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THE WHIG—65th YEAR. DAILY BRITISH WHIG, published each evening at 8:30 P.M. except on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Weekly British Whig, 12 issues, published every Thursday morning at 6 P.M. Attached to one of the best Job Printing Offices in Canada; rapid, stylish and cheap work; new improved press-work. J. H. PENNIE, PROPRIETOR.

THE DAILY WHIG. Opter per Orbem Dioc.

A CANDID OPINION. The argument of Dr. Grant on the prohibition question is sound enough. It is that the vote of the people must be tolerably full, and favourable, or the enforcement of the law will be defective and unsatisfactory. In 1898, when the plebiscite was taken, only twenty-three out of every hundred in Ontario voted—eighteen for and five against—and this indicates, in his opinion, an indifference which is not promising of success. The government must undertake the responsibility of preparing and submitting a measure, but it is all-important, he contends, to know what the people think about prohibition now, not what they thought of it three or four years ago. The opinion desired is not merely on a general principle, but on the concrete form in which the principle is to be embodied, and "it would be an arbitrary stretch of power to give the measure the force of law without submitting it to the electorate for their judgment." It is this candid criticism which has aroused the world and caused it to threaten serious things to Queen's college if the conservatives should succeed to power.

GETTING AT THE FACTS. The Hamilton Spectator finds great comfort in the opinion of Goldwin Smith, who says that the proceeds from the sale of timber are not income. They represent realizable capital. Well, what then? The millions spent in public buildings are invested capital, and Mr. Ross has pointed out that the timber and public works' accounts balance fairly well. Some of the provincial expenditures, too, is incurred in the reforestation of large districts of the province. So that the wealth of our forests is not being dissipated, as some people imagine, but really conserved and perpetuated in the growing trees. Mr. Smith is decidedly wrong in asserting that the timber represents the whole value of the land. The idea is supportable only upon the theory that the land is inaccessible, that it is not suited for agricultural purposes, and that it is without minerals. But the opening of New Ontario has revealed the fact that the timber is not the only wealth, that the land, and the rocks where land is scarce, represent capital whose limits is beyond calculation at the present time. Further, the argument against the resort to timber sales is not rational. The money has gone to good works, and works which would have been forced upon a progressive people whether the government of the day was conservative or liberal. The liberals are, of course, the more progressive, hence the long rule in Ontario, and the certainty of their success in the next election.

OPPOSITION BLUSTER. The succession duties to be given the conservatives in the local house caused a great deal of anxiety. Col. Matheson first wept because they were collected—when there was no necessity for the tax. The government claimed that it had a surplus, and so did not need this new source of revenue. Now Mr. Hoyle is harping on the same string. The succession duties, by the way, do not injure any one. They are exacted under certain circumstances, and only from the excess over a certain sum, according to a very reasonable tariff. They are not peculiar to Ontario. They are collected in England and in several of the adjoining states. They are devoted to a very good cause, to what may be called the charitable and benevolent service of the province. There is no use, and no sense, then, in comparing the conditions of the province with the conditions which existed in 1870. The demands of the province have been increased. The needs of it are very apparent in the annually increasing accumulation of the insane, the sick, the infirm, the deaf and dumb. All these public institutions require money, and the succession duties go to them and help to meet the very heavy expenditures upon them. Would the conservatives, if in power, abandon these public institutions? Would they be less thoughtful of the claims of the many dependants? Certainly not. Then why indulge in clamour against a reasonable tax for a worthy purpose? What is to be gained by it? The government and the legislature are not collecting the succession duties for the fun of it. That is evident to every member of the house, Col. Matheson included.

So Cecil Rhodes Described Various Notes. Cape Town, Feb. 6.—The supreme court, to-day, resumed the hearing in the case of Thomas Louw against Cecil Rhodes in connection with promissory notes for £23,100 drawn in the princess's name, and purporting to be endorsed by Mr. Rhodes. Counsel for princess Radziwill stated that his client was ill, and asked for an adjournment, which was refused. Mr. Rhodes was called as a witness, whom he had met in London, and had subsequently travelled to South Africa on a certain amount with her. Chief Justice De Villiers ruled that the signatures were clearly forged, and said it was competent for the plaintiff to go into the principal case but he assumed he would hear no more of it. He refused to grant a provisional sentence, and gave costs against Mr. Louw. The latter's witnesses are not known, but further developments are expected.

