

THE REVIEW

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There would now seem to be no doubt, but that the wheat crop of Manitoba will come up to the high expectations formed early in the season, being far in excess of that of last year. Up to the 20th ult., the receipts of grain at the railway stations was 2,177,000 bushels and it comes pouring in at the rate of 160,000 bushels per day.

The unsettled state of public opinion on the great questions of Free Trade vs Protection has induced the States (London), a paper devoted to economical questions, to offer a prize of one thousand guineas for the best scheme of an "Imperial Customs Union." The precise terms and conditions of the contest are promised in the early part of next year.

The Czar is in bad health. Great fears are entertained by his friends that death may step in any time, and the Emperor himself, has been made aware of his dangerous condition. The removal of Emperor Alexander from the throne of Russia may lead to grave complications among the European Powers. The Czar has been a man of peace, and although the Czarevitch is anxious to walk in the footsteps of his father, the war party in Russia may be too strong for him, especially in view of the unsettled state of affairs in China and Japan.

A new treaty has been concluded between Great Britain and Japan. By the treaty of 1858 certain ports were thrown open to British trade, and British subjects were exempt from native jurisdiction but could not travel beyond the limits of the treaty districts. Since 1858 Japan has made wonderful progress in the arts and amenities of civilized life, and claims the right to regulate all things within her dominions. This claim is practically conceded in the new treaty, so that in future, British subjects resident in Japan must conform to the laws of their adopted country or else quit the dominions of the Mikado. The new treaty does not come into force until 1899.

The Liberals of West Ontario have done honor to themselves in again appointing Mr. J. D. Edgar as their standard bearer at the ensuing general election. In acknowledging the compliment Mr. Edgar said that as the representative of the Riding in the House of Commons, he had endeavored to serve his country first, and then, to meet the views of his constituents. He briefly reviewed the work of his session and again showed the corrupt character of the present Government at Ottawa, as proven by the outcome of the Connolly, McGreevy and Turotto exposures, and the white-washing of Langevin and Caron who, after allowing contractors to rob the country, shared the spoils with them and then aided in bringing the electors with their own money.

Protection is under a cloud in the North West. Mr. Laurier has been discussing upon the superior advantages of freedom of trade in Manitoba and the North-West, with the result, that a great awakening has taken place among the people as to the retarding effect of a protective policy upon the development of the country. Manitoba and the North-West Territories have an area of 230,000 acres of land, sufficient to afford homes for millions of people. But the entire population today, after the expenditure of millions of dollars in building a thorough line of railway and offering bounties to intending settlers, is less than 250,000 and during the last decade only 42,000 persons have been added to the population. Vancouver Island on the western limit needs with longing eyes its great prosperity previous to Confederation, when it enjoyed freedom of trade with the whole world. Winnipeg in the eastern limit has already experienced the disastrous effects of the N. P. The farmers of the intervening territories, with wheat at 40 to 45 cents a bushel and heavy protective duties on all the commodities they have to buy, are also looking for relief. And thus east and west, the policy of freedom of trade advocated by Mr. Laurier has been received with universal favour.

The Fees Commission has remained its sittings. Judge Dartnell, speaking of Sheriffs, Registrars and similar officers, said that he considered the system of appointment by the Government to be the best, and that the Government should have the control of these officers. As to remuneration he thought that no judicial officer should be paid by fees and that a salary is the proper thing, although in favor of the fee system, it must be admitted, that a great deal more work is done in these offices under this system. He regards the Sheriff as a Dominion Officer with powers limited to the County, and deprecated the election of the officers of the Courts by popular vote. He would also approve of the payment of Registers of the Courts by salary, but disapproves of the Crown Attorney having a direct pecuniary interest in preventing convictions, and therefore favored the appointment of a number of Crown Prosecutors as in Scotland. To show that County Councils did not always select the best men he instance the fact, that out of five County Treasurers four of them defaulted and the County lost \$40,000 to \$50,000. As to Registers of Deeds he favored the present system as being fair and reasonable, because it seemed that those who employed the services of the Registrar paid for them.

