

Subscription information and rates.

Advertising rates and terms.

The Job: Information for employers.

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

Standard Bank of Canada

Head Office, Toronto.

Capital Authorized, Paid Up, Reserve Fund.

Agencies in all principal points in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, United States and England.

Durham Agency.

A general banking business transacted.

SAVINGS BANK.

Interest allowed on Savings Bank deposits.

Medical Directory.

DR. JAMIESON, Durham.

DENTIST.

DR. T. G. HOLT, L. D. S.

Legal Directory.

J. P. TELFORD.

BARRISTER, Solicitor, etc. Office over Gordon's new jewellery store.

G. LEFROY McCAUL.

Miscellaneous.

JAMES BROWN, Issuer of Marrying Licenses, Durham Ont.

HUGH MacKAY, Durham, Land Value Appraiser and Licensed Auctioneer.

JAMES CARSON, Durham, Licensed Auctioneer for the County of Grey.

FURNITURE

UNDERTAKING

Prices Out.

A FIRST CLASS HEARSE IN CONNECTION

Embalming a specialty.

JACOB KRESS.

TO --

Farmers, Threshers and Millmen

AT THE BRICK FOUNDRY

-- WE MAKE --

Furnace Kettles, Power Straw Cutters, Hot Air Furnaces, Shingle Machines, Band Saws, Emery Machines, hand or power; Cresting, Farmers Kettles, Columns, Church Seat Ends, Bed Fasteners, Fencing, Pump-Makers' Supplies, School Desks, Fanning Mill Castings, Light Castings and Builders' Supplies, Sole Plates and points for the different ploughs in use. Casting repairs for Flour and Saw Mills.

-- WE REPAIR --

Steam Engines, Horse Powers, Separators, Mowers, Reapers.

Circular and Cross-Cut Saws Dressed, Filed and Set.

I am prepared to fill orders for good shingles.

CHARTER SMITH,

DURHAM FOUNDRYMAN

RIVALRY IN BUSINESS.

Spirit of Strife and Contention Among the Occupations.

A despatch from Washington says: Following Dr. Talmage preached from the text: "Its merchants are princes, and its traffickers the honorable of the earth."

It is to this royal family of merchants that I speak to-day. I call them the royal family because they are higher in authority than Congress or Parliaments. How often has it been the case that the Cabinets of Europe have wanted to hear what a Jewish banker had to say on the matter.

Oh, what a change! Heavy taxation, costly apparatus, extensive advertising, exorbitant store-rent, are only a part of the demand made upon our commercial men.

Now what a foolish man that is who builds his happiness on the prospects of worldly success! You are not dependent upon commercial prosperity for your peace here or your joy hereafter.

Again, I notice that our merchants and tempters sometimes do neglect their home duties. There ought to be no collision between the store and the home.

What if you have not discharged your responsibilities to your household when you have given them a drawing master and a music teacher. It is your duty, O father, no other one can do this but yourself.

Again, I remark that a good many of our merchants are tempted to make financial gain of more importance than the soul. It is a grand thing to have plenty of money.

ONE LONG STRUGGLE. No quiet at night for their tossing limbs and their brain that will not stop thinking. Even the Sabbath does not dam back this tide of

use, we must remember that it will not glitter in the dark valley, that it will not pay the ferryage across the Jordan of death, that it will not unlock

THE GATES OF HEAVEN.

There are men in all our occupations who act as though they thought a pack of bonds and mortgages might be traded off at the last for a mansion in the skies, as though gold would be a legal tender in that land where it is so common that they make paving stones out of it.

Yet how many merchants there are who seem to get along without any religion. The fact is that a man is very seldom converted after he is worth \$40,000.

O my hearers, though your store go, though your house go, though your government securities go, may God through the blood of the everlasting covenant save your souls!

TIT-BITS.

55 per cent. of all criminals in prison are between the ages of 21 and 40.

12 per cent. of the British army are 5 ft. 10 in. or over in height. The Italian has only 4 per cent.

The average amount of time which a man loses yearly by illness is ten days.

The French army has 29,000 officers, the Italian 14,000, and the Spanish 23,000.

Charing Cross bridge is the longest of London bridges, being 1,365 ft. long, and Hammersmith 430 ft.

Of Great Britain's total trade 91 per cent. is English, nearly 8 per cent. Scotch, and a very little over 1 per cent. Irish.

