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Across the Ocean.

MISS E. E. GREEN'S FIFTH LETTER.

During the latter part of May I re-
ceived a very kind invitation to spend
some days at the seaside, and on June
6th I took train for Blackpool, via
Nottingham, Derby and Manchester,
arriving after a hot and dusty trip at
this beautiful and charming place.

Blackpool receives its name from
the fact that many years ago what is
now a beautiful town was a black and
muddy swamp or morass, and on ac-
count of it being situated on the Irish
Sea, the idea that it would be a fine
spot for a summer resort took hold of
the inhabitants and they set to work
to make it what it is—the Brighton of
the North.

I am told that during the season
from two to three millions of people
visit Blackpool, some for the day,
others for weeks, all in search of
health or pleasure, for its supposed to
be here where such things are found
and enjoyed. There are three very
fine piers—the North, South or Victo-
ria, and Central—and on these
thousands promenade, dressed in the
gayest and most fashionable colors
the art and skill of man can produce.
Talk of fine dresses and millinery,
swell vests and coats, only Manhattan
can touch it, and every one, man and
woman, carries a walking stick or
gane, so if you want to be "in the
swim" get out your cane and "do the
grand" for you might as well be out
of the world as be out of the fashion.
I thought I would take in the sights
myself, so on Sunday morning after
church we betook ourselves to the
North Pier, and without any exagger-
ation there were from four to five
thousand people promading this
lovely walk, going up the right side of
the rail, returning by the left, where
one sees all the grandeur of the rich in
his shining beauty, glittering gems and
costly array, and the middle class with
its sombre shades of the more ordinary
kind, while the youngster in clogs and
poorly clad, races the street at the
entrance to "swelldom."

The breeze from the sea was very
refreshing, and after a few strolls on
this large and beautiful pier, we re-
turned to South Shore, where thou-
sands more peopled the sandy beach,
or walked back and forth on the
promenade facing the water, enjoying
the sights and sounds of the Lancas-
shire people and their dialect. Sacred
music fills the air as you walk along,
or perchance you hear some one
preaching on the shore or hearing the
hymn, "Shall we Gather at the River."
You wonder if you have found your
way into a Sunday School.

It is a most bewitching thing to
watch the tide coming in and very
wonderful to see it going out, for at
one moment what was a sandy place,
firm and strong enough to bear many
people, becomes a vast sheet of water
and the bathers and watchers must
either recede or be carried off by the
rolling waves beneath their feet.
Time and tide certainly wait for no
man, and its here where you can prove
the truth of such a statement, for in
no place do the hours seem to
fly so quickly or the tide rush in with
such force, denoting strength and
pride, carrying all before it as it comes
along with its mighty sweep, and in
the space of a few moments the scene
is changed and the land gives place to
the sea, showing the marvellous works
of Him who holds the waters in the
hollow of his hands and giveth the
time for tides and seasons until earth
shall be no more.

I was very much impressed with a
beautiful sight I saw the other after-
noon and I shall try to describe it. I
was feeling rather tired and weary so
I thought I would go down to the beach
and enjoy the breezes, which came in
as gentle zephyrs, and hearing the
low, gurgling sound of rushing waters,
I looked up and saw the tide was com-
ing in apparently faster than usual. I
changed places and seated myself upon
a pile of stones which form part of the
embankment, and from here I could
get a full view of what was about to
happen. The sky began to darken
quickly and the clouds which were
momentarily becoming heavier, came
sweeping around from the east until
it reached, from my point of view, the
Victoria Pier in the distance. Grad-
ually they appeared to stand still,
meantime becoming blacker and
heavier until the sky and sea met as it
were, and in a second the distant
thunder burst forth into loud roars
and the lightning flashed so vividly
that the very waters themselves
trembled and opened up like a mass of
molten lead, and as I gazed upon this
living picture revealing the sails of
many ships upon the deep, I thought
it needed but a deluge of rain to carry
my mind back to the Flood, but I was
spared the horrors of such a conse-
quence, and as I listened to the dash-
ing of the waves beneath me, and
heard the screaming of the gull, I
thought of the time when the sea shall
give up her dead and the wonderful
and beautiful things of the deep blue
waters shall be revealed and when the

Angel of God with one foot on the
ocean and the other on the land shall
declare that Time must cease, and
those resting in the bosom of the ocean
or sleeping within their narrow graves
in some peaceful church-yard, shall
alike come forth and meeting each
other enter the "Golden City," whose
streets need no light of the sun by day
or moon and stars at night, where all
within are happy in the love of God,
and themselves, they shall know even
as they also are known, rejoicing that
they are forever with the Lord.

As I write I feel some mother's heart
will be sad, or perhaps a brother or
sister will shed bitter tears at the loss
of a dear one, for at this moment a
young woman's body comes floating in
upon the beach, "cast up by the
depths of the sea," and we cannot look
upon this glassy ocean without think-
ing of the hidden things that sooner
or later shall find their way to the
surface, or we turn away with a prayer
that leaves her soul in the keeping of
Him who knows why these strange
things be.

