

The Daily British Whig.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUG. 15.

LEGAL PROSPERITY.

It speaks volumes for the impression the thrift of the people of Kingston and the absence of any outward or visible sign of poverty and destitution made up on our Governor General that His Excellency saw no occasion, while here, to make any donation to local charities or for distribution among the poor. Now it has been quite different in other places. After leaving Quebec he handsomely gave \$500 for the poor; the same sum more recently in St. John's, N.B. for a similar purpose, and lastly \$300 to the poor of Fredericton. Not so with His Excellency. This place so impressed our Royal visitors with contentment and prosperity that there was no apparent occasion for any provision of poor. It would be unscrupulous and ungrateful to be without them; but Kingston is honorably famous for being too proud to beg for its own poor, and so generous as to feed the hungry, and in its hospitals tend to the sick of the surrounding municipalities as well. Kingston is to be congratulated on this being able to dispense with Vice Royal bounty.

HONORABLE ALL ROUND.

The Hanlan Club proved itself to be a most useful and public spirited institution. Having assumed all financial responsibility connected with the proper equipment of the Canadian champion of the club, with a pardonable national pride, the consumption of the sole object of its existence, viz. the winning of the championships of America and England. This done the gentlemen composing it concluded to disband, and the club has accordingly been dissolved by mutual consent. And in the most honorable manner imaginable. They have handed over all the surplus funds and property, including stake money, boats and boat houses, etc., to the champion, after defraying out of receipts the actual expenses. These latter, however, do not include the personal expenses of Ward and Davis, the champion's trainers, who generously placed their time free of charge at the service of Canada and its aquatic champion. So with Col. Shaw, the American Consul, late of Toronto, and now in England, who from the first has been the patron of our champion, even when he was pitted against his own countrymen across the lines. All this for love of pure sport, and in admiration of athletic and aquatic excellence. Such public spirit as this is beyond all praise, and goes to prove that some men at least are actuated by higher than merely sordid motives. There is one thing more to be said—they backed a man worth working for, and one who has reflected the greatest credit upon his country. Both the champion and his supporters are to be congratulated upon the successful existence and the honorable dissolution of the Hanlan Club.

MORMONISM AND ITS CURE.

The London Times thinks that any attempts on the part of the United States authorities to check the emigration of Mormon converts and recruits from Great Britain, by preventing all such from landing upon American shores, would prove utterly impracticable. We think so too. To establish a sort of moral or social quarantine, to prevent those who are affected with the Mormon infection from reaching their destination, is entirely out of the question. The stream of immigration cannot be checked by any such means; nor can there be any discrimination in matters of creed, social or religious, as to who shall enter or who be kept out of a free country such as the United States in this respect justly boasts itself to be. All who wish to enter it must be let into the country, and then, becoming by residence amenable to its laws, the Mormons should be punished for polygamy, just as other men are for bigamy. If it is immoral or illegal to have two wives, it is equally so should it be so to have half a dozen, or half a hundred, or whatever number may happen to be the standard of Mormon matrimonial happiness. In other respects the Mormons are said to be exemplary citizens, indeed patterns of morality and sobriety to their "Gentile" neighbors. This, of course, in spite of their "upsetting" sin. If they could only be reformed from their peculiar weakness all would be well. But this must be done ere the adjoining nation can throw the first stone at the peccator or the immoralities of others. The arm of the law, among forty millions of people, ought surely to be strong enough to suppress this heathenish nuisance.

A MISTAKEN VICE-ROY.