British house property grows in value at the rate of 60 millions a year. The average rent of a British house is £21.

In 1812 only 400 English people were assessed at £5,000 a year and upwards. This number has now grown to 4,000.

The Banks of England, Ireland, and Scotland have Royal charters; but only the first two lend money to the Government.

The largest cemetery in the world is at Rockwood, in Australia. It covers 2,000 acres, of which only 200 have been used so far.

23 per cent. of England's population are Catholics, nearly 20 per cent. of Ireland's, 24 of Germany's, and 27 of France's.

This is an imposition! Your sign says, Boots repaired while you wait, and here I've been over two hours!

The paper money of the first French Republic became more depreciated than that of any other country ever did. A pair of boots cost \$1,500 in paper, and a pound of butter \$150.

The largest nest in the world is built by the mould bird, a sort of Australian fowl. It makes mounds sometimes 150 ft. in circumference, in which it buries its eggs 5 ft. deep.

Miss Fuzzle—I wish to break my engagement with Mr. Sappie, but I don't know how to do it without driving the poor fellow to suicide.

What'll you have, she asked severely, at the breakfast table, for he had been out late the night before and she had not yet forgiven him.

Names for Children. In the "Parish Magazine" for Witton Church, Northwich, England, the list of baptisms strikingly demonstrates the rage for giving patriotic names to children.

Marriage, according to a medical authority, is the most important factor for longevity. Of over 200 persons who reach the age of 40 years, 125 are married and 75 are unmarried.

The great opal belonging to the Emperor of Austria weighs 17 oz., and is valued at £20,000.

RULES 400,000,000 PEOPLE

THE PERSONAL TRAITS OF KING EDWARD VII.

He Reigns Over One-Quarter of the Human Race - His Income.

King Edward VII. of England reigns over about 400,000,000 people, or a quarter of mankind.

His Prince of Wales his income was about \$500,000, as King he gets about \$5,000 a day.

The King, the Lord Mayor and the Constable of the Tower are the only persons who know the password of the Tower of London.

Edward's usual incognito when travelling abroad has been Baron Henfour. He has also been known as Mr. Moulton, and in Constantinople, which the Prince and Princess of Wales visited soon after their marriage, the pair went about through the bazaars as plain Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

How long will the King live? There is an old gypsy saying that the Prince of Wales would die by violence as soon as a great honor was conferred upon him.

His expectation, according to insurance tables, is 14.1 years. Allowance for moral hazard, or the chance of assassination, reduces this to ten years.

As a public speaker, the King has shown mastery of such intricate and diverse subjects as art, literature, dramatic history, military matters, engineering, shipping, civic institutions, the study of the Bible and the history of Egypt.

In his own set the favorite topic of conversation has been of clothes. The King is an expert shoemaker.

One of the happiest moments of the King's life was when he won the Derby with Persimmon in 1896.

Shooting the King places above all other sports that can be offered him, and his principal pleasures have always been paid in the shooting season.

Under "Likes and Dislikes," the King has written in the Duchess of Fife's album over his signature, "I am the happiest when I have no public engagement to fulfill, when I can smoke a really good cigar and read a good novel on the quiet."

Edward VII. is rather a light eater, except at dinner, and has never been a great wine drinker.

In the matter of gifts the King has been abundantly favored. They vary in size from a cat to a hotel. Dogs, cats and other quadrupeds galore have been given or left to the King by request.

At one time the King's name has been mentioned in not far from a hundred wills as the recipient of the family dog, and on more than one occasion an annuity has been left by a testator in order that the maintenance of the animal should be no expense to the royal master.

One hobby of Edward's is collecting crystals. He knows all about ceramics and bronzes.

One of the King's treasures is a gold convertor set, the most magnificent in the world. It is valued at \$4,000,000 and is kept at Windsor Castle.

Then the Court Laughed. Counsel—I insist on an answer to my question. You have not told me all the conversation. I want to know everything that passed between you and Mr. Jones on the occasion to which you refer.

Reluctant Witness—I've told you everything of any consequence. You have told me that you said to him: Jones, this case will get into court some day. Now I want to know what he said in reply.

Well, he said, Brown there isn't anything in this business that I'm ashamed of, and if any general Milford, you-haw! four-by-six, gimlet-eyed lawyer, with half a pound of brains and sixteen pounds of jaw, ever wants to know what I've been talking to you about, you can tell him the whole story.