For a few minutes we will visit "The
Winter Gardens," and see what is go-
ing on, as one must judge from the
crowds entering great inducements
are on the boards. Having paid my
sixpence, I stroll through a veritable
Garden of Eden. Oh, the palms, ferns,
flowers, rocks and grottoes, all arrayed
with the most artistic ideas con-
ceivable, both inside and out the build-
ing, which in itself is a tremendous
structure, capable of holding thousands
of people, and no matter in which part
you find yourself, the place is thronged.
For instance, the ball-room, which is
not only large, but airy, is a sight
worth seeing if only from an archi-
tectural or artistic point of view, to
say nothing of the dancing, which is
thrown in, and during the few mo-
ments I looked on, at least fifteen
hundred dancers were on the floor at
one time, and certainly from the gal-
lery the scene was certainly enchant-
ing. The grandeur of the ball-rooms
in Blackpool is simply elegant, and
money has been lavished in all direc-
tions to make the place one of beauty,
for upon these Amusement Halls much
of the social entertainment of the
"trippers" depend. The glitter and
show is dazzling and everything has
been done to attract the eye and to
make a fine place and its equal will be
hard to find. The galleries are up-
holstered in plush and lounges are in
every nook and corner. The floors
upstairs are carpeted beautifully and
one feels quite comfortable whether
standing or sitting. The only thing
to be paid extra for is refreshments
and these are served in outer rooms
fixed up almost on a par with the rest
of the Garden.

After the dancing I returned to the
ball-room to see the Finney brother
and sister do their aquatic perfor-
mance under water. It was cleverly
done, and consisted of eating, drink-
ing, sleeping, playing cards, diving
for eggs or money, and many cheers
went up for the people who spend part
of their time in glass cases filled with
water. They may have one advantage
over outsiders, that is its cooler in
their little sea than in the hot and
dusty streets on a summer's afternoon.
The Cinematograph was also pro-
duced. Of course "The Queen" heralded
the procession, followed by all the
"leading lights" in South Africa, not
omitting Mr. Kruger, who looked very
weebegone. All went well till Colonel
Baden-Powell was presented, then the
crowd didn't do a thing but cheer, and
many congratulations ascended for
this noble hero who has scattered sun-
shine and blessings among his brave
soldiers and finally brought happiness
and salvation to the people of Mafek-
king. The scene was closed by all ris-
ing and singing the National Anthem.

During the session of dancing, etc.,
other parts of the Gardens had done
justice to thousands of people who
either couldn't or didn't want to go
into the ball-room, consequently comic
opera served to please them and by
the sound of clapping of hands and the
general rejoicing I concluded their
happiness was complete in the sights
they saw. The appointments of this
hall are also superb, and everywhere
one goes he sees signs of the artist's
skill and all the cuteness of man to en-
joy the working aside, so that he may
enjoy a few hours according to his be-
lief and spending capacity, as the
whole thing is run on the cash prin-
ciple. The little Englander enjoys the
counting of his sovereigns just as
much as the American loves his al-
mighty dollar, to say nothing of how
the Canadian revels in the sight of a
pile of notes, especially if in the hand-
ling of them he can call them his own.
Conveth House, 2 Lytham Road,
Blackpool, England.
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Our Ottawa Letter.

It is a great mistake to suppose that
Governments have nothing to do with
controlling the seasons and the weather
generally. Many of us can re-
member how the good crops which re-
quired in the early days of the late

Tory regime were the direct outcome
of the so called "National Policy"—
the Tories said so themselves, and of
course it must have been so. Now we
have it again at the present time in
Manitoba, for no sooner did Hugh
John Macdonald get the royal assent
to his prohibition bill than the long-
continued drought came to an end,
the heavens were opened, and there
was water in abundance to refresh the
thirsty land. By the same token a
prohibition measure would not be
popular just now in this part of Ont-
ario, there has been too much water
already in this section.

Joking aside, however, the policy
pursued by a government has vastly
more to do with the material condition
of the country than its opponents will
generally admit, and while the poli-
ticians may not have yet discovered
how to make the sun shine, or to
bring the rain when it will do the most
good, it is quite possible for them to
accomplish the achievement which
the philosopher declares is the stand-
ard of success in this life, namely, that
of making two blades of grass grow
where only one grew before.

TAKE FOR EXAMPLE

the working of the tariff—the reduced
tariff as revised and operated by the
Laurier Government—how has it aided
in securing the biggest results in
this present era of prosperity? Not-
ably in the very practical and tangible
way of leaving some \$13,000,000 of
taxes in the pockets of the people,
which would have been taken for pub-
lic revenues had the old tariff remain-
ed in force. In 1897 the saving was
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with the year 1900 the difference is 17
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adjusted that it has inflicted injury
upon no one, and so gradual that the
Tories declared it has not occurred at
all, the old N. P. has been stripped of
its most objectionable and hurtful
features, and in addition to the sub-
stantial saving of \$13,000,000 in cold
cash as referred to above, the shackles
have been to a great extent removed
from the trade of the country, and
thus the Dominion has been enabled
to take the greatest possible advantage
of the era of prosperity which we are
now enjoying.

"THE STAR" IS PERTURBED.

It all depends upon the point of
view. The Montreal Star announces
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to the farmers at the lowest price just
before the elections." The "enormous
consignment" is one solitary car-load
which is being sent through to Mani-
toba as an experiment. The reason of
the substantial and satisfactory reduc-
tion in price has been fully explained
in these columns and the plan adopted
by the Government in advertising the
goods and bringing the improved con-
dition of the market promptly and
effectively before the consumer is sim-
ply the up-to-date methods that would
be adopted by any enterprising busi-
ness house. In the old days of stag-
nation and precarious existence in the
North-West with which the Tories
were familiar during much of their
term of office, a car-load of binder
twine might have been an "enormous
consignment," but in these days of
rapid development a car-load is but a
drop in the bucket; there will hardly
be enough for everybody to get a sam-
ple. The Montreal Star should re-
member that this is the growing time.

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fore the first bottle was used I noticed an improvement,
and when the seventh bottle was about half used, my
horse was completely cured and without leaving a
blemish on him. After resting treatment I gave the
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ing to see if it had effected a cure. I then started to work
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