

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The prediction that Russia would take advantage of England's engagement in South Africa to further her aspirations in Asia has been justified by the event. From Persia she has by guaranteeing a loan running for seventy-five years, and secured by the receipts of the Persian custom houses, obtained railway concessions and a financial control which should establish her ascendancy in the kingdom beyond dispute.

As, however, Germany offers a real consideration for the concession she has secured, the extension of a great trunk railway through the heart of Asia Minor, and thus the increase of the political and economic strength of Turkey, while Russia offers nothing, it is difficult to see where the compensation comes in. For what the northern power asked was not the right to build railways herself, but that no concession should be granted to others north and east of the German trunk line without her consent, that is, control of all railway construction within these limits.

At the same time, Russian troops to the number of a quarter of a million were massed near the Turkish frontiers, arrangements made for their rapid transfer to Turkish territory, and the Black Sea fleet mobilized for the protection of the transports. As without assistance the Ottoman government could not hope to successfully resist Russia, and Germany, her only friend, would not commit herself to a war in which she would not have the help of Austria and Italy, submission was inevitable.

MUST HAVE THEM.

The geographical distribution of red-headed girls is, fortunately, wide. They can be found in every inhabited quarter of the world. Dark races are frequently glorified by glowing locks. The Spaniards are swarthy as a race, but the purest-blooded Castilians frequently show traces of their Visigothic blood by blue eyes and red hair. The Infanta Eulalie is red-headed.

Red-headed Italians are fairly numerous in Italy. They are most numerous in the northern provinces, where there is the greatest infusion of German blood. And there is no girl in the world prettier than a red-haired Italian or Spaniard.

In a similar manner the Norsemen, who invaded Sicily centuries ago and intermarried with the inhabitants, left descendants with gleaming brain chutes. The Turks are a light-haired, blue-eyed race, and their children are everywhere scattered about Asia and northern Africa.

BUILT "LONG TOM."

There are about 14,000 men employed to-day at the Croiset Gun Works in France. This firm will undertake an order for a 18,000-ton ironclad or the re-arming of a nation's artillery. The gun section of the vast business is carried on with the greatest secrecy. The Box "Long Tom," was put together in these yards.

On the Farm.

TILLAGE.

There is an ancient and erroneous saying, which has been attributed to many different writers, to the effect that tillage is manure. Yet, while tillage may not be manure, it is a fact that careless preparation of the soil rarely gives good results and that thorough tillage is the best substitute for manure. We shall in most cases get a better crop by good tillage than by heavy manuring; but, as in animal husbandry the best results can only be obtained by the combination of good breed and good feed, so in agriculture our best dependence is in a combination of fertility and thorough cultivation. From comparatively poor soil well cultivated we can get better crops than from rich land carelessly or unintelligently tilled.

The objects of cultivation are to loosen and pulverize the soil so that moisture is retained near the surface, whether falling from above or rising by capillary attraction from below; to make the soil so porous that the plants can spread their roots freely in search of food; to have the soil sufficiently firm that it will stand up to the trampling of the farmer without being broken up; to have the soil in perfect condition to receive the seed; to have the soil in such a condition that it will allow a free passage of air to the roots; to have the soil in such a condition that it will allow a free passage of water to the roots; to have the soil in such a condition that it will allow a free passage of heat to the roots.

A great advantage of fall plowing is in the ability to get the land in good condition and the crop seeded earlier in the spring—an important object, especially with wheat, in our comparatively short growing season. The early sown crop will usually do better and will avoid such pests as rust and smut, to a large extent. As a rule, late sown grain crops will make a heavy growth of straw, which does not stand up as well, and a light crop and poor quality of grain. Then, again, we avoid injury by the soil plowing and working of the land when it is not in proper condition, through stress of time. There is, of course, a proper condition of the soil in which the land should be turned, if we could always choose it; but it is doubtful if land can be injured by plowing when dry. On the other hand it receives permanent injury by being plowed when wet, even the lightest of soils.

In Ireland a red-haired girl is made miserable by being called a "Dane." This epithet is a legacy of a thousand years or more—from the time when the Danes did override the coasts of Britain. In a similar manner the Norsemen, who invaded Sicily centuries ago and intermarried with the inhabitants, left descendants with gleaming brain chutes. The Turks are a light-haired, blue-eyed race, and their children are everywhere scattered about Asia and northern Africa.

difficulty in all subsequent operations on the crop and meagre returns. In all our "hoed" crops we should not neglect to cultivate it possible after each rain, no matter how often, as soon as the land is sufficiently dry. This will keep the land from caking and will retain the moisture near the surface. Such cultivation, which should be shallow, will also be the most fatal to weeds. It is a great mistake to let the enemy appear well in evidence and become thoroughly mobilized before commencing the inevitable battle.

PIGS ENRICH A DAIRY FARM.

