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TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

The Intelligencer does not discuss Sir Charles Tupper's extraordinary break, in regard to reciprocity, but it asserts that the conservative party is as loyal as ever.

And yet these conservatives accused the liberals of disloyalty because they made reciprocity a plank in their platform, and the leader of the party, the inflexible, the only one the party has not worried and in some degree thwarted, made one appeal to the people as a Britisher whose patriotism was worthy, just then, of special distinction.

Oh these conservatives are great in their protestations, especially Sir Charles. There is nothing in Canadian history, within the last forty or fifty years, which does not bear his mark.

AN OFFICIAL HEARD FROM.

One of the Yukon officials, who was supposed to be very crooked in his transactions, who was alleged to be using his public information and public office for the promotion of his personal ends, has been heard from.

The misfortune is that the stories about the Yukon, the reflections upon its officials, the assertions that they are fearfully corrupt, has gone abroad, and they must hunt Canada and its mining interests. They have been published on the authority of a direct and reliable witness, in a London paper, called "The Day."

"With Ogilvie as head of the Klondyke the public need not fear any official corruption." Ogilvie is certainly irreproachable in his character and official record.

But what of the officials now coming out of the Klondyke, after a year's residence in it and experience. Must they lie under the imputation of being crooked, of misusing their power, of even misappropriating the rights or prerogatives of the people?

THE START IN LIFE.

The great church leaders have been discussing religious instruction in the public schools, and the reports of this discussion show how reasonable men are coming in the expression of their views.

Incidentally it has transpired that the secular teachers, as a body, have not been qualified to do bible teaching effectively. Instances have been given in which the stories of the bible were told in a way calculated to bias the minds of the young and do them an injury.

The thought that occupies the mind of some of the professed students is expressed by Richard Barton in the North American Review for September. His theme is "Literature for Children."

TONONTO, Sept. 17.—Following is a special cable to the Telegram: The steamship company has had its three complaints of the inferior class of pilots removed on the St. Lawrence river. One firm claims that its loss during a period of six months was \$25,000, caused by damage to its steamer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A provincial official has discovered that of the four hundred hotels and restaurants licensed in Montreal about three-fourths of them are not complying with the law.

The admission is now made that Dreyfus was condemned by the military court to perpetual exile upon documents which he did not see. And still the government hesitates about revising the case.

The contract which the Anglican church, through its provincial synod, has committed to the government, is a large one. It is to find out why the birthrate is lower in Ontario than in France.

A certain church has raised the standard of the education required of candidates for the ministry. The professions are overcrowded, even the clerical profession. But it was the unlearned fishermen that began the evangelization of the world.

The general conference of the Methodist church has ceased to dispute what it will do with its million dollar fund when it is raised. The discussion waxed at times so hot that one would think the money was almost on hand and it was only a question of what should be done with it.

PEN PARAGRAPHS.

Heading To The Front. A fashionable paper announces that holes are coming to the front again. Great Scott! There are surely bad enough behind.

Pen Sketch Of Bill Gates

Mr. Gates is a feathery, auburn, rather wool-faced person, simply bubbling over with seriousness. He has serious habits long and intricate and ticklish—serious eyes, a serious walk and a serious undercurrent.

THE ELDER DAYS.

When treading furrows feel the quaking rays. When sunset breaks unroll such drowsy coils. And lift their crests, aloft and crown the sky. Back to their haunts in sylvan nooks and ways. Stral the blithe spirits of the elder days.

PLUMB'S WATER COOLERS.

It took the Senator Two Years to Have Them Put In The Capitol. "Every time I pass through the capitol and notice the water coolers at the seats and house ends of the main corridors I am reminded of the late Senator Preston B. Plumb of Kansas," observed an old politician.

Making Firecrackers.

An American consular in China, who has seen the native firecracker manufacturers at work, thus describes the process: The straw paper is first rolled by hand around an iron rod, which varies in size according to the size of cracker to be made.

