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The Reduced Rainfall.

To the Editor of the Examiner.
 Sir,—Reports from various parts of the country agree as to the great and unusual scarcity of water in the wells, swamps and ponds. As some of your readers may like to know how the rainfall for the last few months compares with that of other years, I subjoin a few notes regarding it:
 During the eight years from 1873 to 1880, both inclusive, the average rainfall for the three months, September, October and November, amounts in the aggregate, to 10 3/4 inches; the snowfall for the same months, 12-80 inches, making a total precipitation equivalent to 11-629 inches of rain. For the same months in the present year, rainfall, 7-294 inches; snowfall, 8-23 inches; total precipitation, 8-117 inches, or about 3 inches less rain, 4 1/2 inches less snow, and 3 1/2 inches less precipitation than the average of eight years. The largest precipitation for the same three months during the same years was 15-830 inches in 1877, and the smallest 8-117 inches in the present year. Approaching the latter was the precipitation of 1876, 8 885 inches.
 Yours, &c.,
 H. J. CUMMALL.

The State of Trade in Montreal.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE DURING THE YEAR.
 (From the Montreal Gazette).

Now that the last vessel has cleared, and navigation on the St. Lawrence has closed for at least another five months, we may begin to take stock of what has been done on this great highway of commerce during the past season. Since the opening of navigation 710 sea-going vessels have arrived at this port with cargoes of merchandise from all quarters of the globe, against 612 vessels during the season of 1879, showing an increase of 98 vessels. The number of lake and river craft arriving in port this season was 6,487, against 5,698 last year, being an increase of 789. The shipments of grain, lumber, dairy produce and cattle all show a considerable increase upon those of 1879. Our export trade in apples has been the largest ever known, the shipments during the season having exceeded those of last year by no less than 100,457 barrels, the total shipments amounting to 161,931 barrels, against 61,524 barrels in 1879. The shipments of butter to Great Britain have also been large, amounting to 196,610 pkgs., against 180,362 pkgs., and of cheese 541,366 boxes, against 180,962 boxes last year, which shows an increase of 15,648 pkgs. of butter and 26,016 boxes of cheese. During the past week the wholesale trade has shown signs of lapsing into its usual winter quietness, although in one or two branches evidences of improvement are visible. A steady trade transpires in dry goods, and the retail trade may be termed active. A decided improvement has taken place in the iron market, and a larger business has been done than for many weeks past, at an advance of fully \$1 per ton. Quite a "boom" is on in manufactured furs, the demand for which is brisker than has been experienced for many years. In other lines of the wholesale trade there is little change.

Better—or Worse?

There are four "gloomy reflections" made in an article of the *Methodist* of last week which, the writer believes, show tendencies of a serious retrograde movement in the world. First the writer observes that there is a neglect, but not an absolute one, of the poor. "There are," he says, "men who hardly knew there was a Bible in the world until they learned it of Ingersoll. To multitudes in our cities Christianity is a perquisite of wealthy people, who own the marble, and stone, and brick edifices where God is worshipped." He finds also that piety has declined, because temperance, doctrine, philanthropic reforms and denominational fidelity absorb every attention. He finds also that people are growing indifferent to the observance of Sunday. Charles W. Super, Ph. D., in the *Christian Advocate* takes quite an opposite view. His article is entitled "Is the World Growing Worse?" which he answers in the negative. Our increased facilities for learning news makes daily crime better known than of old, and we are apt, he says, to regard it as on the increase, but that public morality is almost infinitely higher than it was a few centuries ago. He cites the higher morality of European courts, the banishment of atrocities from our wars of to-day and the increase of epidemic diseases in proof of his argument.

The Queen and the Court, Etc.

The Queen remains at Balmoral, which is now surrounded by snow. The neighboring country houses and shooting lodges are deserted. Braemar is abandoned by the last tourist, and herds of red deer are to be seen in the low country, which have been driven down from the forests by the weather. Of course the Royal excursions are at an end; and her Majesty contents herself with a long sledge drive or a trudge to the village for a Lady Southdown-like round of visits to its inhabitants. The Queen thoroughly enjoys the quiet and privacy of Balmoral at this season. Moreover, the extreme cold benefits both her health and her spirits; and but for the necessity of going through the usual Windsor routine of entertaining Ministers and grandees prior to the anniversary of December 14th, it is probable that the stay of the Court on Deeside would be protracted well into December.

The statement that the Queen contemplates going on to Berlin in February, to attend the wedding of Prince William of Prussia, is incorrect, no such idea being at present entertained. Her Majesty is a rigid purist—as Prince Albert was—in matters of precedent and etiquette, and there is no precedent for a visit of the Sovereign to a foreign Court under such circumstances. Moreover, the Queen's health is quite unequal to the fatigue and excitement of such elaborate and prolonged ceremonies as will attend this marriage. According to present arrangements, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will represent the English Court on this occasion. The Prince and Princess of Wales are likely to be absent from England during the greater part of the month, as they will also attend the marriage of the Crown Princess Rudolph of Austria at Vienna, ten days before the Berlin ceremony.

The relations of the Queen with the Court of Berlin have not been quite cordial of late years. A serious difference on a domestic point occurred between her Majesty and the Crown Princess during the last visit of the latter to England, and the subsequent expedition of the Empress of Germany to Windsor was undertaken for the purpose of clearing up the misunderstanding, in which, however, the Empress was not very successful, and the ground of the dispute still exists. Now the Empress has taken offence at the encouragement given by her Majesty to the engagement of Prince William, the Empress considering the match as being altogether beneath his just pretensions. The Emperor, during his annual visit to his wife at Coblenz, is understood to have prevailed on her to abandon all further opposition to the marriage; but this does not of course affect her Majesty's feelings of resentment towards those who have brought it about. In addition to this, discontent has been expressed at the Court of Berlin that in these days of Socialism the Queen should have not merely permitted, but sedulously encouraged, the marriage of Princess Frederica of Hanover with one who is not only "not born," but who was actually her father's orderly officer.—*London World.*

Literary Notes.

John Ruskin says that he was a home bred boy, and that as diligently and scrupulously as his mother taught him his Bible and Latin grammar, so his father devotedly taught him Scott, Pope and Byron.

"An American Statesman" has an article on "Party Politics in the United States," in the November number of the *Contemporary Review*. The American readers of that periodical will be surprised to hear of the newspapers that in the recent campaign "there was less of personal abuse and calumny to be found in them than at any previous Presidential election."

The English critics will not believe that Oliver Wendell Holmes is old at seventy. The *Academy* calls him the best living writer of *vers de societe*. The *Athenaeum* says if his work must be so classed, "so much the better for *vers de societe*."

Mr. Gladstone's Eastern policy is savagely assailed in the November *Blackwood's* in an article aptly headed, in view of the peaceful war ship demonstration, "The Unloaded Revolver—the Diplomacy of Fanaticism."

Weather Bulletin.

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