In complimenting St. John's, N.B., on the magnificent reception it had given himself and his Royal wife, His Excellency instructed his Secretary to employ these terms: "The beautiful illuminations throughout the city, Portland and Charlottetown, were carried out as though the citizens were rejoicing in a time of commercial adversity instead of being, as the Governor-General too well knows, still affected by the all-prevailing depression." His Excellency must surely have been laboring under some strange hallucination when he penned or dictated the above words. Does he not know that what he innocently calls the "all-prevailing depression," was confined to Canada, and was wholly due to the cruel spirit of evil, mistake, and suicidal policy of the late Liberal Government? To talk about the country being still affected by hard times implies a lamentable ignorance in the part of Lord Lorne of the gratifying fact that the depression was banished and good times restored by the reversion of Sir John Macdonald to power last September. That the depression and a Tory Government could exist in Canada is a malicious invention with which, doubtless, some unprincipled and desperate Grit has been examining His Excellency. "Still affected by the all-prevailing depression," indeed, and Sir John in office with a power in his wizard hand to banish hard times very similar to that by which the legend says St. Patrick exterminated all reptiles from the Emerald Isle! It cannot be. We are surprised that our Governor-General has not yet become seized of the gratifying fact that under the R.P. the depression has disappeared and left not a trace behind.

CANADA'S DRINK BILL.

OUR IMPORTS OF LIQUOR—ITS COST TO THE COUNTRY—THE LEGAL ASPECT, BY T. W. CASEY, MANAGER.

Taking the Government official returns as our guide, and looking at some of the facts in regard to the amount of money expended in Canada for the present time on intoxicating liquors alone, it will be easily seen that one important cause of our present great scarcity of money and business depression is quite apparent in the quantities of liquor manufactured in Canada, for home consumption, and of the quantity of grain thus destroyed, and of the labour and capital diverted from other legitimate sources of profitable business industry, to the purpose of referring to future weeks. Just now we purpose to give a few facts in regard to the amount of alcoholic liquors imported from other countries into the Dominion; for home consumption.

According to last year's Government Trade and Navigation Returns the following facts are given in regard to the amount of expenditure for the last fiscal year for imported liquors: The following is a summary statement of the quantities of the various kinds of liquors imported, their stated value, and the duties paid:

Table with 4 columns: Name of liquor, Quantity, Value, Duty. Includes Ale, Beer, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Spirits, Wine, Cider, and Ginger ale.

It will be seen that during a single twelve months, after consuming the enormous quantity of liquors manufactured at home, to which we shall hereafter refer, over a million and a half gallons of expensive liquors were imported and consumed in a single year at a wholesale cost, according to the low estimate of the importers, of between two and three millions of dollars, including the duties.

In times of such terrible business depression as we have been passing through, when the necessary money to carry on the ordinary necessary industries of the country, can hardly be obtained, it is a matter of serious public importance that we should not needlessly expend our millions of dollars, in solid coin, across the sea for strong drink alone. The money so needlessly needed to keep alive our struggling industries at home goes from Canada never to return. The liquors are purchased and drunk up, and at the end of the year we have nothing whatever to show for this enormous waste of funds, and often wonder why it is that money in the country continues so scarce.

Talmage Visits 'The Below.'

The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage is printing some characteristic sketches of English slaves and life. This shows how he came out of a coal pit. But we must say good-bye to these underground workers. We get into the cage and prepare for ascent. The cage is a narrow one, five per cent. in diameter, making a reduction of twenty per cent. since the commencement of the depression. These are the only mills which have been running on full time. It is feared the rest of the mills will follow suit, which will reduce the operatives to the lowest ebb.

Prudent Stock Speculations.

The Stock Exchange never presented such an admirable condition for profitable and rapid stock operations. There never before have been so many fortunes made by quick decisions and skilful manipulations. Careful and reasonable people only operate through the combination of money and brains, and it is this which enables those with large or small means to invest and realize handsome profits, which are divided pro rata among the shareholders every thirty days. New combinations are constantly being formed, and \$25,000 to \$100,000 may be safely invested with splendid opportunities for quick profit. An Illinois grain dealer made \$15,220.41 in two investments. A Michigan farmer invested \$50,000, which yielded \$453,134. A Wisconsin county merchant made \$4,249.16 in four combinations, and others have done equally as well. New expeditious circuits, with "reversing rules for success," make it a means of success. Co. Bankers, 57 Exchange Place, New York City.

