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TRAVELLING LIBRARIES.

At the next session of the Ontario Legislature a grant will be asked for the purpose of starting a system of travelling libraries. The system is intended for the remote sections of the province, distant from the towns and villages. Boxes containing from 25 to 50 books would be sent to any locality from which would come a request signed by fifteen or twenty residents in good standing, who would ask that the books be sent for the residents in that locality. The box of books would remain in that particular locality for about six months, at a merely nominal cost to those who used them, the charge being simply sufficient to cover transportation.

This system has been tried in about thirty States of the American Union, and the results have been very satisfactory.

The Monarchy and Democracy.

The Springfield Republican points out that some thirty or forty years ago republican ideas seemed to be gaining ground in Great Britain; that even Chamberlain was a republican in his younger days, and that in theory Dilke, Harrison, Morley, Labouchere and others are still opposed to monarchical institutions. The movement, however, died out, and the British attachment to the monarchy has been much strengthened in recent years. Several reasons may be given for the change—growing attachment to the late Sovereign, very considerable extensions of the franchise, and possibly the attempt to give home rule to Ireland, which by alarming Unionist sentiment produced a reaction. Of these the strongest reason is that expressed in Tennyson's line, "Broad based upon the people's will." While the influence of the Queen on the nation was excellent, there is no doubt also that the pressure of the democracy has had a good influence upon the Court and upon all who held positions by birth and rank. They have felt that they must justify their possession of power by merit. Idlers or rouses could not hold the places of Salisbury, Devonshire and Rosebery. Other things being equal, rank undoubtedly gives an advantage, but the man who depends upon rank alone will soon find himself distanced in the race for power; consequently democratic and radical ideas, though they seem to be weak at present, exercise a strong and constant though silent power. If there should ever again be a Court like that of George IV. it is probable that the republican spirit would be at once revived. But the constant pressure and watchfulness of the democracy are certainly aids to good government.

Goldwin Smith on the New King.

Goldwin Smith, who doesn't go much on Kings and things, writing in the Toronto Weekly Sun, has this to say for Edward VII. Edward VII. has opened his reign with an address remarkable for good feeling and good taste. He sees more clearly than some indiscriminate panegyrist where his mother's real merit as a constitutional monarch lay. He has done well in preferring the English name Edward to the German Albert. The name of Edward the Confessor, saintly king of the Saxon line, was cherished by the conquered Saxon as the symbol of lost liberties and the watchword of effort for their renewal. Revived in the person of Edward I., it was a passport to the affection of the people. Of all English kings the first Edward may, perhaps, be deemed the greatest. England, and not England only, but all nations under parliamentary government, are reaping the benefit of his large-minded policy at the present hour. His life, however, was arduous, stormy, full of strife—noble on his part, but still strife.

Of the five other Edwards the history is chequered, with predominance of the darkest hue. Edward II., through his weakness, fell and was hideously murdered. Edward III. was a brilliant soldier, but his victories, though glorious, were barren, or worse, and his reign closed in disaster and disgrace. Edward IV., a tiger in ferocity as well as in beauty, waded to the throne through the torrent of blood shed in the wars of the Roses. His son was murdered. The precocious promise of Edward VI. was cut short by an early death, which probably snatched him from a troubled reign.

Edward VII. ascends amid general applause a safe and comfortable throne. His

Dropsy and Heart Disease.— "For ten years I suffered greatly from Heart Disease. Fluttering of the Heart and Smothering Spells made my life a torment. Dropsy set in. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. One dose gave great relief, one bottle cured me completely."—Mrs. James Adams, Syracuse, N.Y.—107 Sold by Garden Bros.

duties will be gracefully to hand the reins of government to the responsible charioteer; to impersonate the nation; to preside over its ceremonial; to authenticate legislation and appointments; to receive loyal addresses; to lay foundation stones.

The engaging manner—his gift from his boyhood—and the social tact which have made him universally popular as Prince and carried him unharmed through some critical passages in his life, will not fail him as King. He has at his side a consort whose beauty, grace and amiability at once won and have always retained the love of the nation. Everything promises him a prosperous and pleasant reign.

