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Our Ottawa Letter.

The one-time popular music hall  
ditty, "Bob Up Serenely," is forcibly  
brought to mind by the utterances of  
Sir Charles Tupper during the past  
few days. During the months that  
the Joint High Commission was pur-  
suing its deliberations with excellent  
prospects of a successful issue, the  
worthy baronet discreetly kept silence  
for it would have been a fatal mistake  
to denounce a policy that there ap-  
peared so much probability of bring-  
ing to a successful issue. It is true  
that, while keeping quiet himself, he  
allowed his party newspapers to do  
everything in their power to discredit  
and embarrass the British Commis-  
sioners, but for this he could easily  
deny personal responsibility.

HE CAN RESIST NO LONGER.

The temporary hitch that has oc-  
curred in the deliberations, however,  
presents an opportunity which the  
veteran leader cannot resist, and ut-  
terly regardless of the fact that the  
disagreement is upon an Imperial  
issue, and one that Canadians have  
never had a word to say in hitherto,  
and equally regardless of that other  
fact that it is an issue that Sir Charles  
and his party have never looked upon  
as a probable cause of disruption, but  
had on the contrary selected the trade  
question as their piece de resistance,  
he gives the rein to his pent up en-  
ergies that have been so heroically re-  
strained for the past few months, and  
proceeds to handle the government  
without gloves.

Such marvellous mental and phys-  
ical vigor in the veteran leader must  
compel admiration, though the too  
obvious political bias and character-  
istic contempt for facts and disregard  
for the recognized rule of fair fighting,  
may modify that admiration to a con-  
siderable degree. The British Com-  
missioners while necessarily regretting  
the fact that their efforts have not  
met with the full measure of success  
that was hoped for, may rest well con-  
tent that much substantial good had  
been done; and that the country,  
having an appreciative understanding  
of the situation, will not withhold the  
need of credit to which they are en-  
titled. He laughs loudest who laughs  
last, and the Britishers' laugh is yet  
to come.

WE ARE BEING TALKED ABOUT.

I have remarked before in these  
letters upon the immense amount of  
attention that is being paid to Cana-  
dian matters in the leading papers of  
the Old Land. There is not a surer  
sign of the real progress we are mak-  
ing in the estimation of our kinsmen  
of the Old Country than in the fact  
that the space devoted to matters  
Canadian in every corner of the three  
kingdoms is becoming larger and more  
varied week by week. The newspaper  
may be very generally accepted as a  
safe reflex of the public mind, and the  
matter which is given space and at-  
tention in its columns is always a  
matter that is of live interest to the  
community. Not only is the quantity  
increasing, the quality is very decided-  
ly improving too and the absurd  
errors, geographical, climatological, phys-  
iological, and every other kind that  
the ingenuity of man could devise, are  
slowly but surely disappearing.

It must be admitted that the para-  
mount interest which all have in this  
improvement is in the better facility  
that it creates for business transac-  
tions advantageous to themselves, and  
it is therefore satisfactory to notice  
that the financial papers, which are  
the guide, counsellor and friend of the  
British investor, are giving much at-  
tention to Canadian commercial con-  
ditions. Finance, a couple of weeks  
ago, for instance, made the following  
observations in the course of

AN ARTICLE ON THE DOMINION.

"The figures of Canadian trade bear  
out the indications of prosperity  
throughout the Dominion. Canada  
has made great strides within the last  
twelve months, and her prospects for  
the future are very bright. The ex-  
tent of the commercial prosperity may  
be gauged by the totals of the six  
bank clearing-houses east of Win-  
nipeg, which are given as \$1,390,019,-  
334, compared with \$1,174,710,345 in  
1897, a gain of \$215,308,899, the largest  
increase ever recorded in Canada.  
Montreal lead with clearings of \$713,-  
000,000, Toronto with \$439,000,000, and  
Winnipeg came third with \$90,000,000.  
The failure record is also most favor-  
able, the number being 1,427, or 500  
less than in 1897. The liabilities were  
\$9,644,100, as compared with \$13,147,-  
929, while the proportion of assets to  
liabilities was 42.36 per cent., as  
against 34.49 per cent." The article  
adds that "The agricultural interests  
of the Dominion enjoyed a prosperous  
twelve months, while the shipping  
season in Montreal was the best on  
record."

