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Editorial Outlook

THE FISHERIES.

From the report of the Fisheries Department, just out, it is learned the Canadian catch of fish of last year was considerably less than that of the year before. From 1869 to 1901 the value of the cod, herring, mackerel, lobster and salmon taken in Canadian waters was three hundred and sixty-four million dollars.

A BABEL.

The term Babel, in a purely philological sense, *Zion's Herald* thinks is not inapplicable to Chicago. Professor Buck, of the University of Chicago, has discovered that forty tongues are spoken in that city. In a pamphlet recently published the professor makes the statement that fourteen languages besides English are spoken by colonies of more than 10,000 persons each, and he characterizes Chicago as "an unparalleled babel of foreign tongues."

ANOTHER OUTBREAK.

Dr. Coleman, for sixteen years physician to the Imperial Court of China at Peking, believes there will soon be another Chinese uprising, more terrible even than the last. He says the mistaken leniency of the powers in the Boxer outbreak will bring on the calamity he predicts. Others who have knowledge of China including missionaries of experience, have the same belief that Dr. Coleman expresses. The fire, they say, is only smouldering, and may break out at any time.

POLITICAL NEWS.

The Parliament of Canada meets Thursday of this week.

Of the newly elected N. B. Legislature seventeen were not in the last legislature. They are: McLatchy, Restigouche; Morrissey, Loggie and Morrison, Northumberland; Gogain, Kent; Legere and Sweeney, Westmorland; Lantalum, St. John city; Burden, York; Grimmer, Clarke and Hartt, Charlotte; Jones and Smith, Carleton; Tweeddale and Burgess, Victoria; and Clair, Madawaska.

C. R. Devlin, Canadian government immigration agent in Dublin, has accepted a nomination of the Irish Nationalist party for Galway's seat in the British House of Commons. He is the man who, while receiving the country's pay as emigration agent, has said he could not advise Irish Catholics to come to Can-

ada because they could not expect fair play here.

The New Brunswick Legislature has been further prorogued till Mar. 26th.

Mr. Devlin, emigration agent of Canada in Dublin, has resigned, while he runs for a seat in the British Parliament.

It is reported that Mr. Allen, one of the York Co. members, will be Speaker of the legislature, and that ex-Speaker Robinson will become a member of the government.

LICENSE IN VERMONT.

The vote of Vermont having been in favor of local option, many of the towns have now decided to have licenses. This was to be expected. And the many who defied public opinion in the violation of the prohibitory law will now do business with the consent and endorsement of the people whom they formerly defied. Vermont's license experience may be watched with interest. We venture the prediction that before the end of the year in every town that adopts license there will be as many illicit places as there were under prohibition, and that there will be less attempt to interfere with them.

JAPAN.

Rev. Dr. Meecham, a missionary recently returned from Japan, in an address before a Methodist ministers' meeting in Toronto last week, told of the early experiences of Protestant missions in that country, when houses and schools of the missionaries were burned, and of opposition in various forms was made. The report of his speech says:

In refutation of the allegations often made to the effect that Christian progress was very slow in Japan, the speaker gave some interesting facts and figures. In 1872, he said, there were only eleven native Protestant Christians in Japan, whereas now there were over 44,000, an increase of over four per cent. If the same progress had been shown throughout the world, there would be no non-Christians left, and the same argument would apply had the world 53 times its present population.

NOTES.

The Pope's health is not good.

It is intimated that little or no change will be made in the liquor license law of Ontario.

A list has been compiled of 800 trusts in the United States, with an aggregate capital of \$14,000,000,000.

Italy is considering a wireless tel-

egraph system between that country and Argentina.

One-fifth of the members of the United States Senate are over seventy years of age.

Preparations are being made to give Secretary Chamberlain a hearty welcome on his return in London. He deserves it.

A WORD WITH PASTORS.

Are there homes in your pastorate that do not take their denominational paper? The INTELLIGENCER would like to go to them. Kindly introduce it.

Have all the subscribers in your pastorate renewed for this year? Kindly suggest that any who have not done so, should do it now.

Are any thinking of discontinuing the paper? Perhaps you can persuade them that to do that is a mistake.

The INTELLIGENCER desires and needs:

1. To retain all present subscribers.
2. To have all arrears paid, and advance subscriptions from all.
3. To have new subscribers in every church in the denomination.
4. To have this year the largest list and the promptest paying subscribers it has ever had.

Pastors can help accomplish these things more than any others. But all friends of the INTELLIGENCER can help a good deal. We solicit their efforts to bring about the things mentioned above.

HAS CHANGED.—Rev. Osborne Troop (Episcopal), of Montreal, has become a prohibitionist. When he was a rector in St. John he was opposed to prohibition, and so declared himself. Recently (we quote the *Globe*) "he announced himself a convert to prohibition, at the annual public meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. This conversion was the result, Mr. Troop said, of the unscrupulous methods of those on the opposite side, as formerly he, owing to the dictates of his conscience, had not voted for prohibition. This statement was received with applause by the temperance workers present.

Mr. Troop went on to speak in strong terms of his horror at the attitude of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, whose chief officer said at the time of the general election that the Liberals were put in through the liquor vote, which could as easily put them out of power again. The policy of the liquor party, first, last, and all the time, was the policy of bread and butter. Mr. Troop said that he believed the Almighty would deal with this question as he had done with slavery and other evils. God's way might be to stop the demand and then the supply would be stopped. Each person who joined the temperance ranks helped to stop the demand.

What Others Say.

THEY RESPECT HIM.

Men may not like to be told that they are sinners, but they will respect the preacher who plainly and lovingly tells them so.—*The Examiner*.

JUST A ROCKING HORSE.

The church that gives nothing for missions may think it is moving forward, but it is not. It reminds one of a rocking-horse, which, while it is in motion, makes no advance.—*Christian Evangelist*.

THEIR ONLY HOPE.

About the only hope of heaven some men have, according to their own words, is the fact that they have never killed any one, stolen any money, or openly violated any law of the land. That does quite well for negative goodness, but how about the more positive kind? Christ declares that our righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Their religion was the kind mentioned above—chiefly negative.—*The Telescope*.

GETS CAUGHT.

The counterfeit gets caught in some period of its career, whether it is money or an individual. Counterfeit money sometimes deceives even expert bank officials and goes into circulation until it reaches the Treasury Department, then its career of shame is detected, and it is destroyed, and some counterfeit Christians may even go through their entire life passing as genuine until—the Divine One weighs them and finds them wanting.—*Bap. Commonwealth*.

A WHISKY DRUMMER.

"Do you encourage or help any agricultural, or other, paper which admits whisky ads into its columns. What right has the publisher of an agricultural paper to send a drummer for a saloon into the sacred precincts of your home? Do not take a bad paper because it is cheap. Nothing is cheap which comes like a thief in the night to corrupt the morals of your children and rob your fireside of its joy and happiness. This is not a temperance lecture, it is only good hard horse-sense, based on the experience of the ages and uttered long ago in thundering tones in that unalterable law. 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' In this day of commercialism and agreed the saloon has spread its withering blight over the cities of the land, corrupting their politicians, debauching their young men and boys, as well as leading into vice and wickedness many of the flowers of womanhood, and it is now trying to wreck the home of the farmer through his agricultural paper. Look your favorite family paper over, and, if you find it flaunting in your face ads for whisky, order it stopped. The publisher evidently thinks more of the pay he gets for this business than he does for the morals of your family. Let him have his demoralizing ads, and you read clean papers.—*The Modern Farmer*.