

## PRESS GALLERY GLIMPSES

Special Whig Correspondence From the House of Commons.

### THE BUDGET DEBATE

"This budget of Tom White's," remarked Fred Pardee, "reminds me of the big scend in Uncle Tom's Cabin—Eliza Crossing the River on the Ice."

And indeed the analogy is good for, to say nothing about tax-slaves, the Finance Minister does skip perilously from floor to floor, taking advantage of every crack, so to speak, except perhaps the banks and money corporations which he might have pressed a little harder.

I spoke to a member of parliament about that the other day, suggesting that the banks in the United States should pay two and a half per cent. on their note circulation and why couldn't it be done in Canada. His reply was prompt and to the point. "This is a parliament full of overdrafts," he said, "and we have no quarrel with the banks." Well, there's something in that, as the burglar said when he put his hand in the waste-basket.

Little by little criticism is taking shape. Patriots who have things to sell which are super-taxed under the new tariff write in to make a hoiler. The Dominion Grange and the Grain Growers' Association since together. The people from coast to coast have thought over the subject, and have formed definite opinions in parliament fully advised. The roans are not confined to one side of politics—the Conservative members get just as many letters as the other fellows. One way and another the budget is being thoroughly debated in and out of parliament. It is the backbone of discussion in the Green Chamber and when it fails parliament will fade away in short order because the legislative programme, outside the budget, was resolutions, railway help and bank accommodation, is a thin one.

As everything except the budget is an emergency measure upon which both parties are more or less agreed, or if not agreed, are true-bound and silent, the budget is about the only thing that can be depended on to keep talk going. However, the whips have some fifty speakers on the lists yet, so that unless the thing collapses, as German resistance is expected to do this summer, the budget is good for two weeks from this writing. That will bring parliament to the end of Easter, which was a first guess as a date for rising. The object is not to get home too soon to satisfy the voters that the members have been earning their sessional indemnity or too late for the members to mend their fences for the general election which is said to be impending. The Easter date is set with malice aforethought. By that time parliament calculates to have piled up enough weight in Hansard to affect public opinion and after that if there is anything forgotten or overlooked it can be said just as well, if not better, on the hustings. Meanwhile, a new army scandal, or a breach in the cabinet, might upset these calculations and keep parliament sitting until June. Both sides

### DISPUTE OVER OUR FLOUR

#### Storm in a Teacup Settled in Northumberland Town.

London, March 6.—The Board of Trade has been called upon this week to settle what appears to have been developing into a hot dispute among the inhabitants of Blyth, in Northumberland. In effect, the Board of Trade was asked to decide whether the flour sent here by the Canadian government was as much intended for the use of soldiers and sailors' widows, who for some reason hitherto have been debarred, as for cases of industrial distress. On receipt of the flour at Blyth, the local relief committee decided that the gifts of flour could only be made to cases of industrial distress. Labor representatives on the committee protested and finally lodged an appeal with the Local Government Board, with the result that the Board intimated yesterday that the distribution is to be left to the discretion of the various sub-committees. This means that the soldiers' and sailors' wives will now participate.

### THE MAN ON WATCH

In these perilous submarine times, church congregations do well to sing "For Those In Peril On The Sea."

The Lampman would respectfully draw the attention of church pastors to the fact that it is illegal to lock the doors of an edifice when the congregation is in session.

To the governors of the general hospital, it is gratifying that that institution is full of sick, and the Standing Room Only sign displayed.

London, Ont. must be an awful region when people cannot let the good bishop, Dr. Fallon, alone, but continue to pester him with lawsuits. If his lordship had been head of a diocese in French Canada, his bilingual enemies could not do worse.

The Lampman is waiting for Robert J. Bushell to gather his vegetable army together to protest against the townspeople going into the vegetable-growing business this year.

The Lampman has no objections to J. B. McLeod, Andrew McLean and Thomas Robinson becoming elders of the Scotch church up on Princess street. This is his response to the call made by the pastor, who has done the registration of opposition, if any.

