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## THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 24, 1897.

### THE BEHRING SEA AWARD.

NATIONS like men, have to pay up sooner or later, when they do wrong. A notable proof of this fact is now found in the United States. That great nation took the untenable ground that Behring Sea and the Northern Pacific Ocean belonged to it, and proceeded to arrest Canadian sealers prosecuting their calling—destituting only when Lord Salisbury threatened to send a fleet to enforce the claims of justice. Then there was an arbitration at Paris, the cost of which was to the United States, close upon \$225,000; and now it is stated that the indemnity to Canadian owners of sealing vessels on account of damages will be \$464,000.00. This award of the Commissioners is, if we mistake not, somewhat larger than the amount which Congress refused to pay, and in addition to the United States must now pay the costs of the second arbitration. The amount awarded to Great Britain will be paid within six months of the time when the final decision is reached.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—A happy Christmas to all—even those who are not our readers.

—The Druids had, remarks an exchange, a very beautiful custom which we moderns should imitate in spirit. They cut the green trees at this season of the year and carried them into their warm rooms in order to protect the spirits of the forest and the streams from the winter's frost and death dealing wind. In the spring-time these spirits thus housed and sheltered went out again to reclothe the forest with green foliage, to unlock the icy streams and cover the face of the earth with beauty and bread. At this Christmas season of peace and good will let us provide a home for the spirit of love, of justice and of sympathy, that they may be protected against the evil times, the coldness and selfishness of the world, to go out again in the springtime to heal and soothe and bless.

—There has been a vacancy at the Board of Directors of the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island since the departure of Hon. Mr. Peters. It is about time that this vacancy be filled. We trust that in the filling of it care will be taken to select from among the shareholders a judicious conservative gentleman. Of course there's no politics in business. Nevertheless good business has, at times, gone past the door of the Merchants Bank of P. E. Island because of the fact that the directors are "all grits." The Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island is our Provincial Bank, and many of us patriotically keep our accounts there. For this reason, as well as for other reasons, we have a right to expect that care shall not continue to be given for regarding it as a one-sided institution worked by a board of directors composed of but one party in the province. While it is true that the Conservatives are now in the minority here, it is also true that Conservatives still have some stake in the community and some interest in the success of its chief financial institution.

—Commenting upon the letter which proved that the Lib-ral leaders were coquetting with Sir Adolph Chapleau, the *Montreal Gazette* says:—The letter has been seen by scores, if not by hundreds. Its reported contents have been so freely spoken of that they may almost be said to be public property. They indicate the existence of a state of affairs that can only be characterized as very bad. They show that at least some of the ministers were ready to coalesce with an old enemy and his allies, and to pay well for the bargain. Among men who think that the best government can be had by regarding the government as representative of the party and holding the whole party responsible for the Government's policy and action, the defeat of such a scheme as those who have seen the letter described must be held to be a matter of satisfaction. There is nothing in the political situation today that justifies a coalition for public reasons, and a coalition for private or personal reasons is never desirable. Whatever motives may have prompted Liberal opposition to the scheme, there is little room to doubt that the opposition is in the interests of the country, and for this much at least, those who maintain it are to be given credit.

—Only the young really have fun; only the young, and persons of whatever age who have managed to keep youth alive in them. Older persons have pleasures and satisfactions. Successes please them. They like to win; they like to accomplish their ends, and to make them meet, too, and if possible overlap. They like society and conversation, clothes, books, horses, and various gratifications of taste. They are capable of finding a good deal of satisfaction in Christmas gifts not only because they love the givers, but because the things