The International Silver Company has been formed under the laws of New Jersey with a capital stock of \$25,000,000 par value and \$13,000,000 common stock.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

The Latest News About Vessels and the Port of Kingston.

The tug Active cleared for Charlotte to day with one barge to load coal. The schooner Acadia is in the Welland canal with coal from Sanluis to Kingston.

The schooner Two Brothers arrived from Charlotte last evening with coal for Booth & Co. The schooners Fleetwing and Fabiola cleared yesterday for Oswego to load coal for James Swift & Co.

The sloop Laura D., from bay ports, unloaded 2,500 bushels of oats at Richardson's elevator this morning. The tug Jessie Hall, D. G. Thompson and Broese arrived up from Montreal to-day with twelve light barges.

The schooner Freeman, from Charlotte, unloaded coal at the spill dock and entered Davis' dry dock to day for repairs. The schooner Eliza White was released from Davis' dry dock this morning and cleared for bay ports to load grain.

The sloop Madcap, from Wolfe Island with port cargo was discharged at Richardson's elevator this morning. The steamer Valeria arrives here this evening from Clayton to enter Davis' dry dock. Repairs will be done to her ash and wheels.

The steamer Navaygo, after discharging 49,000 bushels of wheat at the M. T. company's elevator to day, cleared for the Welland canal. The steamer Spartan, Montreal to Toronto, touched at Swift's wharf this afternoon. She will continue running for a few more trips.

The schooner Jamieson arrived from Port Hope to-day with 6,500 bushels of peas for the M. T. company, and cleared this evening for lake ports. The steamer Algerias, Toronto to Montreal, touched at Swift & Co.'s wharf this morning on her last trip of the season. She will winter at Sorel, Que.

The steamer King Ben is chartered to carry sand from Ontario to the new Sorel canal. She will be engaged there for the remainder of the season. None of the R. & O. boats will winter here. An effort was made to have four put in the cold season at this port, but the company prefer to have all the steamers together at Sorel.

The steamer Tecumseh left the government dry dock to day after receiving repairs to her wheel. She goes to Detroit to winter quarters. Her portion of her crew was paid off last night. Of all the large cargoes of grain which came down the lakes from the west this season few have touched the bulk of that brought down by the steamer Empire City. It consisted of 269,000 bushels of grain, of which 129,000 bushels were corn, 80,000 oats and 60,000 barley.

On Wednesday last the whaleback steamer J. B. Colgate had a narrow escape from foundering in Lake Superior. Bound up with one barge she entered a heavy ice above Whitefish Point and pounded heavily, causing two forward plates in her hull to crack. She ran back to the Soo for repairs.

The last issue of the Marine Review says: "The depths of animosity, which have been aroused by competition between the various St. Lawrence river navigation companies, have developed some accidents, which, to the outsider, are highly amusing. Not the least of these accidents is the collision between the steamers Alexander and Columbian, which, if newspaper reports are to be believed, was characterized by so to say the least, peculiar circumstances. Indeed, it would appear to be very much as Capt. Thomas Wilson intimated in a communication in the last issue of the Review, that the rival companies are devoting far more time and attention to fighting each other than to attending to the needs of their passengers. This is an unfortunate, even from the standpoint of the companies, for the excursion business to the St. Lawrence has been heavier this year than ever before, and there is every prospect of a steady growth in volume were tourists treated with ordinary civility."

MIRAGE IN MANITOBA.

Train Seen Twelve Fifteen Minutes Before It Was Due.

Arrived at Shanawan, my companion kindly offered to stay with me till the train came. I had time to get off and stand on the track with nothing more substantial than a telegraph pole to shelter me from the icy blast. When I was left alone—sky overcast, curious kind of mist in the air, the wind howling around me and the loose snow that the wind raised from the prairie driving past me in sheets—I thought it about as desolate a picture as I have ever seen.

Ice Cream In Japan.

