of \$954,464 in excise duties. The revenue of 1889-90 was, however, an abnormal one, owing to the large quantity of liquor withdrawn from bond in anticipation of an increase in the tax. The collections for 1891 were under the following heads:—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Spirits, Malt liquor, Cigars, Tobacco, Petroleum, Manufactures in bond, Seizures, Other receipts, Methylated spirits, and Total.

The quantity of spirits produced during the year was 4,397,594 proof gallons, as compared with 5,091,475 proof gallons produced in the previous fiscal year, the raw material used in its production being as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Malt, Indian corn, Rye, Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Total.

The quantity entered for consumption was 2,687,664 proof gallons during the preceding year. The quantity held in stock on 1st July, 1891, was 12,415,786 proof gallons, the largest quantity ever held by the distillers of Canada; the production, however, decreased to the extent of nearly three-quarters of a million gallons.

The revenue from malt has increased some \$35,000 as compared with the revenue of the preceding year, and some \$85,000 as compared with the average revenue of the preceding four years. Of the quantity entered for consumption 52,335,914 lbs. were used, together with 47,816 lbs. of sugar, syrup, etc., in the production of 18,069,183 gallons of beer, being an average of 2.89 lbs. of malt per gallon. The tobacco taken for consumption in 1891 was 9,778,809 pounds, as compared with 9,875,000 pounds in 1890, and an average of 9,422,322 pounds since 1886-87.

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Special to the WATCHMAN. The following is the standing of pupils of Union school Section 11 and 20 Manvers and Cavan, for the month of March: Sr. IV.—Levi Fallis, Lily Veals, Jr. IV.—Bartie Britton, Libby Britton, Emma Fallis. Sr. III.—Bruce McPherson, Lily Thompson, Emma Graham, Mina Veals, Jr. III.—Willie Veals, Sandra Veals, Ethel Wainard, Clinton Sisson, Herbert Fallis, Lily Fallis, Martha Cunningham. Sr. II.—Jennie McCrorie, Maud Britton, Jr. II.—Freddie Veals, Sadie Veals. Part II.—Robert Sisson, Newton Sisson, Georgina Wainard, Thomas Cunningham, Ellen Cunningham, Jennie Hadden, Maggie Wainard, Freddie Thompson, Harold Noble. F. GILLIS, teacher.

A Sermon Against Intemperance.

The saloon-keepers have been stirred up by a remarkable sermon preached at a retreat in St. Patrick's church last evening by Father Doyle, an American Paulist Father. Mayor McShare and a number of saloon-keepers were in the audience. Nine-tenths of the crime was described by the preacher as due to strong drink. As a result of intemperance stalked abroad, and those who had the power to check it did nothing. Public men in Montreal even went so far as to resort to subterfuge in order to evade legislation against it. Efforts were made to avoid increasing taxation, but what tax equalled the tax men put on themselves through this curse of strong drink? It created enormous expenditures. Because of its effects men had to build asylums and lunatic asylums, which were filled with drink's victims. Then the preacher handled the civic authorities without gloves. The City Council was composed of Christian men of various denominations. The priests and ministers of these denominations as one man had petitioned that Council for earlier closing, for less saloons, had done their very best to combat the evils wrought by strong drink, and who oppose their best efforts? The civic authorities. Laws covering the case had been put on the statute books, but the men in authority did all in their power to prevent these laws being enforced. What account, he asked them, did they think they would be able to render to Almighty God when they were summoned to appear before Him at the bar of eternal justice? What account could they render of the lost souls, lost through their neglect to enforce the laws? Of the 75,000 souls lost through the evils of intemperance in the United States and Canada every year, nearly everyone might be saved if the legislating bodies enforced the laws or created laws to prevent the unfortunates from killing themselves with liquor. It is a solemn thought, the preacher continued in an impressive tone, "to think that while I have been speaking to you not less than eight souls, whose deaths were caused by drink, have been called to appear before their Maker. You, public men,

who are listening to me, who have been clothed with authority, have you reflected on what account you will render to God for these lost souls? While the best citizens are beseeching you, almost on their knees, to aid them, you stand idly by, or worse still, you thwart their benevolent efforts. The liquor traffic has you in its grasp. For God's sake and your own best interests pause before you are called away."

The Horse Market.

