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Daily Whig.

NO THANKS TO THEM. A conservative contemporary extols Mr. Whitney because of the growth of temperance sentiment in the province.

The license law is being enforced as it never was before. Says the Ottawa Citizen, "and local option is increasing the area of the dry belt. To day no less than 1,200 bars will be closed in Ontario and in 334 municipalities the sale of liquor will be prevented by local option."

The tariff reformers talk of widening the base of taxation in England. For what purpose? To relieve the wealthy at the expense of the poor.

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Mr. Borden's weak talk. The leader of the opposition should be consistent with his talk. He burdened with great fears that the Grand Trunk Pacific is costing too much money, that it is likely to bring difficulties upon the government.

The Brockville Times agrees with the Whig that any management of the railway which is political, which is not entirely free of government influence, will hardly succeed.

CLASS CONSCIOUS PEOPLE. Labour Day, in Europe, was observed on Saturday, May 1st, and so far as the evidence goes, the anniversary was the occasion of many pleasant and peaceful gatherings.

Now it is admitted that an eight-hour day will not eliminate or abolish or diminish unemployment, and so advance wages (unless the system became international and world-wide), but shorter time in hard service would result in the moral, intellectual and physical uplifting of the workmen.

W. U. Cotton (of Cotton's Weekly, Cawansville, socialist), finds fault because the labour day in Canada has been fixed for the first Monday in September, not on May 1st, as the Labour Congress of the world has repeatedly resolved.

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peatedly resolved. "This," he remarks, "would have been too much honour for labour." Has the federal government been petitioned for the change? Is there any sound objection to it? The government that has been so mindful of labour interests, that has at the present time under consideration the establishment of a labour department, under a minister of labour, would not be likely to refuse a proposal so reasonable as the change of Labor Day from September to May.

Why does not the council enact that people, in submitting plans of house, they propose to build, and getting permits, should give the probable cost. In other cities the engineer can tell what the value of the improvements are, approximately, and why not here?

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The premier has improved the province, financially, educationally and politically. He was the moving spirit in the conference which secured a larger provincial subsidy; he led in the legislation which has been to the advantage of the Public and Catholic schools of Quebec; and he has stopped shop licenses in the public service.

A man of his ability cannot make a competence in public life, and he must find that he should devote himself to law and its emoluments for a time at least. Regard for his private interest must prompt the language he used, on a recent occasion, for apart from the rewards of service there is no man in sight who can take up his work and carry it on with the same vigour and success.

Sir Lomer Gouin announces that he has no intention at present of retiring from public life. Which the Bourassa-Laverge faction accepts with regret.

EDITORIAL NOTES. In taxing unearned increment an undeveloped urban lands Lloyd-George is recalling Henry George of single name.

The Quebec legislators are disposed to raise their indemnities by \$700. Happy is the man who can adjust his finances without consulting his neighbors.

Abdul Hamid's head is in jeopardy. He may be court-martialed later on. He had the opportunity to commit suicide and respectfully declined the honor.

J. A. Carnegie has resigned his seat in the legislature to accept the office of stamp distributor at Osgoode Hall. The salary is \$2,000 a year. He has earned his reward.

Sir Richard Cartwright favours the appointment of under-secretaries in the federal department with the double object of relieving the minister of some of the work and of developing the youngest men for parliamentary service. The thing is worthy of more than academic treatment.

Who Cooked? Youth's Companion. A party of young men were camping and to avert annoying questions they made it a rule that the one who asked a question that he could not answer himself had to do the cooking. One evening, while sitting round the fire, one of the boys asked, "Why is it that a ground squirrel never leaves any dirt at the mouth of its burrow?"

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SEEK THE QUASHING OF LOCAL OPTION BY LAW IN ESCOTT.

Railway Wharf at Gananoque Can Be Used This Season—Owners of Two Liquor Shops Dispose of Their Stock.

Gananoque, May 3.—The remains of the late Malcolm J. McMurchy, who passed away at Pittsburgh, Pa., last week, arrived here on Saturday morning and the funeral, which was private, was held from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. McMurchy, Stone street, to the vault at Willow Bank, awaiting the arrival of deceased's wife, Rev. Henry Gracey, pastor of St. Andrew's church, conducted the obsequies.

Charles Macdonald's private yacht, "Kate," made her first trip of the season on Saturday morning, when she went over to Clayton, N.Y., to bring W. S. Macdonald, of New York, to town.

The cement wharf at the station will be available for the use of the line about this season. It is anticipated, as at present the water is some twenty inches above last season.

