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CONSUMPTION.

PARTICULAR attention has in recent years been given to the treatment and cure of consumption. The result in Great Britain has been a marked reduction of the number of deaths on its account. A better observance of the general laws of health has, it is said, caused an improvement in this regard as well as in respect to other diseases. Something is also due to good sanitary regulations, well enforced. But consumption is not yet considered one of the diseases that can be lessened to any great extent by the precautions and rules which apply to the whole population. The diminution of the death rate from consumption in Great Britain has, it is said, been caused chiefly by the general recognition of the infectiousness of the disease. The belief that consumption or "decline" is "catching" has been long entertained by a comparatively few observant persons. It has been seen that the disease is wont to spread through whole families that were previous to its introduction perfectly healthy, and, as far as was known, without any hereditary taint. The conclusion came to that the disease was imparted in some way from one member of the family to another was natural and logical, though it was not generally regarded as sound. But medical science has discovered that these unlearned observers had hit upon the true cause of consumption in a great many instances. Physicians have decided that consumption is infectious, and they have commenced to treat consumptive patients on that assumption. They, as far as possible, isolate them; and they find the treatment followed by the best effects, both as regards the patients themselves and the families to which they belong. Hospitals have been built for the accommodation and treatment of consumptives, a saving of life has been effected and the disease has been prevented from spreading. So sure are some enthusiastic medical men that the principal cause of the prevalence of consumption is contact with persons suffering from the disease, that they believe that if the proper means were used consumption could be "stamped out" of a community as surely, if not as rapidly, as smallpox.

It is also believed that consumption, particularly in its early stages, can be cured. "The marvellous success," says the Montreal Star, "of Dr. Trudeau's institution at Saronac Lake in the Adirondacks has put beyond a doubt the curative power of pure dry air in the vast majority of cases. Air appears to be the meat for the man and poison for the germ, thus waging a double warfare against the disease by strengthening the patient and killing the enemy."

In view of all that has lately been discovered in respect to consumption, there is room for the hope that it may, by the exercise of care with respect to the sputa of patients and to ventilation, be gradually stamped out and cease to be a terror to individuals and to families.

WAR INEVITABLE.

WAR with the Transvaal is regarded as inevitable. But it will, if possible be postponed until after the jubilee celebrations. It is remarked that there has lately been a marked stiffening of the attitude of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, towards President Kruger, and it is equally certain that the preparations of regiments, transports and material, apparently made in view of a possible Turko-Greek blaze, are really designed for South Africa. If nothing happens sixty thousand men will, ere long, it is reported, be sent to South Africa. The regiments necessary have already been secretly warned to prepare for active service. President Kruger is apparently relying upon German, and possibly also upon French, sympathy, and is forcing this issue.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Public opinion says that the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of the Legislature insinuates a great deal and promises nothing.

—In the hurry of yesterday we forgot to mention the enlargement and decided improvement of the Guardian. Our contemporary presented a particularly fine appearance this morning, and altogether reflects credit upon its editor and manager, and all to whom the improvement is due. We cordially congratulate it upon its success in the past and wish it continued prosperity.

—The following table tells the story of what the National Policy has done for the coal trade in Cape Breton County:

CAPE BRETON'S COAL SALES.	
Fiscal year.	Tons.
1874 (to Dec. 31st)	347,016
1875 "	304,702
1876 "	268,808
1877 "	301,981
1878 "	299,055
1879 "	252,924
1880 "	380,748
1881 "	515,752
1882 "	585,568
1883 "	612,614
1884 "	539,064
1885 "	517,975
1886 "	578,191
1887 "	712,442
1888 "	738,250
1889 "	751,997
1890 "	916,994
1891 "	982,394
1892 "	923,869
1893 (to Sept 30th)	792,762
1894 "	1,115,773
1895 "	1,031,341
1896 "	1,257,362

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Mail and Empire: Earthquakes, among other evils, seem to be unpleasantly common under Liberal rule.

Ottawa Journal: In stating again that Spanish campaigns in Cuba "are nearing a successful issue," Premier Canovas probably does not mean a Spanish issue out of the island, but that is probably what the facts mean.