HER SECOND ELOPMENT. Millionaire's Daughter Determined To Marry, And Did. Chicago, Feb. 7.—Miss Elizabeth Prentice, daughter of Leon B. Prentice, a millionaire, and the prettiest girl in Waukegan, eloped and wedded Charles Johnson. She had been engaged to Harry M. Giles. Mrs. Johnson once ran away to Kenosha with William Stevens, her father's hand-some coachman. The father gave chase and arrived upon the scene in time to prevent their marriage.

New Federal Prison In South. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—The new federal prison in Atlanta received its first batch of prisoners to-day, and before the first of the coming week it is expected that not less than 150 prisoners will have been incarcerated within the strong walls of the new prison. The prisoners are being brought from Columbus, O., Moundsville, W. Va., and from the several penitentiaries of New York state. The prison here has just been completed after several years spent in its construction. It is said by experts to be the best arranged and equipped institution of its kind in the country. In future persons convicted of offences against the federal law in the southern states will serve their sentences in the Atlanta prison instead of being taken north as heretofore has been the practice.

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Tronsey, 1,000 pairs, Bibby's.

CHARGES WITHOUT PROOF. A contemporary, which wrongfully accused Mr. Pense of doing two things, (1) of claiming credit for founding the school of mines, and (2) of doing what he could to strangle it, has found itself in difficulties. It cannot prove what it alleges, and it offers, if shown its error, to take back what it said and make its best apologies. Is that not a unique proposition? The people who make charges, usually undertake to establish them. The onus of proof lies with those who prefer the charges. The person assailed has no occasion to give evidence of his innocence. Truth to tell, our contemporary has overshoot the mark, and it had better do the graceful thing at once by acknowledging its mistake. Mr. Pense is not required to say anything about his labours in the interest of the city. They are recognized by all classes of the people without regard to politics.

EDITORIAL VIEWS. It looks as if marriage with a deceased wife's sister will become legal in England. Which is a sign of what? The Senate will have a busy session of it when the eleven scandal cases have been fairly opened. Of scandal he venerables will surely have a surfeit. The last fulmination of Stead's, about the annexation of Canada to the United States, is called his "horoscope." Horoscope is the better word. So far Mr. Whitney has given no sign as to what he thinks of prohibiting. He may have an opinion, but he is not very anxious to let it be known. The Roblin government is after Mr. Richardson, the independent candidate in Lisgar. What is his offence? He hit the local government on its rail-way deal, and it proposes to kill him, politically, if it can. The workmen of Kingston will be interested in learning that if the conservatives had their way there would be no new school of mines in Kingston. The World denounces this as "a graft upon the province."

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND. Says Catholics Do Not Suffer For Their Religion. Washington, Feb. 7.—Archbishop John Ireland, of St. Paul, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Carroll institute, held here last night. He sought to dispel the impressions of the impression which he believed prevailed among Catholics that they suffered because of their religion, suggesting in this connection that many persons of that faith appeared evidently anxious of being half-prosecuted. He asserted that Catholics do not suffer because of their religion, and said the idea that they did is gradually disappearing. Harrowsmith Happenings. Harrowsmith, Feb. 6.—During the last few weeks, the people of Harrowsmith and vicinity have enjoyed listening to some of Kingston's best musical talent. The concert given by the Y.M.C.A. girls and mandolin club was pronounced excellent by those present. The attendance was not large, owing to the almost impassable roads. The Queen's college glee and mandolin club were greeted by a crowded house, which appeared to thoroughly enjoy the programme. All regretted the absence of Mr. Ferguson, the humorous reciter, and hope before another winter the club will be able to secure some one to appear at the Y.M.C.A. gym and mandolin club. Mr. C. C. Barr and Rev. Mr. Guy Bath, will exchange pulpits next Sunday. Stafford M. Patterson, West-brook, has nearly completed his move to Alexander Charlton's farm. Alexander Charlton has become a resident of the village. The funeral of George Wattam, Pleasant Valley, passed through here to-day. He will be much missed in St. Peter's church, which he attended regularly till his death. His aged mother, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the community. We regret to learn of the death of James Bradford, brother of Miss Bradford, of this village. The funeral will take place on Saturday. Miss Anna Bell Lyons has been spending a few days at home. Much sympathy is felt for James Mokim, assistant postmaster, who was called last week to attend the funeral of his mother at Nanapan. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Graves, Montreal, spent a few days at D. Graves, Rev. Mr. Perley has been holding revival services at Harrowsmith. Miss Carrie Barr, Parham, is visiting with her uncle, and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Herram. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lemmon spent a few days at H. Wright's.