One object in keeping swine on the dairy farm is the making of manure. Where the dairy is an average sized one, and especially where there is milk the year around, the keeping of swine can be made fairly profitable. The farmer thus situated should keep one or more breeding sows, at least enough to raise a sufficient number of pigs for his own use. Have them ready for the market at six or eight months. St. Catharines is to have another paper mill. Silverton, B.C., is to have a water-works system. London, B.C., band lacked support and dissolved. Kaslo, B.C., now has a thriving miners' union. The population of Kent county is estimated at 44,713. Ret Portage's new C. P. R. station is almost completed. Belleville citizens think a public bath is needed there. Melita, Man., wants Northern Pacific railway connection. During 1899 only two drunks were sent to Halton county jail. Galt Free Library Board seeks a grant of \$1,000 from the town. Hugh McDonald, of St. Helen's, is now teaching school in Manitoba. A new two-room Public school is to be erected in the South Ward of Paris. Over \$11,000 in customs duties were collected at Stratford during March. Upwards of 500 new names have been added to the Sloan, B.C., voters' list. South Brant and Onondaga Township Agricultural Societies may amalgamate. A gymnasium is to be erected in connection with Orillia Collegiate Institute. J. A. Mara, former M.P., for Yale and Cariboo, will reside in the future in Victoria, B.C. John Fraser, B.A., of Parry Sound, has been engaged as principal of Embury Public school. During January and February \$600 in fines and fees were collected in the Brockville Police Court. Dr. Graves of Fergus, has been offered a position as surgeon in a leading American hospital. Judge Vance, of Port Huron, Mich., is dead. He was a native of Bosanquet township, Lanibon County. A new post-office named LadySmith has been established in Moore township. James Coyle is postmaster. Mining Recorder, Thos. Taylor, Trout Lake, B.C., has resigned. He will be a candidate for the Legislature. The appointment of Hon. A. H. Gilmour to the Senate gives 29 supporters to the Government in the Upper Chamber on a House of 81, of a Conservative majority of 28. Mrs. Samuel Redmond, who recently died at Millbrook, many years ago walked from Millbrook to Toronto in three and a half days. She carried a six months' old baby with her, too. The following have been elected members of the British Columbia law society: Charles Wilson, F.P. Davis, H. D. Helmen, L. G. McPhillips, E. V. Bodwell, D. M. Eberts, A. H. MacNeill, C. E. Pooley, and G. E. Corbould. They are all Q.C.

HOW RELIEF CAME.

A WELLAND COUNTY MAN'S INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.

He Had Suffered for Years from Kidney Trouble—Many Medicines Were Tried, But Failed—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Saved Him.

Mr. James Upper, of Allenburg, is a gentleman well known in Welland county. Mr. Upper was proprietor of the village hotel for over thirty years, and no better landlord ever catered to a traveller's wants. Mr. Upper's acquaintance also extends over Ontario as a sequel to his prominence in Orange and Masonic circles. His present vocation is farming and in this calling he has been very successful. Mr. Upper has been a sufferer for years from kidney trouble and began to think that good health had altogether passed him by; but the time came when he found a complete cure and is again strong, happy and vigorous. In regard to Mr. Upper's sickness and cure he says:—"In December, 1887, I was stricken with a severe form of kidney trouble. Previous to this I was slightly afflicted in the same way, but at this time matters came to a climax as the result of exposure and over-exertion. To say that I suffered does not express it; the pains in my back were terrible. I gradually grew weaker and was compelled to keep my bed and for months I existed as though in a hideous dream. I had considerable nausea, and loathing for food, was greatly reduced in flesh. The pain daily grew more intolerable. I got little sleep; was left weak, and exhausted, and despaired of getting well. Different remedies were tried without benefit. Finally I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and procured six boxes. This was about March 1st, 1888. I took the pills faithfully and at the end of two months I felt well again and able to attend to my work. The following autumn I experienced a recurrence of the trouble and again used a few boxes of the pills and now consider my cure complete as a year has since passed and I have not experienced a pain or ache. I am now able to follow farming pursuits with perfect ease. My wife also speaks warmly in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as I do, having used them for headache, dizziness and loss of appetite, the pills always giving comfort and relief. Since my illness I have learned that a good remedy is none the less good because its cost was so much less than I expected."

MAGIC MIRRORS.

In Japan what is known as the magic mirror is seen everywhere. According to a Japanese myth, the first magic mirror was invented to tempt the sun-goddess to come out of a cave in which she had secreted herself. On the back of the mirror are seen birds, flowers, dragons and mythological scenes, in raised designs, artistically executed. When looked at directly the real mirror reflects the object in front of it just the same as an ordinary mirror does, but when a bright light is reflected from its highly-polished surface on to a screen there at once appears on the screen a bright-lined image on a dark ground, representing the raised designs on the back of the mirror.

Hicks—She threatened all sorts of things, and finally he got desperate and exclaimed, Do your worst. Hicks—And what did she do? Hicks—Very coolly, she began to play the piano. Hicks—I see; she took him at his word.