IT PAYS TO BE CAREFUL.

The unfortunate faux pas made by  
Miss Flora Shaw when she gave so  
much attention to the sensational  
stories of official crookedness in the  
Yukon, is developing an unexpected

result in the Old Country, for now  
that it is thoroughly realized how  
little substantial foundation there was  
for her statements, the newspapers  
are wondering whether her estimates  
of the permanent value of the gold  
fields are equally reliable. Land and  
Water, for instance, calls to mind her  
exploits in South Africa a couple of  
years ago, and in Australia in 1892,  
and remarks:—"In her hurried visit  
to the Klondike, Miss Shaw has re-  
peated herself. It remains with the  
public now to decide, whether or not  
they will accept her views as worthy  
of all credence." The Saturday Re-  
view observes:—"Miss Shaw bears  
testimony to the auriferous character  
of these regions, but we hope her tes-  
timony is more reliable than her  
charges against the Canadian Civil  
Service." It evidently does not pay  
to attempt to load up the hard headed  
Britishers even for the satisfaction of  
creating a nine days' sensation.

Lord Salisbury's Early  
Career.

Writing of Lord Salisbury in the  
March Canadian Magazine, A. H. U.  
Colquhoun thus speaks of his first  
years of Parliamentary life: The  
years that follow are the developing  
period of his life. A candid person  
who met him at this time asserts that  
among his friends and relatives he  
was not regarded as of much conse-  
quence or promise. His sister alone  
believed in him fervently. "Give  
Robert only the chance," she is cred-  
ited with saying, "and he will climb to  
the top of the tree." During these  
years he acquired his journalistic ex-  
perience. A peer's younger son, with  
an income of about £400 a year, who  
determines to marry the woman of his  
choice, and who has to bear the ex-  
penses imposed by social position  
and a seat in Parliament, must expect  
to augment his income either by office  
under the Crown or by some regular  
form of work. The former alternative  
was remote. Lord Robert Cecil had  
yet to win his spurs in politics, and  
the prospects of his party, then in Op-  
position, were poor. He betook him-  
self to writing for the press, a task for  
which he was exceptionally well  
equipped, and which must have proved  
to him, as to many others, the most  
congenial form of slavery known to  
civilized man. A college friend,  
Thomas Hamber, was the editor of the  
Morning Herald and the Evening  
Standard, two newspapers which had  
lately passed into the hands of the  
same proprietor, and to the columns  
of these journals the young M. P. con-  
tributed leading articles chiefly upon  
foreign politics. In 1855 Mr. A. J.  
Beresford-Hope, a wealthy relative by  
marriage, founded the Saturday Re-  
view, and Lord Robert Cecil was one  
of a group of brilliant men, including  
John Morley, Goldwin Smith and Sir  
William Harcourt, who wrote regular-  
ly for that versatile and aggressive  
paper. His labors appear not to have  
been the occasional occupations of the  
dilettante writer, but the serious tasks  
of the working journalist. From his  
modest home in a quiet street off the  
Strand the future Prime Minister may  
have often taken a walk down Fleet  
Street with a supply of printer's copy  
in his pocket.

Jefferson

Report of S. S. No. 4 Markham and

21 Vaughan for the month of February.

The names are in order of merit.

Sen. IV—Thora Fisher, Ella Gamble,  
Harry Newton.

Jun. IV—Aggie Gamble, Geo.  
Jefferson, Bertram Newton, Mary  
Gorman, Alex. Newbery.

Sen. III—Fancy Grady, Gladys  
Legge, Louis Kerswill, Ella Casely,  
Leonard Glass, John Grady.

Jun. III—Ethel Clubine, Hermon  
Casely, Sadie Fisher, William Olivant,  
John Mortson.

