

Notes and Gleanings.

..The total exports of fish, oil, etc., from Newfoundland for last year are estimated to have exceeded those of the preceding year over three millions of dollars.

..Abyssinia is reported to be absorbing civilization fast. Roads, bridges, water supplies, telephones, and telegraph lines are going ahead rapidly. It has been called the "Japan of Africa."

..France had almost 26,000 more deaths than births last year. The significance of this, in such a climate and country as France is that their errors and vices are working out their natural results.

Twenty-seven millions of dollars are paid in taxes by the negroes of the State of Georgia alone, and in the south generally negroes own 160,000 farms and 150,000 homes, eighty-nine per cent. of the farms and eighty-seven per cent. of the homes being unencumbered.

..The cars for the new underground railway in New York are to be made of pressed steel, thus avoiding all danger of the Paris horror, in which wooden cars were crushed and burned. Two hundred all-metal pressed-steel cars were ordered for the new subway last week.

..A New York man moved his household 110 times in seven years, and his wife has just had him arrested because he wanted to move again. He admits that he is fond of moving, and had rather do this than anything else, but now the courts have restrained him.

..An evidence of the up-to-dateness of the Japanese is found in the fact that just before the war broke out the Government issued an edict forbidding foot-binding in the island of Formosa, which formerly belonged to China. A fine of £20 is to be imposed upon offenders.

..It may seem a small matter to some, but it is a fact that Manila rope is steadily superseding leather belting for the transmission of power in mills and factories. A belt of this kind has the advantage of noiselessness. It also saves power, because the grooves of the rope prevent suction.

..Sir Oliver Lodge is authority for the statement that the so-called "working classes" of England are becoming more and more the educated classes. They take things seriously, he says, and have not the time or desire for frivolities. Recently, when Sir Oliver lectured in Birmingham on radium to artisans, between two and three thousand crowded into the Town Hall, and as many more were turned away.

..In the County of London, according to latest returns, there are 10,390 licensed public houses, an average of one for every 437 of population and for every 55 inhabited houses. In the City of London itself the average is one licensed house for every 43 residents, while in Westminster it is one for every 187 residents. Could anything be more appalling than these figures?

..In the year 1903 occurred more strikes of labor unions than in any previous year of our history. Not less than \$50,000,000 was lost in wages alone. Unfortunately most of these strikes were pure waste, and were what are called "sympathetic strikes," or something which did not have the direct object of increasing wages or better conditions of work. Indications are that there will be far fewer strikes this year than last.

..It will tax credulity to believe the facts regarding the prevalence of the cigarette habit in Canada, but there is no reason to doubt the following: "In Canada in 1900 there were consumed 116 million cigarettes, 121 millions in

1901, 134 millions in 1902 and 176 millions in 1903. This does not include the millions upon millions rolled by the hands of the users or those imported ready made."

..Theatrical companies are complaining that this is the worst year for their business that is on record. Some 3,000 of their members are out of employment at present. More theatres are closed, companies stranded or disbanded, and more actors and actresses unemployed than ever known before, according to their statements. This, says the *Herald and Presbyter*, may indicate a return to sanity on the part of the people.

..Many people are wondering where Japan gets her guns and ammunition. They used to be bought abroad, but now makes her own, chiefly at the arsenal at Osaka. There is also a big arsenal at Tokio on the grounds of Prince Mito's famous gardens, and there the "Thirtieth year" rifles are made. This gun is a Japanese invention and the one in use in the army. This arsenal also makes ammunition and turns out 1,000,000 rounds a day in times of peace, but of course this output must have been greatly increased of late.



CHRISTIANITY IN POLITICS.

It has been said that "Christianity ought to be at its best in politics." Surely this will be so if we have correct ideas of what Christianity consists in. Christianity is the embodiment in our daily life of the principles of our holy religion. It has to do with every sphere and relation of life. As has been said, "Religion is righteous living," and politics is one form of expressing that life.

