

**THE WOODSTOCK DISPATCH.**  
WOODSTOCK, N. B., MAY 6, 1896.

**OUR WEAKNESS.**

A case was before the court last week in which a great part of the evidence was given in French. It was the case of a libel brought by a French Canadian lawyer against a French Canadian newspaper. The plaintiff and the defendant are both of French extraction. They talk and write French almost entirely, but each can speak English with fluency. So much for our French conferees. Now, in court, were many professional gentlemen, eminent at the bar of this eminent province, two of them anyway coming from the centres of culture, Fredericton and St. John. They couldn't speak or read French. Probably they would have made as good a fist at deciphering Chinese. Of course it is right and proper that in a province like this the business of the courts should be carried on in the language of the large majority of its people, but can our professional men claim to be educated, without some small knowledge of the French language? It is invariably found that our governors general, when they come to Canada, are excellent French scholars and linguists, and we judge that in England the study of French is part of every man's education. Here, in Canada with a good deal more than a third of our citizens of French extraction, and speaking the French tongue, it is a rare exception to meet an English person who can say half a dozen words in French.

Why is not French given more prominence in our educational curriculum? It is an official language at the seat of government, and if inter-provincial trade is to increase, the knowledge of it will become a necessity as a business enterprise.

**About Exemption.**

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade on Wednesday last the following resolution was passed, for the consideration of the Board, moved by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Graham:—

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the council, the matter of exemption from taxation on granting of bonuses, requires the most careful consideration of a full meeting of the board, and the council deems it inopportune to give any decision in the matter, but recommends that after the fullest expression of opinion is had, and that only by a vote of two thirds of the membership should any suggestions be made to the Town Council affecting the matter.

**Consumption Can be Cured**

by the use of Shiloh's Cure. This great Cough Cure is the only known remedy for that terrible disease. Sold by Garden Bros.

**Spring Work.**

I had occasion to stop at a farm a few days ago, where nothing was being done to get ready for spring work. Three full-grown, able-bodied men were idle. Ploughs, harrows, harness, machinery and tools scattered around promiscuously, and none of them in shape to use. The horses at the straw rick on fodder feed, are too thin and weak for the heavy breaking soon at hand, and the long siege of hard work that will last all summer. The wood-pile equal only to pre cent necessities, and the fences as left by the November winds.

The farmer and his sons are sober, intelligent fellows. "up-to-date," on local, state, national and international affairs, take fairly good care of their crops, are well thought of in their community, and I scarcely need add, as well as they know. They lack not brain nor brawn, but lack the will to use the brawn. I wish it could be said that these farmers are rare and exceptional cases. I hope they are. The visit to this farm suggested that it might be reasonable, and profitable, too, to call attention to things we ought now be doing on the farm, to be fully ready for spring work. I say, therefore, see to getting the horses, harness, implements, tools, etc., in order at once.—Farmer, in Farm News.

The pleasant and beneficial effects of **McLean's Vegetable Worm Syrup** Make it the best Worm Remedy for Children.

It is not generally known that at one time the vergers were instructed to shoot the pigeons at St. Paul's to keep down their numbers. They were shot from the steps at the western front of the Cathedral, when the area before these steps was inclosed. But this was put a stop to thirty years ago.

The tomb of Prince Henry of Battenberg in Whippingham Church is eventually to be covered by a recumbent statue of the Prince, somewhat similar to that of the Prince Consort in the Albert Memorial Chapel at Windsor, and a window in the church is to be filled with appropriate stained glass.

The death of Lord Leighton—whose peerage was a New Year's ho-or—before he had taken the oath and his seat in the House of Lords, has its parallel in the death of Sir Erskine May K. B. C., the learned clerk of Parliament who had been created Lord Farnborough when in his last illness.

**Temperance in England.**

NEW YORK, April 20.—A special cable despatch from London to the Sun says: The temperance party in England is at length beginning to recover from the drubbing which it received in the last general election, but it does not seem to have taken to heart the lesson taught by its tremendous defeat at the polls. It is undeniable that the electorate meant to express the country's disgust with the fanatical temperance policy which aimed at immediate and violent interference with deep seated social habits and customs of the people; but the temperance people cherish the delusion that their defeat was due to their weakly dallying with half measures instead of keeping absolute prohibition in the forefront of their movement.

Consequently, they propose to "strengthen their program by penalizing the manufacture and sale of liquor," and one section will even go further and make drunkenness an offence punishable by fine and imprisonment. The latter have formed a new organization called "The Temperance Ironsides," and established a newspaper for the purpose, among others, of "freeing the church from all complication with the liquor traffic." This is primarily aimed at certain sensible bishops and parsons who have publicly given in their adhesion to the movement for dealing with the evils of the liquor traffic by enforcing the Gothenburg system of municipal ownership and control. Various temperance conferences will be held next month, and it will be seen whether the Ironsides in particular and the prohibitionists in general will obtain control of the anti-liquor movement. If they should do so they will not carry the bulk of the Liberal party with them, and the result will probably be a political schism not without importance.

**A Great German Prescription.**

Diseased blood, constipation, and kidney, liver and bowel troubles are cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea. Sold by Garden Bros.

**Two Fiendish Women.**

A woman named Mrs. Dyer has been found guilty in England of a series of crimes which are horrible to contemplate. She lives at Reading, and the discovery of a number of bodies of infants in the Thames led to an investigation which has resulted in the conviction of this woman of having been for some time past in the wholesale baby slaughter business. It is suspected that she has caused the death of over forty children. She had the reputation of piety. Above the door of her home was a figure of Christ, beneath which was the inscription: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

This case is almost equalled in cruelty by the conduct of one Mrs. Bell of Ottawa. The Humane Society had reason to suppose that she was practicing great cruelty to her grand children. The case came before the courts and the worst expectations were found to be grounded on facts. She has been sent to penitentiary for life.