Fall Shows in 1879.

Industrial, Toronto, Sept. 1 to 19. Provincial, Ottawa, Sept. 21 to 28. South-West, Windsor, Sept. 23, 24. North-West, Stratford, Sept. 25, 26. North Oxford, Woodstock, Sept. 25, 26. Western Fair, London, Sept. 29 to Oct. 5. Midland Central, Kingston, Oct. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Lennox County, Napawan, Oct. 7 and 8.

Wetland Canal.

Port Dalhousie, Aug. 14.—Schonnesson bound down.—Mary Battle, Kingston, com.; Gilmair, Toledo, Kingston, when.

EUROPEAN.

Wolsley and the Zulu Chiefs—Iron Trade—Minister Welsh Leaves England—Famine—Empress Eugenie's Gratitude—Labour Agitations.

(Per Dominion Line.) London, Aug. 14.—A despatch received by the Daily News from Madeira gives an account of the meeting of Sir Garnet Wolsley with the Zulu Chiefs. The despatch, says the result cannot be altogether satisfactory to Sir Garnet. Another despatch, transmitted from Madeira by cable, and reaching there by ship, is dated Port Dalhousie, July 22. It states that Cetewayo on that day made another effort to ascertain from Sir Garnet Wolsley upon what terms his surrender would be accepted, and what degree of liberty and independence in the future would be granted him. It is said, continues the despatch, that Cetewayo's warriors have completely deserted him, and that further fighting is impossible until the terms of his surrender are known. Cetewayo is reported to have driven him into the bush, from whence he may for some time continue a desultory guerrilla warfare.

Several cases of cholera have occurred in Yverdon. A remarkable improvement in the iron trade of Great Britain and Germany has, within the past few days, made itself evident. A large number of iron makers in Germany have increased their rates for cast iron to 100 marks per 100 kilograms, and a number of the largest iron manufacturers in Great Britain are preparing for resumption of business on a large scale. The Pall Mall Gazette says in an article upon the iron trade, attributes this improvement to an active demand from the United States for steel rails and other iron castings.

Mr. Welsh, United States Minister to England, left London to-day for Osborne in order to present to the Queen his letters of recall. Much speculation exists in American society here and diplomatic circles concerning the probable successor of Mr. Welsh. There are rumours that the position will be tendered to Gen. Grant, and in the event of his declining, Mr. Everts will come forward to be named for the place and will come to occupy it in September or October next.

A severe famine prevails in Nertchinsk, district of Siberia. The Crown Prince of Sweden, who is on a visit to Edinburgh, was taken sick last night by cholera.

Empress Eugenie has caused her chamberlain, Count Bismont, to write a letter thanking the English officers and men at Cape Good Hope for respect shown to the memory of the late Empress, and for their tender care and sympathy which they manifested in taking charge of her remains and forwarding them to England.

A conference of delegates, representing 200,000 miners, was held at Manchester, yesterday. It was suggested that there was an opening for miners in the United States, as during the recent depression in the mining industry of Pennsylvania and elsewhere many of the miners had been unemployed. A resolution was unanimously passed favoring emigration to the United States.

A reduction of the wages of the Hurler cotton operatives came into force in many mills yesterday. The weavers have called a meeting for Tuesday to protest against repeated reductions.

Two of the principal firms in the Dales district, Glasgow, employed 1,000 hands, have given notice of five per cent. reduction, making a reduction of twenty per cent. since the commencement of the depression. These are the only mills which have been running on full time.

It is feared the rest of the mills will follow suit, which will reduce the operatives to the lowest ebb.

SPRAGUE AND CONKLING.

A Sorry Domestic Trouble—Sprague and His Wife Meet—The Parting Cocking Attitude.