The Lampman has read of rich men picking over their furnace cinders for remnants of coal, but it was something new for him to read about well-to-do farmers in the vicinity of Kingston digging up the town's garbage from the nuisance ground to feed to their pigs.

The other day, the Lampman beheld one of Kingston's big policemen hurrying across the market place, and followed up to see what the trouble was. But no culprit was in sight. It was the noon hour, and dinner was ready.

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### THE SECOND BLOOMING.

By W. L. George, McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, Publishers. Price, \$1.35. R. Uglow & Co., City.

A less euphonious but more explicit title for this book would be, "Some Aspects of Feminine Interest." Mr. George graphically portrays the symptoms of this present-day dissatisfaction, as shown in the case of three married sisters belonging to the upper middle class of English society. At a certain period in the career of such women, when love in marriage has ceased to be thrilling, they cast about for more thrilling adventures. To this condition Mr. George traces what he calls "the second blooming" in women. The craving for excitement takes possession of them. Those without children have nothing to do. Those who are mothers find that either their children are growing up and stealing their occupations or that the nurse and the governess have supplanted them. This growing unrest finds expression in different ways. In the case of Grace Kinrossley it took the form of a romantic intrigue; in the case of her sister, Clara, it was politics and so-called public service. Neither, however, found satisfaction or peace of mind. Their experience Mr. George describes as "a wild search for a satisfaction, for something that would bridge a gap, for something to do, something to want and have. The third sister, Mary, is more typical of the majority of women, contented and happy in her husband and children and home. Even she has now and then an inarticulate yearning, which is quelled only by the "drug" of ceaseless child-bearing.

Unlike most writers, Mr. George evidently believes that a woman can surrender to illicit love, and after forswearing, come back to a happy equilibrium. Most novelists point to either of two endings—suicide, or a "clean bolt" and happiness (of its own) ever after. Infatuations, assures Mr. George, run their course and fade out. Apparently he overlooks the irreparable harm they may do to the innocent sufferers on both sides, considering as he does, that the principal cause of the trouble is one of the errors he has fallen into. Again, are such women really contented after their experience? Has the adventure not simply led to a nervous breakdown? Is not the period of imagined contentment only a resting-up, a convalescence, after which the adventure will be pursued again? Will not Clara once more take up her task of telling the British elector how to vote? We feel she will.

However, Mr. George has presented a searching analysis of marriage in this particular class of society, and there is considerable of faithful realism in his story. "The Second Blooming" is a brilliantly written book, much after the style of H. G. Wells.

The Permanent Factor.

"One thing united the two sisters in their desultory or political energy: Mary. For Mary, in the midst of turmoil, was the permanent factor, the unchanging thing that could never change. She was that uncon-

mirable a little book. At the small price of 25c it ought to find a ready sale.

### THE ADVENTURES OF DETECTIVE BARNEY.

By Harvey J. O'Higgins, McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, Publishers. Price, \$1.30. R. Uglow & Co., City.

Harvey O'Higgins is a well-known Canadian writer, and the present book is the novelized story of the play entitled "The Dummy," which has had a very remarkable success in New York. It is made up of a number of loosely-connected exploits in which Detective Barney prominent figures. This "detective" is Barney Cook, aged sixteen, who possesses all a New York East Side lad's worldly wisdom and a large amount of his own special brand. A likeable lad is Barney. The methods he adopted to "land" his job with the great detective Babbling showed originality and perseverance, and endeared him to the "chief." The lessons he learned in his new position, the exploits he figured in and the adventures he met make interesting reading. Barney's ever-ready style and his Sherlock Holmes qualities soon win him distinction. When he successfully unravels a mystery "on his own," the chief places half of the \$5,000 reward to Barney's credit that he may acquire an education.

Like most of O'Higgins' writings, the book abounds in sparkling wit, and the stories and adventures are told in a captivating manner.

