

A WINTER CAROL.

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When winter comes with pelted sleet, and blinding flakes of snow,
Remember! we had springtime and roses long ago!
When blizzards shake the housetops and howl through barren trees,
Remember! all the violets sweet have known the summer breeze.

What though the prospect's dreary? A brighter day will dawn:
The winter days are weary, but springtime's coming on!
The rose will rim the garden, and violets will be sweet,
And summer winds will ripple the fields of golden wheat.

There's ever some fair morning that has a rosy beam
And even in the tempest a rainbow, like a dream,
And all the world will echo with songs the sweet birds sing,
And all the vales will blossom, and all the bells will ring!

India and Imperial Penny Postage.

Penny postage for the Empire may be said to have come at last. Lord George Hamilton has decided, as we mentioned yesterday, that the Imperial penny postal rate, which is to come into effect on Christmas day, shall extend to India. This is an important supplement to the changes which were announced last July. As the result of the conference on the postal rates of the Empire, it was then agreed, at the instance, it will be recollected, of the government of the Dominion of Canada, to establish a letter postage of a penny per half-ounce between the United Kingdom, Canada, Newfoundland, the Cape Colony, Natal, and such of the Crown colonies as might be willing to come into the arrangement. A representative of our Indian Empire attended the conference and was understood to favour the change. But not until yesterday was the adherence of the Indian government to the scheme formally made known. The Australian colonies for the present stand outside the scheme, and we are not able to hazard an opinion when a penny postal rate will be universal throughout the Empire. But with the decision of the Secretary of State for India in favour of the reform its completion cannot be far off. We have no doubt that he has satisfied himself that in the long run the change will not be seriously to the disadvantage of the finances of India. The gains to her and to the Empire may be for some time indirect and to some extent invisible, but they are sure to come. It is indeed quite possible that the recovery of the Post Office from the first effects of the change will be fairly rapid. It may be remembered that Mr. Henniker Heaton lately stated in our columns that the extending of the penny post to all letters from the Australian colonies would cost them £15,200, and that the cost of applying it to all letters to such colonies would be about £18,000 a year. These are not figures to frighten reformers. And even if for a considerable time there be a loss, few of us will, in view of the moral and political effects, murmur at this. The authors of the inland penny postage had, with few exceptions, a firm belief that the postal service ought to be made remunerative to the state; and they saw with great delight the large revenue which as years went on the department brought to the treasury. A generation that has read Mr. Henniker Heaton's letters—a generation somewhat exacting in its expectations from the state—is more interested in the efficiency of the Post Office than its contributions to the public purse, and is quite prepared to run a little risk of a falling off in revenue in order to compass the objects which the advocates of an Imperial

penny postal rate have had at heart. The authorities of St. Martin's-le-Grand have been accustomed to find in the attitude of the Treasury an excuse for their shortcomings and refusal to move in response to requests for new services. Neither the Post office nor the Treasury could defeat so reasonable a proposal once formulated: and the latter must be now well aware that the taxpayer is ready to face the risk of loss for the sake of an Imperial penny postage. No difficulty, it may be pointed out, can arise from the fact that this country is a member of the Universal Postal Union. The chief object of that association is to secure uniformity of postal rates and customs. This does not bind England or other members not to reduce charges; and indeed, to prevent misconception on this point at the Congress of Delegates of the Postal Union last year at Washington the right of every country to reduce the normal rates by agreement with other countries or its colonies was formally recognized.

What will be the effect to India of the change? No doubt the figures as to the correspondence between this country and that are inconsiderable in comparison with those relating to home correspondence. In view of the small number of Europeans in the great ocean of natives in our Eastern possessions there is no reason it will be said, to expect any great increase in this correspondence in consequence of the reduction of the present rate to a penny. It is enough, however to justify the action of the Secretary of State that the change will be very welcome to the large number of families the members of which are scattered, some being at home others in India. They will feel that the gulf between the two countries has been lessened by one or two thousand miles. The soldiers serving in that country home will seem nearer when they can post at Lahore a letter to a relative in Liverpool at the same price as that paid for sending a letter from Cheapside to Charing-cross. The flag is the recognized symbol of the Empire; it speaks of differences of races effaced, one ruler, and one law. The penny post also is the symbol of the unity of that Empire: it speaks of distances for some purposes abolished, and races under the same way brought near. To Mr. Chamberlain belongs much of the credit for bringing to pass a scheme which has encountered many difficulties, not the least of them being some proceeding from the Post office itself. Honor belongs to the Government of the Dominion, which has set the other colonies an example of public spirit, and the services of the present Postmaster-General and the Secretary of State for India merit recognition. But to the Colonial Secretary belongs the especial honor of having pressed forward a reform which it now seems wonderful was so long delayed. It can no longer be asked, "What have the efforts to draw 'all parts of the Empire closer together' 'effected?' now that India for postal purposes, is to be in the same position as Kent.

Perhaps the Post office will still further bestir itself and do still more for the benefit of its customers. It has lately come to see that the old policy of parsimony as to rural deliveries of letters is no longer defensible. It has ceased to put forward the familiar official reasons for not giving an intercolonial penny postage. It may now recognize the expediency of doing something worthy of its opportunities in regard to telephonic communication. The public is appreciative of what has been done; but it is of opinion that Mr. Henniker Heaton has still some lessons to impart to the Post office.—London Times.