POVERTY ON \$20,000 A YEAR. Millionaire's Daughter Says It's Too Little To Live Upon. London, Feb. 7.—A dispute between a wealthy mother and daughter, over the custody of the latter's children, was aired in the courts this week. The parties were Mrs. Naylor-Lyland and her daughter, Miss Chetwynd. Mrs. Naylor-Lyland was divorced in 1900. She then signed an agreement allowing her two little girls to spend a certain time with Mrs. Naylor-Lyland, for which privilege the latter allowed her income £2,000 yearly, making her income £4,000. On Thursday last Mrs. Chetwynd sued her mother to recover £1,000 due under this agreement, but a decision was rendered against her, as it was proven that she had removed the children from their mother's care, had taken them to South Africa and had neglected their education, thereby breaking her part of the contract. In court Mrs. Chetwynd swore that her mother was mad, and that she was not fit to have the children with her, on account of her constantly changing cooks, believing in ghosts and allowing socialists to meet in her cellar. Mrs. Chetwynd further alleged that her mother always hated her and treated her neglectfully. Answering questions put by counsel she declared that no one brought up as a millionaire's daughter could live on £4,000 a year. Mrs. Naylor-Lyland's income is \$20,000 a year. Justice Riddle, commenting on the testimony, said he regretted he had not had the advantage of being brought up at a millionaire's daughter. Ralston's breakfast food at Redden's.

THE TEXT BOOK QUESTION. COL. MATHESON'S REASON TO RESENT REPORT.

For It Laughed His Case Out Of Court—The Old Text Book Plank Buried Under The Commission's Findings. Toronto Globe. Col. Matheson has reason to resent the report of the text-book commission of 1898. That report laughed out of court his ridiculous advocacy of the Irish national readers. The unusual bitterness of Mr. Whitney's attack upon the commission is also readily understood. He had intended to make school books a chief plank in the elections of 1898. This plank was as wide as the province itself; its limits could readily be concealed in a cloud of glittering and plausible arguments. But the report of the commission swept the plank from under him. General statements, plausible conclusions, vehement accusations—all the usual contrivances of the clear-out and impartial decisions of the commissioners. These decisions said that the retail prices of the school books were "not excessive and should not be reduced to any lower price than that which the nature and quality of these books" "the public had nothing to complain of." The Ontario method of authorization, they also said, "has worked admirably, and it would not be in the public interest to abandon the system of royalty." Moreover, they added, "an admirable selection of text-books is obtainable in Ontario as cheaply as in England or the United States, and in many instances at much less cost." Several contracts for publication contain such provisions "that there cannot be a monopoly." The elections of 1892 are before him, and Mr. Whitney is once more collecting his planks. He revivifies the old text-book plank, but it lies buried under the commission's report. It is natural, then, that he should pour out his bitterness upon the commission. He charges that it was improperly appointed and improperly constituted. And yet it was duly appointed by order in council, and in person it was unobjectionable. Judge Morgan brought to the commission his legal and judicial training, as well as his experience as a member of a similar commission in 1890. James Bain, in addition to his experience as a commissioner in many similar investigations, gave to the commission his unsurpassed knowledge of books and their values. J. Blackett Robinson, the third commissioner, represented the practical wisdom of a lifelong publisher. A better classified commission could not be devised. The fairness and impartiality of such a commission could not be questioned. Mr. Whitney charges further that the commission was unfairly conducted. It is true that the representatives of the press were not admitted to the sittings. The publishers of Toronto submitted their account books to the commission, and revealed under oath the nature and extent of their business transactions. Was it unfair to exclude the press and the public? The sittings themselves were not a secret to the Toronto press. The proceedings were not hurried or incomplete. Twenty-one sessions were held, and the counsel for the commissioners and the publishers, Messrs. Rowell and Nesbitt, were in their methods searching and impartial. The witnesses were experts, as they should be in such technical matters as the making of books. Twenty witnesses were examined as to the cost of the text-books. Several of these witnesses were members of the publishing houses concerned in the enquiry—necessarily so. But they were examined by able counsel and under oath, and their evidence was verified by personal examination of their account books. One-half of the witnesses on the cost of the text-books were representatives of the printing, publishing and paper-making firms of the city, in no wise interested in the cost of the text-books. Several of these witnesses were members of the publishing houses concerned in the enquiry—necessarily so. 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