### GLEAMS OF SUNSHINE.

By Rev. J. H. Chant, William Briggs, Toronto, Publishers. Price \$1.25. R. Uglow & Co., City.

This is a volume of 189 pages of "Optimistic poems," as the aged author describes them. And, indeed, each poem breathes a spirit of optimism and sweet content. The author can say, with Browning: "God's in His heaven; all's right with the world." He has found life good and friends steadfast, and in verse he gives praise for these things. The poems are simple, and what they lack in grace and distinction they partly atone for in their wholesome outlook upon life here and hereafter. There is a charity in his thought, and an unfeigned love of nature, revealed in many of the poems, that will appeal to many.

### Literary Notes.

Since the war began, the splendour and endless wealth of the native Indian rulers has been brought to notice in so gratifying a way that a novel shortly to be published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton should prove of exceptional interest. The book, by Laurence Clarke—a new novelist—is entitled "A Prince of India" and mirrors the existing existence of a present-day Indian Maharajah in his own domain. In this case the prince is a young man, an Oxford undergraduate, and is in love with an English girl. The romantic and hairbreadth adventures of the Maharajah of Kathnagar, of the young lady, and of a certain clerk in the foreign office, form the theme of a story exceptionally well written and vigorous.

Hodder & Stoughton will publish shortly "The Story of a Woman's Heart," an anonymous work, said to be written with great charm and fidelity. The book is the frank story of a woman's heart, without attempt at exaltation. She is one who can love deeply and suffer deeply—a much-loved woman of great personal attractions. The book is in effect the drama of a Great Love. This anonymous work is likely to excite considerable interest, not only for its vivid and fascinating picture of a woman's inner life, but for its exceptional powers of expression.

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Everybody dreams of paralysis or locomotor ataxia. Nothing is worse to look forward to than MRS. McKELLAR, than helplessness. Sometimes it is helplessness of body, and at other times the mind is affected, which is far worse.

The writer of this letter did not know what to expect, but fortunately began the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food in time to head off danger, and

writes that she was entirely cured of the old trouble. The last paragraph proves that the cure was lasting.

Mrs. John McKellar, 10 Barton street east, Hamilton, Ont., writes:—"I was injured some years ago, and that left me with a broken-down nervous system. I could not sleep, and suffered from twitching of the nerves and disagreeable nervous sensations. I then began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and can say that I never used any medicine that did me so much good. In fact, I was entirely cured of my old trouble. The Nerve Food not only strengthened the nerves, but also built up my system in every way."

Under more recent date Mrs. McKellar writes confirming her cure, and states that she has had inquiries from many people who had heard of the great benefits she obtained from Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

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### WILL RAISE CABBAGE

Amsterdam, March 6.—The Vossische Zeitung, in a recent issue, said it had heard from Vienna that an order issued by Emperor Francis Joseph the imperial gardens and all the available space surrounding the imperial palaces in and near Vienna should be used for the raising of cabbages to provide food for the people.

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### CHICAGO WHEAT PIT BOMBARDED BY DARDANELLES SHIELDS.

London, March 6.—Discussing the fall in London flour prices, a Lancashire merchant said to the Daily News in reply to a question yesterday: "Every shot fired in the Dardanelles is a shot fired into the Chicago wheat pit. This is shown by the fact that during the Dardanelles' operations wheat prices came down from \$1.63 per bushel to \$1.54."

"It is a question whether American speculators, despite their efforts to

### TWO HITS EVERY TIME.

keep prices up, are worrying much for by now they must have made their pile.

"The absurd rumor, which has been officially denied, that the British Government had made large purchases of munitions wheat had, in my opinion, its origin in Chicago."

### Lake Captain Dead.

Duluth, March 6.—Captain Murdoch McLean, Duluth, died here of heart trouble. He was born in Kingston, Ont., sixty years ago. He spent most of his marine career in Canadian fleets.

## Matt and Jeff