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PURELY CANADIAN NEWS.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Gathered from Various Points from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Owen Sound Y.M.C.A. needs larger quarters. St. Catharines is to have another paper mill. Silverton, B.C., is to have a water-works system. London, B.C., band lacked support and dissolved. Kaslo, B.C., now has a thriving miners' union. The population of Kent county is estimated at 44,713. Ret Portage's new C. P. R. station is almost completed. Belleville citizens think a public bath is needed there. Melita, Man., wants Northern Pacific railway connection. During 1899 only two drunks were sent to Halton county jail. Galt Free Library Board seeks a grant of \$1,000 from the town. Hugh McDonald, of St. Helen's, is now teaching school in Manitoba. A new two-room Public school is to be erected in the South Ward of Paris. Over \$11,000 in customs duties were collected at Stratford during March. Upwards of 500 new names have been added to the Sloan, B.C., voters' list. South Brant and Onondaga Township Agricultural Societies may amalgamate. A gymnasium is to be erected in connection with Orillia Collegiate Institute. J. A. Mara, former M.P., for Yale and Cariboo, will reside in the future in Victoria, B.C. John Fraser, B.A., of Parry Sound, has been engaged as principal of Embury Public school. During January and February \$600 in fines and fees were collected in the Brockville Police Court. Dr. Graves of Fergus, has been offered a position as surgeon in a leading American hospital. Judge Vance, of Port Huron, Mich., is dead. He was a native of Bosanquet township, Lanibon County. A new post-office named LadySmith has been established in Moore township. James Coyle is postmaster. Mining Recorder, Thos. Taylor, Trout Lake, B.C., has resigned. He will be a candidate for the Legislature. The appointment of Hon. A. H. Gilmour to the Senate gives 29 supporters to the Government in the Upper Chamber on a House of 81, of a Conservative majority of 28. Mrs. Samuel Redmond, who recently died at Millbrook, many years ago walked from Millbrook to Toronto in three and a half days. She carried a six months' old baby with her, too. The following have been elected members of the British Columbia law society: Charles Wilson, F.P. Davis, H. D. Helmen, L. G. McPhillips, E. V. Bodwell, D. M. Eberts, A. H. MacNeill, C. E. Pooley, and G. E. Corbould. They are all Q.C.

SPRING SMILES.

So the elopement on the automobile was nipped in the bud? Yes; the old man hid the gasoline can.

What do they mean by "hypothetical question"? Why, it's one of those questions they ask you when you're trying to keep off a jury.

She—I wonder why artists are always so careful to sign their pictures? He—Possibly so's the public can tell the top from the bottom.

Mr. E. Conomy—What do you mean by buying all these things? Mr. E. Conomy—Don't get excited, dear. I didn't buy them. I had them charged.

Customer—Give me ten cents' worth of paregoric, please. Druggist—Yes, sir. Customer, absent-mindedly—How much is it? Druggist—A quarter.

Foster—Do all your employees drop their tools the instant that the whistle blows? Ployer—Oh, no, not all of them. The more orderly ones have their tools put away before that time.

THE BUTTON CRAZE.

Buttons are quite an important feature of both day and evening gowns, the stone cameo having the preference, though numerous shell cameos are seen as well as large tortoise-shell buttons. Seed pearls are also well favored.

"You can mould opinion, you can create political power," says John Bright. But you cannot find a Tea equal to Blue Ribbon Ceylon.

GARDENS AT KIMBERLEY. The gardens of Kimberley are said to be remarkably beautiful. There are in the gardens radiant beds of geraniums, fuchsias, verbenas, heliotrope and magnolia, and occasionally a hedge of the great spiky-leaved gray aloes. Many of the houses are covered with beautiful flowering creepers.

EFFECT OF CLIMATE.

The Great Lakes Influence in Weather Conditions on Southern Ontario.

Variable Nature of Climate in Lake Region the Cause of Kidney Disease. —Mrs. R. Fitzsimmons, of Nelson, Halton Co., Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Burlington, April 23.—The County of Halton at the head of Lake Ontario is not the least fruitful field for Dodd's Kidney Pills in the Upper Province. It has its share of Kidney Disease like every other district in the north of this continent. No village, town or city in the northern zones has ever escaped. Climate is the principal cause of Kidney Disease, though of course there are various causes. In Ontario Kidney Disease in its many forms is the most common ailment, and the commonest cause of Kidney Disease in this province is the variable nature of the climate. These two facts probably explain the case of Mrs. R. Fitzsimmons of this place. Her Halton County being under the trying weather conditions governed by the Great Lakes. Mrs. Fitzsimmons tells of her experience with Dodd's Kidney Pills. "Some time ago I got a very bad pain in my side. It was that bad at times I was hardly able to walk, and nothing that I took seemed to do me any good. As it seemed to be getting worse I thought I would try your Pills, and before I had used one box I began to feel better. By the time I had used two boxes the pain all left me, and I felt better than I have for over a year. I tell all my friends of the good Dodd's Kidney Pills have done for me."

An Education—Mickey—What yer doin' mudder? Lookin' at de advertisement? Mrs. Mulcahy—Yes; if it wasn't for roidin' in the kyars O'd niver know there was half as many things to ate an drink.

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THE END.

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