BILIOUS "Last summer I was troubled with Sick Headache and Biliousness, and could not sleep at night. I tried several doctors but to no effect, and got completely discouraged. At last I saw an advertisement telling about Burdock Blood Bitters. My husband induced me to try it, and today I am using the third bottle, and can truly say it has done me a wonderful amount of good. I feel better than I have for years, and am confident I owe my restored health to B. B. B." MRS. EDWARD BECK, Riverside, N.B.

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THE LATEST FLOWER.

A Yorkshire Authority Cultivates the First Green Chrysanthemum.

The chrysanthemum is the queen of flowers now, and while the holly and mistletoe will have their accustomed place in the festivities of Christmas, the national flower of the Chinese will reign with undisputed sway through the winter months.

The Royal Horticultural Society's Show at the Drill hall in James street the other day was almost exclusively a chrysanthemum exhibit. The only gold medal and nearly all the Banksian medals were awarded to the exhibitors of the chrysanthemum.

The greatest grower of novel chrysanthemums now is a Frenchman, M. E. Calvat, and a number of his specialties were exhibited the other day, including his "Mme. Edmund Roger." This is a Japanese in curved flower, the ground colour of which is a citron-yellow and shaded green, with green points, about the shade of pistachio ice-cream.

It is said to be the most beautiful green yet raised, and the particular shade is said to have been grown by a Yorkshireman. Naturally it attracted much attention at the James street show.

"Le Grand Dragon" was another novelty that attracted much attention at the show, and will be popular in London next winter. It is a Japanese flower of orange-yellow, lined with red, and is as strong and hardy as it is handsome.

Other new shades in French chrysanthemums are pale carnation on cream, carmine amaranth, bright orange-red, with a yellow reverse, deep rosy lilac and cream, pure white with greenish centre, rich terra cotta, shaded crimson, and brilliant carmine with silver reverse.

The Convict Treadmill.

In the Central gaol of Rangoon the British officials have introduced a method of making the convicts work, which is a very effective mode of punishment. It is a treadmill on a large scale. Big wooden cylinders, about seven feet in diameter, are provided with keen-edged plank steps all around. Above the cylinders, at a convenient height, there is a heavy iron pole, stretching across the room, upon which the chains of the convicts working in the treadmill are fastened. When they are all in their places, the bolt holding the cylinders in one position is removed, and convicts must tread, tread without a stop for two hours and a half. If one of them stops treading he slips down as far as the chain permits, but the plank steps beat against his shinbones so vigorously that the skin is bruised and scraped.

This is exceedingly painful, and the convict hurriedly catches up the next step and tries to tread along with the others. This barbarous punishment is a necessity, however, for the natives are extremely fanatical, and death has no terrors for them; imprisonment would be for them a favorite method of living a life of seclusion and meditation, with no care for food or lodging, were it not for the compulsory work. The large shed containing the six treadmill cylinders is situated next to shops where the power is used in woodworking machinery. About seventy convicts are at work there at one time.

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Notice Of Sale.

To Charles H. Melville, of Peel, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and all others whom it may in anywise concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book S, No. Three, on pages 668 and 670, and made between the said Charles H. Melville of the one part, and John Fisher of Woodstock, in the County and Province aforesaid, and William Fisher of the same place, executors of the last will and testament of John Fisher, late of said Woodstock, deceased, of the other part, there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured thereby, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Law Office of Hartley & Carvell, in the Town of Woodstock, in the said County of Carleton, and Province of New Brunswick, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of December next, at the hour of Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage, as follows:

"All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying in the Parish of Peel, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post standing on the western bank or shore of Cold Stream, at the north east angle of Lot number nine granted to John Foster, thence running by the magnet west sixty-six chains, thence north thirty-six degrees east, with a rectangular distance of thirteen chains, thence east ninety-one chains or to the western bank or shore of Cold Stream aforesaid, and thence along the same following the various courses thereof in a south westerly direction to the place of beginning, containing ninety-two acres more or less and distinguished as lot 1. Letter B, western side of Cold Stream, and granted by the Crown to one Thomas Barlock on the third day of December, A. D. 1889, and numbered 21885, and by said Thomas Barlock conveyed to the said Charles H. Melville by Indenture dated the thirtieth day of this present month of June." Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

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To Alonzo Cronkhite of the parish of Wicklow, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and Mary J., his wife, and all others whom it may in anywise concern.

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two, and recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book Z, Number 2, on pages 132, 133 and 134, and made between the said Alonzo Cronkhite and Mary J., his wife, of the one part; and George Leonard Cronkhite, of the same place, of the other part; there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured thereby, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Law Office of Hartley & Carvell in the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, on Monday, the twenty-third day of January next, at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:

"All that farm of land situate and being in the above said Parish of Wicklow, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the North Easterly angle of Lot Number Sixteen in the fifth tier, granted to Samuel H. Cronkhite; thence running by the magnet of the year 1832 West, sixty-seven chains, along the Northern line of said grant to the Northwesterly angle thereof; thence North fifteen chains; thence East sixty-seven chains, and thence South fifteen chains to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less, distinguished as the Southern two-thirds of lot number fifteen in the fifth tier; and being the same land granted by the Crown to the aforesaid George Leonard Cronkhite, Esq., by grant dated the 3rd day of April A. D. 1861, and registered in Frederickton the fourth day of said month under number 3538, and by the said Geo. L. Cronkhite and wife, conveyed to the first said, Alonzo Cronkhite at the date of these presents."

Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining. Dated this twelfth day of October A. D. 1896.
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