given please them. It is not altogether a waste of effort to give presents to adult persons. It pleases them after a fashion if you have enough gifts to go around let the grown-up have their share. Be kind to them. To become grown up is the common lot. But, as Harper's Weekly remarks: Scarcely anyone evades it satisfactorily. It has happened to you, or, if not, it will presently; and for your own protection, and in your own interest you should see that grown-ups have due consideration shown them. Feed them pretty well on Christmas day. They like to be well fed, you may have noticed that. If they have been hard-worked, make it holiday for them, and induce them to go out and walk about and prattle to one another. But don't let them play too hard. That is one of the weaknesses of the contemporary grown-up. It is the fashion—a new fashion—for them to play every chance they get, and they are very apt to overdo it. A grown-up discreetly managed is capable of absorbing a good deal of Xmas warmth, and of radiating some of it out again. But of course the real Xmas fun must be supplied by the young. Some observers hold that it has been unduly impressed upon this generation that its young people must have a good time. Even so good a thing may be overdone, and excellent as the idea of making children happy is, there is the possibility of excess in it. But hardly at Xmas.

—Commenting upon Principal Grant's letters, the Rev. Dr. Saunders, of Ottawa, said on Saturday last: We are building a new house, he said. We are laying the foundation for a great nation. Build it right. Let there be a specification in the plans that the fence of prohibition be built around it. Babylon fell because of drunkenness. Rome also. Mr. Gladstone and Sir Andrew Clark had stated that the liquor traffic causes more misery and suffering than any other agency on the face of the earth. Dr. Saunders said that Judge Dugas, of Montreal, had told him that drunkenness was responsible for three-fourths of all the crime, insanity and suffering in existence. As to Principal Grant's contention that prohibition would not prohibit, Dr. Saunders quoted the testimony of prominent individuals as to the success of the law in the State of Maine, and whereas the law there only prohibits the manufacture and sale of liquors, and we are asking for a law which will prohibit the importation as well, our law will be much more effective than theirs. As to the moral right to prohibit Dr. Saunders said that this could be found in the sixth commandment. The liquor traffic is killing men. If we permit this to go on, by licensing the traffic we become accessories. We have a moral right to prohibit anything which is injurious to the commonwealth. Principal Grant had contended that if the liquor traffic were prohibited, the people would be driven to excesses in other directions. Dr. Saunders pointed out that it was when men lost their judgment while under the influence of liquor, that they did things which they would not do in sober moments.

### ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

*Montreal Gazette:* Principal Grant, in one of his letters on the prohibition question, condemns the newspapers for not giving their attention to the discussion of the plebiscite. The Principal's complaint is really a tribute to the newspaper's sense. The plebiscite is the worst of all the dodges for humbugging the prohibitionists, that a Parliament, anxious to avoid the direct issue, has had resort to. To discuss it is a serious matter likely to lead to legislative action would be to share in the fraud.

*Yarmouth Times:* Mr. Tarte has opened his mouth and spoke. He tells the world from the platform in Levis, Quebec, that it is the duty of all French-Canadians to support Premier Laurier because he is the foremost French-Canadian statesman. He says he (Tarte) is in the cabinet and was taken in as a representative of the Conservatives, many of whom voted for Mr. Laurier's candidates at last election. How kind it was of Premier Laurier to remember the poor Conservatives when forming his cabinet and take into his bosom the Liberal organizer of Quebec as a disguised Conservative. It seems to be the evident policy of Mr. Tarte, who is now, virtually the autocratic head of the Liberal party, to make his party a Quebec party first and get such support from the other provinces as may come.

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### THE FOREIGN MEAT FRAUD IN ENGLAND.

The British beef producer in endeavoring to have legislation enacted to prevent the sales of foreign meats in England as the home product. This fraud seems to be practiced to a very large degree in many quarters, and it is no wonder the British farmer is agitated over the matter. This foreign meat when sold for home-bred, reduces the price of the home article and prevents the producer there from getting as high a price as he would if it were sold on its own merits. But there is another side to the question. If foreign meat can be sold in England as the home product it must be that its quality is equal to that of the home product. Such being the case it will be to interest of the foreigner as well as the home producer to have a law passed to prevent this fraudulent practice. Of course the name has considerable to do with the sale of any product in England, especially if the customer is judging between the home product and that produced in a foreign country. But if the quality is all right the producer need not fear as to finding a sale for his product at a remunerative price. For a time the British consumer would perhaps give the preference to the home product, but if the quality of the foreign product were maintained it would soon command the best price.