Messrs. Kimball and Ashman, of the Montreal Horse market, College-st. write as follows concerning the horse market: "Trade has been quiet the past week; but prospects for the coming week are better as several buyers will arrive the early part of the week. Receipts at our stables three; sales, six at from \$80 to \$145; on hand, 34 drivers, carriage horses, cobs and heavy draught. We shall receive early in the week lots of horses from Fraser Bros., P. Lane and W. J. Todd, all of Lachute. There will be among them some extra good old fashioned Canadian chinks and drivers. We are also notified of the intended shipment of extra heavy draught horses from Farrell & Pascoe, of Woodstock, Ont. We have sold to J. Watson, of Glasgow, three fine specimens of van horses, for which there is a good demand. We have also purchased a car load of heavy horses for J. C. Simpson for Manitoba."

The Montreal Horse Exchange, Point St. Charles, write as follows: "There has been no improvement in the horse trade this week. Buyers for the American markets were scarce, and a little too early for those for the home trade. We have on hand for sale 29 horses, comprising heavy and medium draft, choice drivers and saddle horses, with two car loads of western horses to arrive on Monday. Sales for week 12."

NEWS ITEMS.

An illicit still was seized at Owen Sound Monday.

A severe storm raged Monday in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

In New York city, on Sunday, the thermometer marked 74 degrees.

The U. S. House of Representatives has passed the Chinese exclusion bill by 197 to 42.

The town of Barnhill, Ill., was almost entirely swept off the earth yesterday by a cyclone.

Port Colborne yesterday carried a by-law granting a bonus of \$4,500 to the Dominion glass works. The vote was 167 to 5.

Charles Palmer, aged 13, while shooting sparrows on Sunday in Tibury West, lost his left hand by the explosion of the gun.

Mr. George Todd, aged 65, was thrown out of his buggy at St. Catharines on Saturday, and died on Sunday from internal injuries.

Mrs. Montagu has been convicted in Dublin of manslaughter and sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor, for killing her daughter by over punishment.

Dr. Springer, a prominent homeopathist of Oxford county, died on Saturday from paralysis. He had been speechless for two years. He was 62 years of age.

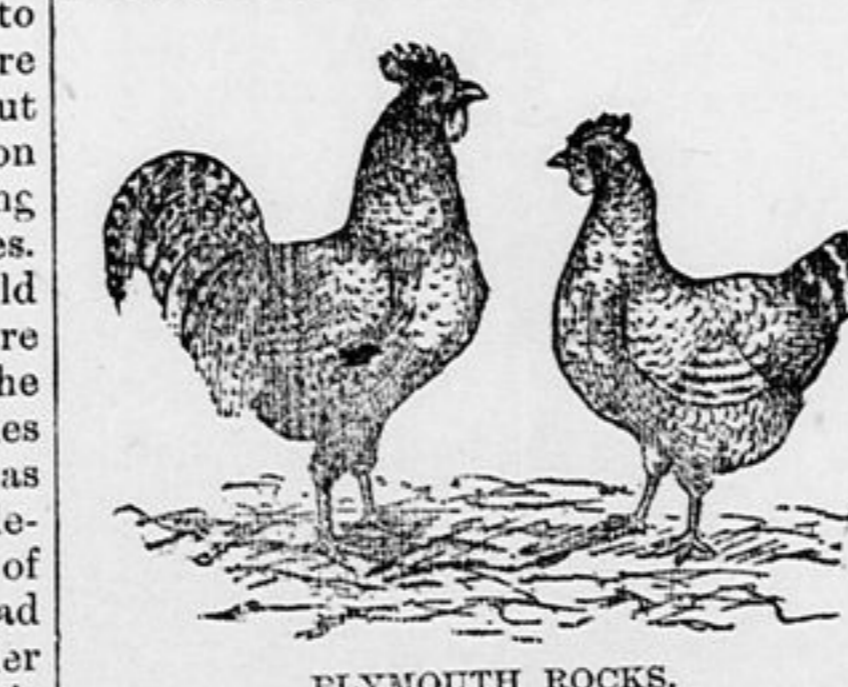
The bridge over the Richlieu river at Yamaska, Que., was partially carried away by the freshet on Sunday. Traffic will be interrupted for considerable time.

A young man named James Miller was killed in the Grand Trunk yard at Trenton Monday. He was on a box car while some shunting was being done, lost his balance and fell, breaking his neck.

On Saturday night a burglar entered the train agent's office at the Union depot in Omaha and stole nearly \$20,000 worth of tickets. From the manner of the theft the officials believe the thief was an employee.

At a largely attended meeting last night the Young Liberal-Conservative Association resolved to recommend Mr. G. T. Blackstock, Q. C., to the Conservative convention as a candidate for the vacant seat for Toronto in the Legislature.

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