KING EDWARD'S CHAMPION.

The Champion of England, is a young Lincolnshire fawn named Dymoke. He is of a studious and retiring disposition, little given to the gayeties of the great world.

Be sure you're right, exclaimed the Confident Philosopher, and then go ahead!

Be sure you're right, protested the Married Man, and then get down on your knees and ask to be forgiven!

Joskins—I say, old boy, this is my first day at shooting. You might tell me in confidence what people shut one eye for when they're sighting anything. Hoskins—Oh, that's perfectly simple, my dear fellow. You see, if they were to shut both eyes they wouldn't be able to see anything.

RIGHTNESS.

Be sure you're right, exclaimed the Confident Philosopher, and then go ahead!

Be sure you're right, protested the Married Man, and then get down on your knees and ask to be forgiven!

Joskins—I say, old boy, this is my first day at shooting. You might tell me in confidence what people shut one eye for when they're sighting anything. Hoskins—Oh, that's perfectly simple, my dear fellow. You see, if they were to shut both eyes they wouldn't be able to see anything.

SOVEREIGNS WILL MEET.

PROMISE OF PEACE IN THE COMING CONFERENCE.

Powerful Rulers Will Meet Each Other at the German Manoeuvres.

Very high political significance will attach to the coming meeting of Emperor Nicholas, King Edward, and Emperor William at the German manoeuvres near Mayence.

It is as a sign and guarantee of European peace that the meeting will have its chief value. The three powerful monarchs who will salute one another at Mayence can, if they are of one mind, realize the world's ideal of peace.

ANTAGONISM TONED DOWN.

Nine-tenths of the inflammable matter which exists is to be found in the conflict of interests between their respective empires in various parts of the world.

Although the meeting of Edward and Nicholas could not be explained to terminate an antagonism that has existed for a century between the two powers, the mere fact that it is being arranged warrants the inference that the acuteness of the antagonism is being toned down.

As the Berliner Post puts it, "When two great empires stand opposed each other in furious antagonism, personal meetings of their sovereigns are impossible. Therefore, when such a meeting does take place, it is a sign that the dangerous stage has passed."

International policy now finds itself in more quiet waters than at any time during the last twelve months. While Russia is in Manchuria and intends to stay there, and while she is quietly asserting her sway over the Mongolian provinces and intends to maintain it, the Chinese affair has been so far settled, that there is no present danger of a sudden collision between Russia and Great Britain over this issue.

NO PERIL IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Military events in South Africa no longer threaten to lead to international surprises. Such suggestions as appear in some London sensational organs about intervention by Emperor William are dismissed by Emperor William as absurd. It is well known that during her last illness Queen Victoria pledged the Czar and the Kaiser to take no step that would be embarrassing to Great Britain until peace had been re-established in South Africa.

According to the Cologne Gazette, which is apt to be well informed in such matters, the three monarchs will not only meet at the review, but will also exchange visits at Detmold, where the Czar and Czarina expect to spend five weeks at Homburg, where King Edward will stay, and at Wiesbaden, where the Kaiser and Kaiserin will receive their august guests.

EFFECT TO BE FAR-REACHING.

It is inconceivable that these various interviews should occur without consequences of the most far-reaching kind.

In court circles in Berlin it is also said that King Edward will probably pay a flying visit to Emperor Francis Joseph, whom he has not seen since his accession, and that a meeting between the Russian and Austrian Emperors will be arranged shortly before, or after, the Czar's return home.

At present, there will be the most notable exchange of Imperial and Royal courtesies that has occurred of recent years.

BISMARCK'S DUEL.

Sorry He Had Not Killed His Antagonist.

That Bismarck even in his youth deserved the characterizing adjective which led subsequently to the distinguishing term, "The Iron Chancellor," is manifested by a passage from "The Love Letters of Bismarck," in which he speaks of his famous duel with Vincke in 1852.

Vincke wished to defer the matter for forty-eight hours, which I granted. On the 25th, at 8 o'clock in the morning, we rode to Tegel, to a charming spot in the woods, by the seashore; it was beautiful weather, and the birds sang so gaily in the sunshine that, as we entered the wood, all sad thoughts left me; only the thought of Johanna I had to drive from me by force, so as not to be affected by it.