The foreign producer, who has a good quality of meat to send to England, should welcome the proposed legislation in regard to selling foreign meats as home bred. In the case of Canadian produce instances are quite numerous of Canadian meat being sold as home-bred in England. If this meat were good enough to be sold for English meat it were good enough to be sold as Canadian, and the prejudice to any meats but home-bred would soon be overcome if we supplied only the very best quality. We do not wish our products to be sold under any other name than Canadian, and every cattle dealer here will welcome the legislation which the British producer is demanding.

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1891.....1,922,121  
1892.....1,909,527  
1893.....1,910,659  
1894.....1,936,219  
1895.....1,957,390  
1896.....1,972,286

If the banner province of the Dominion grows in population so slowly, one becomes apprehensive that the population of Canada which was 4,829,411 by last census, may barely turn the five million mark in 1901.

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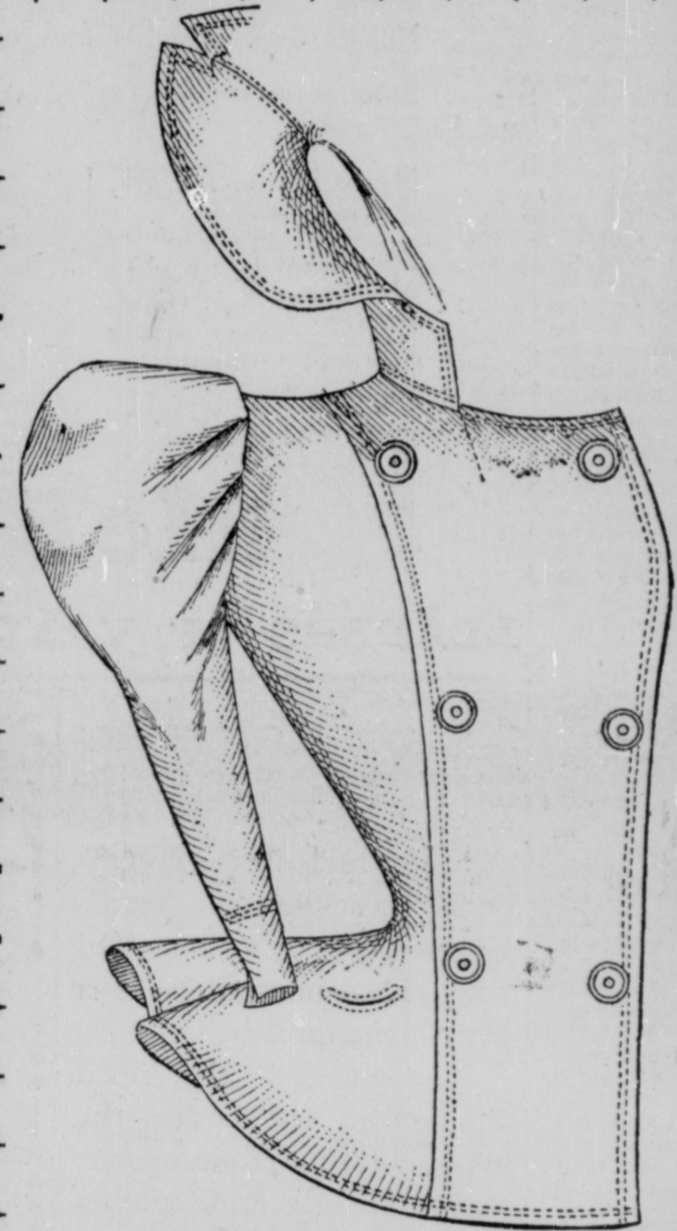
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Mr. Editor

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