"I met a charming young Japanese woman the other day," says a woman contributor. "She was eating ice cream, and by way of conversation I asked her if they had ice cream in Japan."

HISTORIC BOY HEROES.

Youths Who Have Led Armies and Changed Nations.

Many of the heroes of the war just ended were boy soldiers in the rebellion. There is nothing strange about that, however, for history is full of the deeds of youthful warriors. It was a fair faced English boy of 16, "The Black Prince," so called because of the color of his armor, who led the English soldiers to victory at Crecy.

His father, King Edward III, watched the battle from a distance. The French army far outnumbered the English, and many times during the conflict the prince was hard pressed and in danger of capture. Once he was so surrounded by his foes that the Earl of Warwick sent a messenger in haste to the king asking that assistance be given to the prince.

"Is my son killed?" asked the king as the messenger rode up. "No, sir." The king heaved a sigh of relief. "Is he wounded?" "No, sir." "Is he thrown to the ground?" "No, but he is hard pressed and needs your aid."

"Then if it is only that I shall give him no help. I have set my heart on his proving himself a brave knight, and I am resolved that the victory shall be due to his own valor." Ten years later a subsequent campaign in Normandy this same Black Prince achieved another splendid triumph at the battle of Poitiers, where he defeated and captured the French monarch, John, and his son Philip, a lad of 14. King John had with him his four sons, Charles, Louis, John and Philip. The three elder boys were posted at different parts of the field, while Philip, the youngest, followed his father, who plunged into the thickest of the fight, where he was soon in great danger of being slain.

The little prince fought at his side, endeavoring to ward off the blows that were aimed at his father, while above the din of battle he could be heard calling on him to guard right or left as his quick eye saw from what quarter he was threatened. John was finally forced to yield, though not until he was abandoned by every one but Philip.

Gustavus Adolphus, "The Lion of the North," was 16 when Denmark declared war against Sweden in 1610, and notwithstanding his youth his father sent him to West Gothland to gather troops for the relief of Kalmar, then an important post. This was followed by a year of terrible border warfare, in which the young prince greatly distinguished himself and proved the truth of the saying, "In Sweden they do not defend their men with walls, but their walls with men." When he was 17, Gustavus' father died, and the boy was left to fight his battle alone. He assumed his father's title of "elected king and hereditary prince of the Swedes, Goths and Vandals" and set to work in earnest to play the great game of war.

In the year 1200, in the city of Palermo, there lived a sad enough little prince of the name of Frederick Hofnstaufen, heir to the two kingdoms of Sicily and Germany. He was an orphan, and in Germany his uncle, Philip, and Otho of Brunswick, disputed the crown, while Sicily, where he was recognized as king, was torn by strife and discord. Sarcous, French and German strove for the first place. In the turmoil of these warring factions Frederick was well nigh forgotten. He was saved from absolute want by the citizens of Palermo, who had a kindly feeling for this lonely child in his great empty palace. When it, Frederick was declared of age. Two years later, at the head of a band of his nobles, he set out for Germany to claim the crown. Otho was warned of his purpose and endeavored to intercept him after he crossed the Alps, but by dint of hard riding the prince and his retinue reached and threw themselves



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To Fortify St. John's. St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 17.—The British special service vessel Columbia, on duty in these waters for fisheries supervision, has been engaged for a week in surveying the coast line twenty miles north and south of this port. Parties of naval officers have been making surveys along the coast in conjunction with the Columbia. There is good reason to believe that the surveys have been undertaken with a view of fortifying St. John's, which, it is well known, is on the plane of the British admiralty for next spring.

Surgeon On The Labor Problem. Toronto, Sept. 17.—A reporter yesterday obtained from grand president Surgeon his views on the present and future of labor organization in America. In a word, he thought the political and legislative power of labor was increasing by extended organization; that strikes were giving place to more methods, and that everywhere the outlook was good to the eye of the labor leaders.