Gossiping Neighbors

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Attempts to Assassinate the Queen.

The Queen has not lived without danger from assassination. Four attempts have been made by "cranks" to kill her. On June 10, 1840, only five months after her marriage, she was shot at while riding with the Prince Consort by one Edward Oxford. He fired two shots, neither of which took effect. He was tried for attempted murder, but being adjudged insane, was confined in the insane asylum. The next attempt on her life was made on May 30, 1842, by John Francis. This time only one shot was fired. The spot selected for the deed was the same one where Oxford had made his attempt, on Constitution Hill. Francis was convicted of high treason and was sentenced to be hanged. The Queen however, expressed a desire that the sentence should not be executed, and it was commuted to imprisonment for life. A day later a third attempt to assassinate the young sovereign was made, this time by a man named Bean. He assailed her while she was driving away from Buckingham Palace; but before he could fire his pistol his hand was caught by a bystander and the attempt was foiled. Bean got off with imprisonment for seven years. Again, during the Fenial flurry of 1872, on February the 29, a boy named Arthur O'Connor came up to the Queen as she was entering Buckingham Palace, and, presenting a paper of some sort, asked her to sign it, at the same time leveling a dilapidated pistol at her. He got seven months' imprisonment and a severe whipping for his pains.

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When the gentleman at the desk had attended to the cases of various applicants he turned to a pleasant-faced, well-dressed man who was patiently awaiting his attention.

Well, he said to him, with a smile, what can I do for you today?

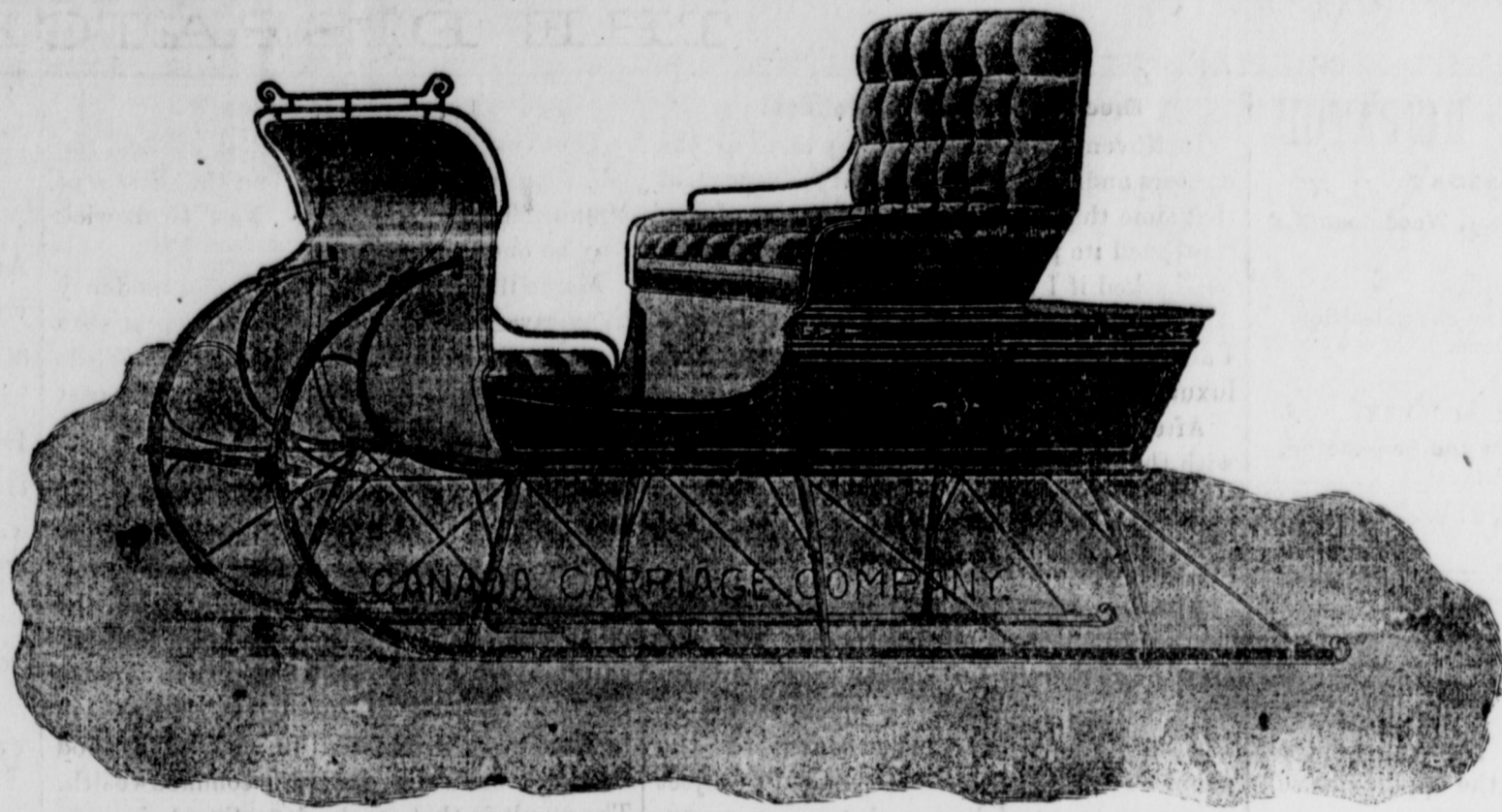
Nothing, was the quiet response.