There are those who sneer at what they call "Sunday school politics," or the bringing to bear of the principles of our religious life on political actions. They are wonderfully silent and non-observant with regard to the influence of the rum traffic in politics.

In our country the government is right if the controlling elements among the people are right.

A proper code of morals, founded on and in harmony with the Word of God, and consistent with the teachings of our Lord, will be a source of great national strength and prosperity.

The influences that are going to make for the stability of national life and institutions will not be found in liquor-permeated politics. Nor is national purity and national power fostered by that hot-bed of national corruption—the bar-room.

We have been accustomed to say hard things about the ward heeler who controls so many votes through the saloon, and we are having given to us as municipal politics a very humiliating demonstration of the very close relation of the liquor traffic and political corruption. But why find fault when we have all along been neglecting our duty as citizens to contribute to the good of the commonwealth?

We have no right to complain of the influence of the bar-room politicians or the ward heelers, when we have neglected our solemn responsibility to exert our influence to secure purity of party management, or the nomination of good candidates.

Good citizens grow indignant that the laws are not enforced, that officials are under the influence of the saloon—but

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how many of these good citizens were at the ward primarily to outvote the gang that is responsible for the selection of bad officials—or how many of them thought it worth while to take a turn through the word with a view of outlining a course of action that would secure good candidates and pure elections.

The duty of the hour is to redeem all municipal and political machinery from the control of the liquor traffic. This can only be done by the co-operation of Christian men in all the political activities of municipal and national life, so that their influence will become a controlling factor in all that affects the government of the nation.—*The Pioneer*.



N. B. LEGISLATURE.

Wednesday.—The Legislature reassembled after an adjournment of four days. The schools report, Auditor General's report and report of Public Works were laid on the table. Replying to questions, members of the government said it has not been decided when the vacancy in the St. John representation will be filled, that the Deaf and Dumb School in St. John is not under control of the Board of Education, that it is not decided when a superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum will be appointed, that the consolidation of the statutes has cost to date \$23,197.13.

Thursday.—The Highway Bill was introduced. It removes the distinction between great roads and bye-roads; present highway divisions are abolished and the government will appoint superintendents of larger divisions; statute labor is abolished and a road tax substituted.

Friday.—The Highway Act was discussed. The Premier, replying to Mr. Hazen, said the government had guaranteed the principal and interest on first mortgage bonds upon the railway from Norton to Gibson, \$200,000. The cost of the consolidation of the statutes was discussed. The House adjourned till Monday.



The citizen who endorses the liquor traffic by his vote is the destroyer of his country.—*Horace Greeley*.

PARLIAMENT.

The Parliament of Canada met Thursday. Mr. Belcourt was elected Speaker. Friday the "Speech from the Throne"—the government's programme for the session, was read by the Governor General. It spoke of the country's prosperity, the increasing population, the new arrangement of the G. T. P. scheme, and proposed amendments to the militia law. New members were introduced, and the House adjourned till Monday.



A FABLE.

A Russian fable tells of a man who wished to accomplish a journey over the snow and ice through an inhospitable region infested with ravenous wolves. The distance was so great that it could only be traversed in a day by the strongest and swiftest horse to be found. Thus furnished, the traveler set forth to cross the steppe. When well on his way a huge wolf sprang upon the horse and devoured him. The wolf then became entangled in the harness and sped the traveler to the very place he sought. Rev. Wm. Taylor says the devil has often attacked him in this way, and the result has only been to take him the quicker over the rough roads to the place desired. The devil himself becomes the Lord's servant to save and forth at a rapid rate, and soon drew help his people.—*D. L. Moody*.



The cold in northern Italy is so intense that the Tosa Falls, near Simplon, probably the grandest among the Alps, are frozen.

HEAD BACK LEGS ACHE

Ache all over. Throat sore, Eyes and Nose running, slight cough with chills; this is La Grippe.

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