Sen. II—George Olivant, Joe Jones,  
Eddie Gamble, Geo. Hart.

Jun. II—Jennie Gamble, Georgie  
Brown, Enver Jefferson, Charles  
Hart, Victor Jones.

Sen. Part II—Stella Clubine, Alice  
Olivant, John Kerswill.

Jun. Part II—Stella Casely.

Part I—Lorne Clubine, Stella  
Murphy.

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Edgely

Wedding bells have been ringing  
merrily in our village during the last  
few months, and we may expect to  
hear them again in the near future.

Mrs. Arnold returned to her home  
at Mackville, after spending a couple  
of weeks with Mrs. Atkinson.

We are glad to see the face of one  
of our old citizens. Mrs. Pillar, who is  
at present renewing old acquaintances  
in this vicinity.

Mr. Arthur McNeil lost a very  
valuable horse on Friday last, from a  
severe attack of inflammation.

Miss Gussie Whitmore, who is re-  
siding in Toronto, spent Sunday under

the parental roof.

Mr. Lewis Locke has leased his farm  
to Mr. Manning and intends having a  
sale on Tuesday, March 7. A large  
crowd is expected as Mr. Locke has a  
very large and first-class stock of im-  
plements, horses and cattle.

Ice-hauling is almost finished around  
here. Many of our farmers have  
packed away a good supply for  
summer use during the last few  
weeks.

A number of our young lads took in  
some of the Kickapo concerts at Maple  
last week and report that they laugh-  
ed so heartily that the tears ran down  
their cheeks.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Stewart,  
preached a very eloquent and inter-  
esting sermon to his many hearers on  
Sunday last.

Temperanceville

The Ladies Aid in connection with  
the Methodist Church are making ar-  
rangements for an Old Time Tea Party  
and Concert to be held on the evening  
of Tuesday, March 14th. Among the  
talent already engaged are the Men-  
delsohn Choristers of Richmond Hill;  
Miss McNaughton, elocutionist, Tor-  
onto; and Rev. G. Dewey & family,  
of Aurora. Tea will be served in the  
basement of the church commencing  
at 5.30, and the chair for the enter-  
tainment will be taken at 8 o'clock.  
The tickets for tea and concert will be  
25 cents.

Sickness has nearly left our village.  
There have been many patients, but  
all are now convalescent. Mr. Wm.  
Wells is still confined to the house,  
though he is able to sit up for a short  
time each day.

Mr. Wm. Paxton of North Orillia,  
has returned to our village after an  
absence of 25 years, having rented Mr.  
Geo. L. Stewart's farm. The citizens  
are pleased to welcome him back to  
his old township.

Houses to rent are at a premium in  
this village, and moneyed men might  
do well to invest in building a few  
houses. There is only one vacant  
house here, and six different parties  
have been trying to rent it. This  
was the property of the late Miss Love  
and the executors now wish to sell it.  
Intending purchasers may apply to  
Mr. H. J. Saigeon, Jefferson.

Vellore.

The Literary Society of this village,  
which meets in the school house every  
Friday evening, has, since the time of  
its inception, had a well deserved suc-  
cess. The entertainments consist  
principally of debates, recitations,  
readings, and spelling matches, as  
well as vocal and instrumental music.  
The members of the society purpose  
giving a grand concert on the evening  
of March 17th, the proceeds to be in  
aid of the organ fund. A first-class  
entertainment of a literary character,  
interspersed with music, will be given.  
The programme committee are sparing  
no pains to make it the event of the  
season, and judging by the popularity  
of the society a crowded house is ex-  
pected.

Victoria Square

On the afternoon of Feb. 25 the  
Rifle Club of this place drove over to  
King City for a friendly match with  
the King City Club. The match was  
a close one being anybody's game  
until the last shot which decided the  
match in favor of the visitors by 3  
points. Wm. Mustard of the visiting  
team made the highest score. The  
return match to be shot over the Vic-  
toria Square range on the 18th of  
March.

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