If your child is puny, fretful, troubled with glandular swellings, inflamed eyes, sore throat, etc., for the cure - use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla is needed to expel the scrofulous humors from the body. Take sooner you begin to give the medicine the better.

CHEAP ELECTRICITY.

At the time of the formation of the Royal Society, something over a hundred years ago, great expectations were formed of the rapid progress of the useful arts. The time was supposed to be near when engines would turn by a perpetual motion, and that the applications of science would drive toll into the background and overcome all the difficulties of time and space. So in our own day, much has been expected of the application of electricity, the most powerful of all the forces of nature. But improvement is naturally slow, and electricity, although used in many ways, has not yet become the useful factor in every day life that was expected to be. The great difficulty is its dearness. But this difficulty seems now to be in a fair way of solution at all events so far as Toronto is concerned. A company, the Power Adjudicating Company has been formed for the purpose of providing the citizens of Toronto with cheap electricity, so cheap that it will turn every industrial wheel, heat and light every building, workshop and home, at one-half the cost of coal. All this is to be done by utilizing the waters of Lake Simcoe, which lies at a height of 470 feet above the level of Toronto. The builder of the Ferris wheel said that the growth of cities in the future will depend upon the intelligence with which they make use of their water power. The production of electricity by the burning of coal or wood increases the cost too much for general use, but when water power can be used as is now done by the Niagara Power Company and as is proposed to be done by the Lake Simcoe Power Company, the cost is so reduced as to place the use of electricity for heating and lighting as well as for all medical appliances within the reach of everyone, for it can be supplied with absolute safety and at a less cost than wood or coal.

Here then is a field for the enterprising citizens of Durham. Very few towns have the natural advantages in this respect possessed by Durham. Within the Corporation there is one water power used already for lighting purposes. In the immediate neighborhood there are several, Aberdeen, Glenrothes and Hayward's Falls all steady and never failing waterpowers. Our streets are fairly lit as it is, but many more lights are needed. Not only so, but electric lighting and heating adapted at a reasonable price it would find a place in every home and dispense the use of coal and wood. Who will make the first move to supply Durham with cheap electricity, one of the greatest boons of civilized life?

TEE EASTERN WAR.

That fortune favors the brave has received another illustration in the progress of the war between China and Japan. The dash and bravery of the Japanese have borne down everything in their way. The military victory at Ping Yang in Corea, when the Chinese army was annihilated as far as the eye could see, was quickly followed by the complete defeat of the Chinese war ships at the mouth of the Yalu river. Three of the largest Chinese vessels were sunk, some 300 men were slain and the transport ships with an army on board to oppose the Japanese in Corea, were captured, when the loss of the Japanese is set down at 165 men, all told. The fact is, so far as this warfare has proceeded, the Chinese troops, naval and military alike, seem to be nothing better than an aimless mob without discipline and without discipline.

The Japanese army is now on the road to China. The first objective point is Mukden the capital of the Province of Manchuria and one hundred and fifty miles north east from the frontier of Corea. Mukden is a large city of 250,000 inhabitants, pleasantly situated in a fertile district and fortified with high walls. Having once picked Mukden, which may not be a matter of much difficulty, as here the majority opposition to the reigning dynasty only requires an opportunity to declare itself and join hands with the invaders, the Japanese are then expected to march straight for Pekin the capital of the Chinese Empire. Plans of this sort are said to have been formed by the Japanese three years ago, and all details arranged for, and, should they have a successful issue, to end to the present turmoil may be brought about. What then? The "Times" correspondent says that it is the intention of Japan to divide the Empire of China into three independent Kingdoms, one of which Li Hung Chang the Chinese Prime Minister is to be made King. This high-handed proceeding is said by Japan to be necessary in the interests of peace in the East, and specially of the independence of Corea. However, before carrying out this part of the programme, the Mikado is willing to call in the advice and assistance of the European powers.

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EAST GREY EXHIBITION.

The directorate of this Society must have felt deeply gratified last Friday night, when they closed their gates and opened their purses.

The day was an ideal one, the attendance very large and the exhibits and performances of notable order. The Censor, too, was a success and the President must have been pleased to be able to announce that the receipts of the Society would be \$110 over last year.

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