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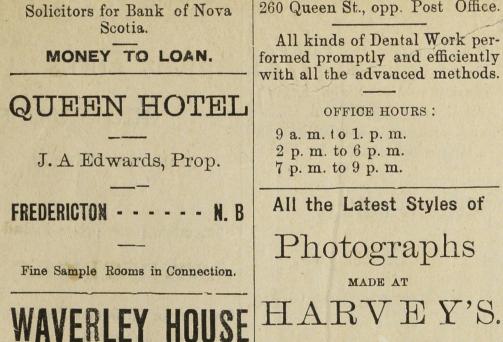
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BANDOM READINGS.

Broken up Into Sled-Lengths and Sifted Through the Brain of The Editor.

Queen's Jubilee Notes.

On Thursday last, Mr. Fielding presented to the house a message from the Governor-General transmitting a special estimate of twenty-six thousand dollars to cover the expenses of the Jubilee contingent to England. The House immediately went into committee of supply upon them.

This is a pretty stiff price for Canada to pay for the great show. What has become of Laurier's democracy? Has he also been seduced by the syren of Imperialism?

The Irish Will Not Participate.

LONDON, May 28.-Mr. John Dillon, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, presided to-day at a meeting of 26 lish members of parliament who adopted a resolution declaring that the Irish parliamentary party is unable to take part in the celebrations of the Jubillee. "on the ground that the demonstration is not simply commemorative of the private and public virtues of the monarch; but is mainly an imperial jubilation over the development of the principles of self-government and the growth of prosperity, wealth, comfort, etc., in which Ireland has not shared.

A "Peaceful" Reign.

A remarkable feature of the Queen's reign is the great number of wars, "little and big," that have marked its progress. Scarcely a twelve-month, indeed, without finding England at war in some part of the world. Here is a list of the principal campaigns and expeditions :- Afghan war, 1838-40: first China war, 1841; Sikh war, 1848-49; Burmese war, 1850; second Kaffir war, 1851-52; second Burmese war, 1852-53; Crimea, 1854; third war with China,, 1856-58; Indian mutiny, 1857; Maori war, 1860-61: more wars with China, 1860 and 1865; second Maori war, 1863-66; Ashantee war, 1864; war in Bootan, 1864; Abyssynian war, 1867-68; war with the Bazotees, 1868; third Maori war, 1868-69; war with Looshasis, 1871; Zulu war, 1878-79; third Afghan war, 1878-80; war in Basutoland, 1879-81 ; Transvaal war, 1879i81 ; Egyptian war, 1882; Zanzibar, 1890; India, 1890; Matabele wars, 1894 and 1896; Chitral campaign, 1895; Third Ashantee campaign 1896; second Soudan campaign, 1896.

honored in the Queen, in the great celebration to begotten up in her honor, these virtues should not go unrewarded when found in the more lowly walks of life, lest it be said :--- "that it was simply because Victoria is a queen that she is thus honored. and not through any merits of her own." She has reigned over the various peoples under the British flag for nearly sixty years and has been personolly all that could be desired as a good and noble lady.

The merits or demerits of monarchy does not enter into this argument; it is only the personality of the ruler of which we now speak.

There are thousands of good and noble women in Great Britain and the colonies who have worn the crown of unsullied maidenhood and motherhood, worked hard to raise large families ; large numbers of the boys comprising these families have laid down their lives for their flag and country, and yet the world never hears of the

Let sixty of these old ladies the humbler walks of life, of the same age us the Queen, be chosen from great Britain, Ireland and the colonies, and ride in the procession just behind the Queen, and let her give a dinner in their honor to them, in Buckingham Palace, at which the Queen and Royal Family will preside and entertain and converse with them as equals, and when dismissing them not send them away country handed

empty-handed. This would show, as nothing has shown, the sympathy and Christian humility and nterest in the happiness and well-being of her subjects, which the Queen is said to evince so strongly; and do more to cement the bond between the people and the crown than anything else in the history of the nation.

Perpetual Holiday.

The proposition to make May 24th a perpetual Holiday is, we think, ill-advised, and sets a bad precedent. When Albert comes to the throne his birthday will be the Empire Holiday, and then if the British public get the habit of keeping every ruler's bithday there would soon be no days left to carry on business. With Dominion Day, Thanksgiving, Arbor Day, Christmas, New Years, and Good Friday we have already a plethora of holidays, and if the craze gets once started they would not stop at the Queen's birthday but make public holidays of the birthdays of Salisbury, Chamberlain, The Marquis of Lorne, and every one who happened to be in a high position or have a handle to their names.

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A Suggestion.

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One Square Meal.

In the arrangements for the jubilee festivities, the outcast poor of London were entirely overlooked, but the Princess of Wales, with that kindness of heart for which she is noted, headed a subscription which insures them one good square meal on that day, each, perhaps the first in their lives. Be thankful, poor outcasts and victims of "mans' inhumanity to man :"you will get enough to eat for once though you starve for the rest of your miserable