

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

Notice—H. E. Crosby.

**The Liberal.**

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Time brings revenge and patience suffices for the most Herculean labor. About fifty years ago China had only one wish in regard to the outside world—to be let alone. Diplomatic relations with foreign countries she would not have, and the slightest commercial intercourse she begrudgingly tolerated. The mountain would not come to Mahomet, therefore Mahomet must go to the mountain. And accordingly England, France and the United States never rested until they had opened the seemingly impenetrable gates of China, and made her, willing or unwilling, take a hand with them in the great game of life. The day—all that is changed. Now the great object, at least of the United States, and the greatest of the British Colonies, is not to stimulate a niggard friendship and communion, but to prevent both from becoming too extensive. We have seen how American ships have become mere hovels in their bitter antipathy to Celestial emigration. The principle underlying the whole fabric of their constitution that all men are born free and equal is denied in their treatment of the Chinese, and the boast that the great Republic was never founded on it, is not solely the generous laud where it is a principle was faithfully recognized and honored is shown by recent events to be mere sound.

Canada now finds herself face to face with the same question, and some of her politicians do not appear to regard unfavorably hoodlumism as a proper solution. If there is nothing better or more cogent to be said than that we shall be ruined by cheap labor, such quackery will not bar our doors to the Celestials but a very short time. But if it can be shown that Chinese morals and habits are fraught with deadly danger to Western civilization, the exclusion of the Chinese from our shores will rest on far other than mere economical reasons. Here, however, we are treated to the most contradictory evidence. It would seem that the world is fated to witness on a tremendous scale the struggle which the Jews for centuries have made, and which is not yet ended, to prevent origin from proving an insurmountable obstacle to the granting of civil rights.

**ENGLAND'S LATE WARS.**

The history of England's wars during the reign of Victoria can and should bring small subject of pride and congratulation. These wars have been, for the most part, waged against petty opponents, but that has not saved her from defeat and humiliation which assuredly lost nothing of their sting from the fact that, in more than one instance, they were unjust and of her own undertaking. Thus her arms were turned against the Afghans, to impose on that people a ruler whom they hated and despised. So, without a show of right of reason, an attempt was made to force the Boers to become, against their will, subjects of the Empire. The struggle in China was, in the eyes of the world, begun with the single purpose of forcing the opium traffic on that country. It is by no means clear that the rebellion in India was not due to the thoughtless ignorance of the home government. And so on through the long and dreary catalogue. When the origin of the war has not been a theatrical display of Tory jingoism, it has been the anarchy greed of Liberal commerce.

It is true that England has withdrawn from all these wars with victorious standards. But her triumphs were dearly purchased. The opening of every campaign was marked by the absence of all preparation. The forces employed were too small, the supplies altogether inadequate and unfit. Repeated defeats must, it would seem, herald in the final success. Indeed, the only consolation afforded by these sad memories is that British valor, strange mixture of doggedness, dash and patience under hardships of all kinds, has on every field and in all circumstances, shone forth with undiminished brilliancy. It is not to be wondered at, then, that there should be gloomy forebodings, when to-day we see an English government relying for victory on the strength of a single man. For this is the spectacle that Egypt now presents to all lands, and to all nations.

**HALF A CENTURY OF DISCOVERY**

Toronto's Semi-Centennial is almost coincident with the use of steam as a locomotive power. A little more than half a century ago, George Stevenson gave to the world his engine, the Rocket, the progenitor of those countless fiery horses that now rush with tremendous roar over roads of iron. A few years later steam navigation was proved beyond dispute by the voyages of the Sirius and the Royal William. In 1843 the great Cunard Steamship line was founded. Since that time the rate of twenty miles an hour by locomotives, and ten miles an hour by steamships, has grown to sixty miles for the former, and to nearly twenty for the latter. This is an immense stride, even if it should never be increased, and although it does not seem probable that the laws, to which the materials used are subject, will permit of any further considerable abbreviation of time and space, still experience leads us to think that human ingenuity has not yet reached its ultimate goal in this particular case. Electricity is now big with promise, and sneers and incredulity are in view of the past, quite out of place. Notwithstanding all that men have said and written in disparagement of men, he is certainly a fellow of infinite device, and has by no means arrived at his "thus far and no farther."

**VANDALISM.**

Amidst all the silly twaddle about culture, aesthetics, sunflowers, Oscar Wilde and other baboons, our villagers deserved great credit for not having allowed disgust so to overpower them that the very idea of adornment of any kind should be hateful. Utterly eschewing all attempts to match complexions and furniture, to group pigs and cats in picturesque attitudes, with due regard to light and shade, and the laws of harmony, they had an Arbor Day, and our village, never unattractive, bade fair to become positively beautiful. But such promises will prove very illusive, if immediate steps are not taken to protect the young trees. There are city arabs and village arabs and we see little to choose between them. Already many fine saplings have been wantonly destroyed by boys and girls. Men, too, have not been altogether innocent; many seem to prefer a tree to a post for fastening their horses. There will be just ground of complaint, if the Village Council does not at once adopt measures to stop this vandalism.

**WESTON.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

David McDonald, one of our village athletes, and a man named Herman of Cataract, Trafalgar were matched about a month ago to run two foot races, one race to be a quarter of a mile, and the other for half a mile. The stakes were to be for two hundred and fifty dollars a side, and one week was to be allowed between each race. The first event came off on Saturday, 28th ult. at the driving park, Brampton, and was won by the Trafalgar man. The race was hotly and evenly contested, each man doing his best. A slight advantage in the start, gained Herman the race. A large amount of money is said to have changed hands, the Weston men losing heavily.

A picnic of the funds of the R. C. congregations of Weston and Brockton was held at the latter place on Saturday, 25th of June, the chief attraction being a gold watch to be awarded to the young lady (one being nominated by each of the congregations) receiving the largest number of votes. The contest was conducted throughout with all the enthusiasm and earnestness peculiar to the Irish character, where gallantry to the fair sex is a factor in the result. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Weston men, their representative was defeated by a few votes, the church being the gainer in the sum of \$140.

Domitian Day in the past has always been patriotically kept by this village as the red letter day in the history of Canada. To-day, however, the superior spirit of the Semi-Centennial of Toronto, left us scarcely a corporal's guard to defend our depleted homes. In former years, a large number of people from the surrounding district found their way into the village to take part in the annual games and amusements, to make and renew friendships, &c., thus keeping the village alive from early morning until late at night. This year, all was quiet as a Sabbath day, save the unusual number of vehicles and trains with their loads of pleasure-seekers passing through.

Gilbert Laird, St. Margaret's Hope, Orkney, Scotland, writes:—I am requested by several friends to order another parcel of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. The last lot I got from you, having been tested in several cases of rheumatism, has given relief when doctors' medicines have failed to have any effect. The excellent qualities of this medicine should be made known, that the millions of sufferers may, throughout the world, benefit by its presidential discovery.

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