Moncton Times: The Roman Catholic bishops have been interfering in politics again. The Quebec local elections are pending and these officious heads of the church have prohibited Sunday meetings at the church door and denounced bribery at the polls. Down with those bishops!

Montreal Witness: Whether the old practice of men battering each other out of shape with their fists is to be attributed to the tiger in man, or whether that would be a slander upon the tiger, we do not know, but the process has evidently lost the respectability it once had, and now no civilized nation will harbor it—that is the thing itself—though they still goad over accounts of it. We are inclined to think that man will offer no loss, but much more a man when the tiger is dead and he ceases to delight in needless pain.

Montreal Gazette: Californians think they have solved the prison labor problem, and at the same time put themselves on the way to secure a much sought after boon—good roads for the State. The convicts in the penitentiary are employed in quarrying and crushing stone, which is sold for 25 cents a ton loaded on the cars, and the railroads haul it at a special rate, so that roads can be built at the rate of 50 to 55 cents a cubic yard at almost any place in the State. Most of the provinces of Canada have both prison labor to spare and bad roads to improve. Our legislators might do a useful work in following the California example and combine the two facts in a way to promote the public good.

BROKE THROUGH THE ICE.—Yesterday Mr. Patrick Grimes, fireman on the steamer Northumberland, while working at the vessel's hull broke through the ice off Steam Navigation wharf. Mr. Grimes is by no manner of means a lightweight, and although there was plenty of help at hand it was not without some trouble that he was drawn out. We are pleased to state that he is not much the worse to-day on account of the accident.

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INTERESTING NEWS NOTES SELECTED FOR THE EXAMINER.

The Panama scandal has been thoroughly revived in Paris, and startling revelations are promised.

There will be a congress of Greek women in Athens in April, to discuss the reform of the Greek dress.

It is stated that the Duke of Fife, son-in-law of the Prince of Wales, will be made a Prince upon the occasion of the jubilee celebration.

The rumor that the Queen is shortly to abdicate meets with little credence in Great Britain. Familiarity has bred contempt for it.

The rumor is revived that Lieutenant-Governor McLintosh has tendered his resignation and that he will be succeeded by Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere.

It is said that a comfortable billet is to be provided for Mr. Lavigne, M. P., by creating a second judgeship of the Exchequer Court for the Province of Quebec, to which he will be appointed.

There seems to be no demand for artists' houses in London. Sir John Millais' house, on which he spent \$200,000, was offered at auction recently, but no bid was made, and after trying to sell Sir Frederick Leighton's house without obtaining a reasonable offer, his family offered it to the nation, but the gift does not seem to have been accepted yet.

Hon. L. H. Davies, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has decided to send over a suitable exhibit from the Canadian fisheries to be placed in the Imperial Institute in May. Circulars have been sent out to the fishermen in the Maritime Provinces, and specimens of all our best Canadian varieties will be included, as well as an assortment of canned goods.

The Auditor-General's report shows that 45 candidates lost their deposits in the last general election. They forfeited altogether \$9,000. The amount claimed by the returning officers for election expenses was \$274,786, of which \$191,219 was allowed. The most costly election was in Alberta, for which the returning officer presented a bill of expenses for \$13,800. Of this the Government allowed \$7,495.

The favorite beverages in Great Britain are more and more getting to be tea, beer, and light wines at the expense of coffee, spirit, and heavy wines. The consumption of sherry and port in England, for instance, has decreased in the last seventeen years from 11,000,000 gallons a year to 4,700,000, while tea shows an increase of 9,000,000 pounds during the same period and light wines of nearly 2,000,000 gallons. Cocoa also has gained tremendously.

When the French se-bill was introduced, Sir Charles Tupper pointed out to the Government the inadvisability of pressing it this session, inasmuch as it could not fail to delay business. He offered, if the Government was disposed to be reasonable, to endeavor to bring about accord between both sides of the House on the important franchise question. It seemed to him that this might be possible on the basis of uniform manhood franchise for the Dominion. The Government seemed disposed to consent to delay, and expressed no opinion on the other suggestion.

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