**Pills Do Not Cure.**

Pills do not cure Constipation. They only aggravate. Karl's Clover Root Tea gives perfect regularity of the bowels. Sold by Garden Bros.

**Told Him He Looked a Holy Fright.**

A certain well-known and esteemed clergyman, residing in the northeast portion of the city, met with an unexpected example of youthful precocity the other day, which is affording a great deal of amusement to his friends. The clergyman in question is of rather unusual height and always affects an ultra clerical costume, in which he disports himself upon a rather unclerical-looking wheel. The other afternoon while scorching along in Rosedale, he encountered a number of his Sunday school boys, and following his usual custom, stopped to have a chat with them. As he mounted his wheel to ride away with pardonable pride, he asked the question. "How do I look on a wheel, boys?" To his horror, the youngest of the crowd piped out. "You look like a holy fright sir." The parson rode away amid the hearty laughter of the boys, but has not been seen on a wheel since.—Toronto World.

**Cured Weak Back for 25 Cents.**

For two years I was dosed, pilld, and plastered for weak back, scalding urine and constipation, without benefit. One box of Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills relieved, three boxes cured, R. J. Smith, Toronto. One pill a dose, price 25 cents.

**Vagaries of a Stray Bullet.**

Two gentlemen who were sitting in a Water street store Friday evening heard the report of a pistol, the ping of punctured glass and the thud of a bullet behind their heads. They investigated and found a hole in the plate glass window just over where their heads had been, and the bullet on the shelf upon which it had fallen after striking the wall. Both gentlemen felt that they had a close call, and are quietly endeavoring to discover who so carelessly or viciously fired the shot that endangered them. Some heedless persons think it all right to fire a pistol or gun in town if they don't aim it at anybody. They forget that a bullet will travel a long way, and that if fired into the air it will descend with a velocity equal to that with which it left the weapon.—Ch'm World.

**Are You Made**

Miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. Sold by Garden Bros.

**The Outlook.**

Among the subjects treated in the April Magazine Number of THE OUTLOOK we note as of special timeliness the centenary of the birth of W. H. Prescott, the American historian (May 4), the Cincinnati Musical Festival, and the hygienic aspects of bicycle dress for women. Kenyon West treats the first of these topics, Mr. H. E. Krehbiel the second, and Dr. R. L. Dickinson the third. Dean Farrar, of England, Ian MacLaren, and Miss Grace King are among the other contributors. The number contains about eighty-five illustrations: among them those belonging to the article of Prescott are especially noteworthy as being reproduced from rare originals. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

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J. Fred. Dickinson.

Nichla Tesla, the New York electrical expert, announces that as a result of experiments with the Roentgen rays, he has been able to locate the human heart, by using a new type of fluorescent screen.

If a Chinaman dies while being tried for murder the fact of his dying is taken as evidence of his guilt. He has departed, but somebody must suffer, and his eldest son, if he has one, is therefore sent to prison for a year. If he has no son, then his father or brother gets a flogging. It's all in the family, and somebody has to pay for it.

British jewelers have cleverly contrived not only to overcome in large part the ancient superstition as to the bad luck attending the opal, but even to give it some reputation as a lucky stone. The result is that opals are more popular now than ever before, and their price has risen, especially in the case of those that are distinguished for brilliant flame tints.

Rats, according to a showman who exhibits a tame troupe of the little beasts, are more easily taught than dogs, they have a more retentive ear for language and greater adaptability than any other animal. Louise Michel, who is also fond of rats, has discovered many virtues in them. They have respect for the aged, family feeling, and compassion for the unfortunate.

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We have on hand but little more than samples of the various STOVES and PLOWS that we manufacture. We have under construction one of our ROPE FEED ROTARY MILLS, SIX SHINGLE MACHINES, TWENTY FEED MILLS, THIRTY THRESHING MACHINES, FORTY OOD CUTTERS, and a few PULPERS ready for sale.

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Liabilities	194,347,157.58
Surplus	\$ 26,866,563.75
Total Income	\$48,597,430.51
This is about ten million dollars more than the annual revenue of Canada.	
Total Paid Policy-Holders in 1895	\$23,126,728.45
Insurance and Annuities in force	\$899,074,453.78
Net gain in 1895	\$61,647,645.36

NOTE.—Insurance merely written is discarded from this Statement as wholly misleading, and only insurance actually issued and paid for in cash is included.

Paid to Policy-holders since organization \$411,567,625.79. ROBERT A. GRANNISS, VICE-PRESIDENT. WALTER R. GILLETTE, General Manager. ISAAC F. LLOYD, 2d Vice-President. FREDERIC CROMWELL, Treasurer. EMERY McCLECKOCK, Actuary. S. A. WATSON, Special Agent, Woodstock, N.B. A. Johnson General Agent Halifax, N. S.

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- Napoleon Tobacco at 50 cents a pound.
- Smoked Fish at 8 cents a box.
- Room paper at 5 cents a roll.
- Paper Window Shades at 25 cents a pair.
- Opaque WindowBlinds 50 cents.
- Cotton 5 cents a yard.
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- Flannellette 6 cents a yard.
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- And Thousands of other things at similarly low prices. Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Flour, Cornmeal and a general line of Provisions and Groceries.

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