Miss Gorham, Sydenham street, has presented several handsome pictures to Grace Methodist Sabbath school, which have been duly hung in the Sabbath school room.

The junior form in Gananoque's West Ward school is again without a teacher. Miss M. Robertson, of Athens, resumed her duties there on Monday, and continued until Tuesday evening, when she was taken ill again, and on the advice of her medical attendant resigned on Thursday.

Water was let into the Rideau Canal on Friday last, in preparation for the opening of the season on Saturday. This means that Gananoque's cut-off until supply from the Rideau cut-off until navigation closes next fall.

The application is being made, to-day, in Toronto, before Justice Teetzel, at Osgoode Hall, to quash the local option by-law, passed in the township front of Escott, on January 4th, last, on the ground of irregularity in the conducting of the election.

Messrs. Hale and McParland, whose shop licenses were cut off a year ago and who held the premises during the past year pending the decision of the board of license commissioners re their application for the license year of 1909, to have given up the fight. The premises lately occupied by Mr. Hale are for the greater part of the balance of his stock which was held over here during the past year, to local license holders.

Mrs. (Dr.) Charles Saunders, of Ottawa spending some time here the week of Rev. J. T. and Miss W. P. Pitcher, at the parsonage, Sydenham street, rendered excellent solos at morning and evening services in Grace church, yesterday. Miss Vera Ogden, of Toronto, who is the guest of the Misses May and Edith Rogers, Stone street, rendered a splendid solo in Grace church last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Sydenham street, entertained several of Mr. Taylor's parliamentary friends at their home over Sunday.

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THE HINDOO FAKIR.

His Patience and Skill in the Bag and Spear Trick.

The feat known as the bag and spear trick has been considered one of the greatest of the Hindoo magical art. In this trick, says a writer, the Hindoo fakir has his assistant get into a sack, the mouth of which he firmly secures, and then unceremoniously hurls his helpless victim to the ground. Without a sign of warning the fakir drives his spear through the centre of the bag.

After withdrawing his weapon, upon the point of which no blood stain appears, the fakir stands and gazes dreamily over the heads of the spectators. The body within the bag flounders about as if in mortal agony. At last, when the occupant is apparently dead, the fakir again plunges his spear into the motionless body. The same antics are repeated. Then the fakir releases his attendant from the bag, and he steps out without a scratch upon his body.

Although the trick is performed with all the carelessness imaginable, it calls for more patience, skill and exactness than any of the so-called black art achievements. From the time the attendant enters the bag both fakir and assistant count every breath they take. When a stated number of breaths have been taken the fakir makes his thrust, and the occupant in the bag is prepared to avoid it. Then the count begins again, and at the proper time the spear is driven through the bag a second time. In order to evade the spear and make it appear to pass through his body the assistant doubles up in a small form as possible. His legs are drawn up close, with the chin resting upon the knees and the arms folded round the lower limbs across the shoulders. When in this position, at the fiftieth breath, the spear passes under the attendant's arms between the abdomen and the thighs.

The slightest miscalculation by either the fakir or his assistant would mean a serious if not a mortal wound for one and an unheard of disgrace for the other.

That fakir and attendant are able to so train themselves to breathe in perfect unison while giving one of these performances, when the slightest variation in time by either would be fatal, is certainly wonderful.

The Dublin Social Season.

The society "season" in Dublin begins in February and lasts for about six weeks, with its centre at the court of the vicar, Etiquette is unusually strict in Dublin, much more strict, indeed, than at the English court, where a certain amount of latitude is always to be found. Nearly every one is in uniform at the receptions of the vicar. The gentlemen usually wear scarlet and gold with cocked hats and feathers, while the ladies dress according to the prevailing fashion. The deputy lieutenants of counties are the chief guests, and after them come the civil servants, who have their own special uniforms no matter how humble may be their functions. Judges and the high attorneys, or king's counsel, come in their full paraphernalia of wigs and are not without their impressiveness. Private gentlemen must wear the usual court dress of black velvet with white lace, knickerbockers, silk stockings and swords. A suit of this kind is very expensive, and it is well known sub rosa that it can be hired for the occasion by those who cannot afford a large outlay for the sake of one or two yearly receptions. The vicar is the well known authority of the calman who when a new arrival at the levee said "I don't know the right entrance, as I was never here before," replied "Well, begorra, your clothes were, many's the time."

Politics play a large part at the Dublin receptions and this is in no way the case at the English court. Representatives of the Home Rule or Nationalist party are never to be found at the Dublin functions, not because they are omitted from the invitation lists, but because they will not recognize the castle influence.