It was agreed before the duel began that the conditions should be changed, and that there should be but one shot apiece, instead of four. Then it was proposed that the whole thing should be declared off if I would say I was sorry for my remark.

As I could not truthfully do this, we took our positions, fired, and both missed. God forgive the grave sin that I did not at once recognize His mercy, but I cannot deny it; when I looked through the smoke and saw my adversary standing erect a feeling of disappointment prevented me from participating in the general rejoicing.

The modification of the challenge annoyed me, and I would have gladly continued the combat. But as I was not the insulted party I could say nothing; it was all over, and all shook hands.

OF THE TOTAL WORLD'S OUTPUT OF 60 MILLION POUNDS OF GOLD IN 1898 SOUTH AFRICA CONTRIBUTED 16 MILLIONS.

30 YEARS' EXPERIENCE PATENTS

Scientific American. A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal.

CHINA TO COPY THE WEST.

ORDERS FROM THE THRONE TO ADOPT NEW METHODS.

Court Says There Will be Reform When the Emperor Returns.

The new board, which is called the regency, and is really a board of consider reforms, is regarded as of great importance, says a despatch from Peking.

The communication is under ten heads. The first directs that the board shall pay subordinates for their ability, integrity and spotlessness without regard to rank or precedent.

The second says the board must rectify abuses with firmness and moderation. The others are as follows:

"Third—The board must carefully examine all suggestions and memorials for reform. Whatever the board approves the Throne will command as a code of laws. They must not act as other yamens have.

"Fourth—Divide the board into committees, such as those on finance, commerce, the reduction of the debt, &c.

"Fifth—Follow the good things of the old country and adopt the good of other countries, also prepare books.

"Sixth—Make China rich like other countries. Remove useless expenditures, and in order to pay the debt devise new sources of revenue.

"Seventh—Stop contrasting the new and old Chinese with the foreigners. The new Chinese ended in the rebellion of Kang Ya Wei and the old in the Boxer uprising. Imitate Japan, but not in everything. Copy the Westerners. Their hearts are all good. Those of the Chinese are all bad.

"Eighth—Abandon past methods in recommendations for promotion.

"Ninth—Begin promptly the reform of abuses. There will be full reform on the return of the Court to Peking.

"Tenth—Good government depends on men, not measures. Select good men and yourselves act with sincerity and zeal. Briefly, forget self for the public."

This would seem to indicate a desire to institute reforms, but the men who compose the board are, avaricious and selfish, like the Empress Dowager herself, and cannot grasp the situation. The ablest of the lot is Li Hung Chang, but he is considered too old to again attempt to make thorough reforms.

Wang Wen Shao, Jung Lu, Lu Chuan Lin and Hsu Ying-huei, the other members of the board, are at Singan-fu.

A separate letter of explanation accompanying the edict is grandiloquent and superficial.

BISMARCK'S DUEL.

Sorry He Had Not Killed His Antagonist.

That Bismarck even in his youth deserved the characterizing adjective which led subsequently to the distinguishing term, "The Iron Chancellor," is manifested by a passage from "The Love Letters of Bismarck," in which he speaks of his famous duel with Vincke in 1852.

Vincke wished to defer the matter for forty-eight hours, which I granted. On the 25th, at 8 o'clock in the morning, we rode to Tegel, to a charming spot in the woods, by the seashore; it was beautiful weather, and the birds sang so gaily in the sunshine that, as we entered the wood, all sad thoughts left me; only the thought of Johanna I had to drive from me by force, so as not to be affected by it.

It was agreed before the duel began that the conditions should be changed, and that there should be but one shot apiece, instead of four. Then it was proposed that the whole thing should be declared off if I would say I was sorry for my remark.

As I could not truthfully do this, we took our positions, fired, and both missed. God forgive the grave sin that I did not at once recognize His mercy, but I cannot deny it; when I looked through the smoke and saw my adversary standing erect a feeling of disappointment prevented me from participating in the general rejoicing.

The modification of the challenge annoyed me, and I would have gladly continued the combat. But as I was not the insulted party I could say nothing; it was all over, and all shook hands.

OF THE TOTAL WORLD'S OUTPUT OF 60 MILLION POUNDS OF GOLD IN 1898 SOUTH AFRICA CONTRIBUTED 16 MILLIONS.