Ah, that's pleasant; everybody seems to want some sort of a favor. Came in and sit down; you are a relief.

The pleasant-faced man bowed, and accepted the invitation. On the other hand, he said, when he was comfortably settled, I want to give you something.

That's nicer than ever, smiled the host. I've heard that it was better to give than to receive; but I've never had much chance to try both.

The visitor took a book out of his pocket. I want to give you, he said, bowing again, an opportunity to put your name down for the finest work ever sent out by a publishing firm in—But he never finished the sentence.



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A Collision With Her Prime Minister.

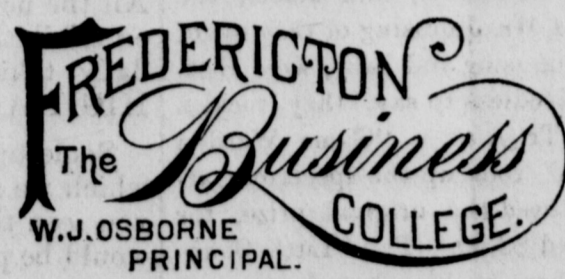
Queen Victoria was fortunate in having as her first Prime Minister and Constitutional tutor in one, Lord Melbourne. That statesman's profanity—characteristic of the age when everybody damned everybody's eyes—and other personal peculiarities have loomed so large in story and legend as to obscure the real sagacity and accomplishments of the man. In reality, no shrewder or happier adviser of the young Queen could have been imagined. With tact equal to her own, and with firm decision always in the background for use when necessary, he discharged with great skill the difficult task of inducting a girl into the duties of Constitutional Queen of England. Perhaps his sharpest collision with her was on the point of the title which her husband, Prince Albert, was to be given. According to Lord Shaftesbury (reported by Mr. Russell), the Queen strongly wished the Prince to be made King Consort by Act of Parliament. Melbourne evaded the issue as long as possible, but Her Majesty finally insisted upon a categorical answer. "I thought it my duty to be very plain with her," said the Premier afterwards. "I said, 'For God's sake, let's hear no more of it, ma'am; for if you once get the English people into the way of making kings, you will get them into the way of unmaking them.'"

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Means to an End.—Bowers—"Say! Did you ever hear that Samers was a member of a suicide club?" Mowers—"Yes; I've heard so." Bowers—"Well, I guess it is his turn to go next. He told me he bought his wife a chafing-dish for a Christmas present."—Puck.

Plough deep while sluggards sleep.



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