Juvenile Caution. Philadelphia Ledger. A very circumspect and conscientious young miss of four was sent into the parlor of a certain Philadelphia household to entertain a caller for a few minutes until her mother should appear.

The conversation drifted to a discussion of the youngster's intellectual acquirements, and the visitor asked: "Do you know the alphabet, Marie?" "Yes, ma'am." "Will you say it for me?" Marie began gibberly enough; but after she had given three or four letters, she stopped short, saying: "If you please, ma'am, I don't think I'd better say any more."

"And why not?" asked the caller, surprised. "Those are not all I know," explained the youngster, "but you know ma'am, I mustn't tell all I know!"

Her Translated Duck.

Annie had a little duck which followed her everywhere and was a great pet. One morning she woke to find her duck was dead. She shed many tears, refusing to be comforted, until her old "Mamma," with the instincts of her race, offered a deep sympathy in well-timed words. Then Annie dried her eyes and rushed to her mother, voicing the consolation, "Mother, I have a little angel duck."

Something New.

Mrs. Neulich was in the jewelry store. "Here are some new souvenier spoons we have just got in," said the clerk, placing a tray for her inspection. "Oh, ain't those lovely!" she exclaimed. "I must have some of those! Our cook makes such lovely souvenier!"

A Question of Relative Merit.

The Delineator. A little boy of eight years, attending school away from home, wrote a letter to his sister, from which the following extract is taken: "I had a spelling match in school to-day and I spelled all the boys down and won the medal."

Disputatious.

Washington Star. "Don't you see yeh time 'spoutin' said Uncle Eben. 'De average argument is generally jeh a talkin' match wif no way of decidin' who de winner is an' no purses for nobody, nohow.'"

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POETICAL SELECTION. FELL INTO POLICE TRAP. Men Who Tried to Extort \$5,000 From Millionaire. San Francisco, May 3.—An attempt to extort, under pain of death, a large sum of money from Rudolph Spreckles, son of the late millionaire sugar king, Claus Spreckles, was frustrated by the police, last night, and in consequence two men are now in jail charged with blackmail. Spreckles received, a few days ago, an anonymous letter purporting to have been written by the chief of a band of Hindu prisoners, demanding that Spreckles pay \$5,000 each for himself and his wife, to a messenger who would call at the millionaire's residence. The message was turned over to the police, and the officers decided on the case instructed the Spreckles' butler to hand a package containing newspapers to anyone who should call. At the appointed hour a man called and received the package, whereupon he was seized by four detectives. He gave the name of George De Martinis, and said he had been sent by Benjamin W. Soule. Soule was arrested later. A Very Advanced Policy. Brantford Expositor. A peculiar feature of the proposals is that while they embrace some of the most radical forms of taxation, such as additional levies on income, taxation or unearned increments on land, taxation of urban undeveloped lands, increased death duties, increased duties on tobacco and whiskey and a tax on motor vehicles, they include also advanced measures such as the reclamation of waste lands, encouragement of small agricultural buildings, afforestation, a state commission against loss of employment, etc. These proposals, following as they do the costly old age pension scheme, which is already in operation, show that the class distinctions in Great Britain are to be more sharply drawn than ever, or, possibly, it should be said that an effort is apparently being made to so readjust taxation that the wealthier classes shall bear more largely the burden of the burdens of those who are less fortunate than themselves. Bloating Stomach Indigestion. No Means of Instant Relief—and Certain Cure to Compare With "NERVILINE." It's not a difficult matter to diagnose a real case of indigestion, usually there is a feeling of weight in the chest, the throat seems full and tight, the stomach feels uncomfortable, there is apt to ache, breath is bad, appetite poor. Nerviline is the cure, it's the only remedy that strengthens weak stomach, overcomes digestive disorders and keeps you in fine form. Nerviline Cures Dyspepsia. "For two years I suffered untold discomfort with indigestion," writes J. P. Huxley, of Great Barrington. "After meals I experienced a feeling of nausea, my stomach was sour, I belched gas, food fermented, my head ached continually and I ran down in flesh, looked pale and sickly. I used Nerviline after meals and was helped at once. I wouldn't think of being without Nerviline now. It's useful for a hundred ailments. Not only will it cure the stomach of its ills, but for headache, hiccoughs, flatulency, cramps, etc., I have found it a very wonderful!" "Every home should have Nerviline on hand, it's a health-saver and makes smaller doctor bills. Insist on Nerviline—only and beware of the substitute. Large 25c. bottles at all dealers.