Providence, Aug. 13.—An extract from a private letter from Mrs. Wm. Sprague to a friend is given for publication. It makes a reference to the now notorious case of Sprague and Conkling.

Mr. Langston, U.S. Minister to Hayti, here on leave of absence, says that he was at Port au Prince all through the revolution. The U.S. Legation, where he was appointed, was destroyed by the rebels on July 23rd. It now stands and twenty-two acres of ruins.

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AMERICAN.

Polygamy A Crime—The African Detention—Walking Match The Impending Political Troubles—Photographic Counterfeits—Coal Prices.

(Per Dominion Line.) New York, Aug. 15.—The World's Washington special says the United States have called the attention of the Foreign Governments to the fact that religious belief cannot excuse the criminal polygamy in this country. The circular is intended to prevent as far as possible the Mormon migration to this country.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Writing again to the Hon. Mr. Olney, the American Minister to St. Paul de Loanda, Shufeldt regards the opening up of Africa, as it is termed, a mere deceit and delusion, and says that he has been in contact with the whites for nearly 400 years, have only had grafted upon their innate barbarism the lowest vices of civilization.

Washington, Aug. 15.—It is said there will be a next great walking match here, between the Rhode Islander, and Taylor, the Vermont. Other entries are, as far as known, Englishman Rowell, Tiler, Brown, Conkey and Hazel, Enns, Panchot and Kohne. It is thought Guyan will also enter, and perhaps Fitzgerald, the man who beat Taylor in a 20 mile run. A letter from England says that the Pall Mall Gazette says in an article upon the iron trade, attributes this improvement to an active demand from the United States for steel rails and other iron castings.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The Tribune's Washington special says the Administration is not unskillful of threatening state of affairs reported.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The arrival of Baron Schiller, the German Ambassador, expected to lead to a formal Conference, with a view to further the plans of the Governments respecting bimetallic coinage. Mr. Everts is prepared to move in the matter so soon as an agreement with the British is reached.

The Treasury Department discovered yesterday a perfect photographic counterfeit of a dollar bill of the Eagle National Bank, of Boston, which passed through the hands of the Boston authorities, and the third case a counterfeit by photography has been discovered in a short time.

Prof. Otto Stone, the eminent Russian astronomer, is here, inspecting the naval observatory, and is expected to stay here for some time. He has been sent to arrange for the construction of a telescope for a Russian observatory, which will be the most powerful ever made. It is to be constructed at Cambridge, Mass.

New York, Aug. 15.—The Pennsylvania Company, the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, and the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Company, have raised the price of coal to 10 cents over the auction price of the 1st of July.

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MONTREAL.

Bank Bill Question—Volunteer Expenses—Grand Trunk R.R. Receipts—Expressman's Disappearance—McTavish's Co's Failure.

(Per Dominion Line.) Montreal, Aug. 15.—The Treasurer of the Montreal and Vermont Railway denies that the Company has instructed officials to refuse bills of all Canadian banks. His instructions were to accept with caution certain bills of doubtful banks, since there were many banks of doubtful credit.

It is understood that the Hon. Mr. Masson has promised \$1,000 towards the fund for the transportation of the Victoria Regiment to Toronto for the military review on September 6th.

The Grand Trunk receipts for the week ending August 9th was \$108,812 against \$146,038 in the corresponding week last year. There was a slight increase in freight, but a decrease in the passenger traffic.

The disappearance of George Ault of the American Express Co., is thought to be due to a fire. There was a slight irregularity in the cash but to a small amount. He was last seen a week ago last Monday, when he went down the river with an excursion party.

The Bremen ship "India," while endeavoring to rescue one of the crew, was drowned in the river yesterday. The other sailor was a good swimmer and was rescued.

The Gazette announces that the term of D. McTavish & Co. of Hamilton, are about to suspend payment and expresses hope that they will be able to make such arrangements as to enable them to continue their extensive business.

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