

PASSING NOTES.

When a Toronto citizen neglects to pay his taxes he is punished only by the reproachful glances of the Collector and finally by the presence of the Bailiff.

The Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain and Lord Randolph Churchill are having a tolerably warm time in Birmingham, where the former has held sway for many years.

Mr. Chamberlain's course in Parliament and out, appears to have offended the Tories of the constituency; while the dash and vigor of Lord Randolph Churchill have apparently touched a popular chord.

Last year a fearful accident occurred in Canada in connection with a balloonist's feat at an exhibition. It was not the balloonist's fault, and was not down on the bills, but even in the regular performance itself there was enough risk to make it a foolhardy attempt.

The annual consumption of beer in the British Islands is over twenty-two gallons per head, and of wine and liquor about five quarts per head.

Statistics recently published by the New York "Independent" show that the growth of the Churches in the United States during the past year was very great.

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can be little doubt that the unhealthy conditions attaching to the average factory are provocative of disaster to the operative in its near future.

A Montreal doctor prescribed ten grains of bi-sulphate of morphia for a sick child by mistake. He had intended to write bi-sulphate of quinine.

It is now announced that having made a six months' test of electric motive power, the Boston Street Railroad Company has found it satisfactory, and will at once adopt the electric system.

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WHIPPING IN MARYLAND.

Fifteen Lashes Laid Upon the Back of a Wife-Beater. The first whipping administered in this county since the passage of the act of 1882 for wife-beating occurred here this afternoon, says a Hagerstown (Md.) letter to the Baltimore "American."

The sheriff was notified, and at once made preparations to carry the sentence into execution. A thick piece of leather two feet in length, tapering to the end and joined to a wooden handle, was selected for the lash.

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