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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, 27th May.—The Redistribution Bill has been the principal topic in the press and in the lobbies during the past week. Conservative critics are manifestly disposed to misrepresent the measure in or, it may be assumed, to create a prejudice against it throughout the country. An Opposition always secures an advantage if it can pervert the judgment of electors at large on any particular line of policy adopted by the Government in advance of that policy being fairly and fully known, and there is therefore the temptation ever present to suggest corrupt and disreputable motives. It is so in this instance. The Conservatives are strenuously endeavoring to make it apear that the whole object of the Bill now before Parliament is to secure a party adwantage for the Liberals. Of course, the measure does not bear that character simply because the Opposition say so. They would be apt to raise an outcry against anything and everything which the Government brought forward, irrespective of its real nature or intention.

The bill simply contemplates the righting of the wrong done by the Conservatives in 1882 and 1892. In those years the notorious gerry manders were executed by which constituencies were carved up without the least regard to county or other boundaries, the only purpose being to "hive the Grits" and create strongholds century. He defended the use of the that man who is wiser than seven men for the Tories. The political map of personal pronoun "I" by himself, and that can render a reason. "They are have begun to make shipments of lumber Ontario was a fearful and wonderful thing declared, as he has done on many occa- beasts-worse than beasts." True, mor- from this port. Our mills and factories when the Conservatives had finished their work. Nearly a score of county bound- history of Canada without talking in the physical conformation of men-they have aries were completely obliterated, the changes all being based upon the one notion of placing the Liberals under a serious handicap and giving the Conservatives an advantage. Ever since 1882 the Liberals have been committed to the policy of undoing these Tory gerrymanders, and the Bill recently introduced by the Premier is in fulfilment of that pledge, which pledge was fully endorsed by the Liberal convention of 1893.

The present Redistribution Bill restores nearly all of the constituencies to the position which they occupied anterior to 1882. the principle of county boundaries being observed. It stipulates how many members each county shall have, but it goes no further. The division of ridings within County or Municipal boundaries is left to a Commission of Superier Court judges. It is this obvious disposition to be absolutely fair, and to cast aside the very temptation to draw the delimitations so as to favor the Liberals, which has staggered the Conservatives. It took them by surprise. They had not dreamt that the Government, having the power to divide the constituencies as they saw fit, would not exercise it to the full extent. It has apparently exasperated them to find themselves with so little to say in opposition to the Bill.

What they do say is that the Bill establishes inequalities of representation. Some of them try to be serious in asserting that Sir Wilfrid had violated the principle of representation by population. Of course, Sir Wilfrid has done nothing of the kind. He has endeavored to establish uniform representation as nearly as it is practicable to do it, keeping in mind the equally imporant consideration of preserving Municipal boundaries. It would be absolutely impossible to divide the Province of Ontario into say ninety-two constituencies so that each one would have 22,000 of a population, which was the unit established by the last census, unless boundaries of every character were disregarded. The Conservatives paid very little attention to the matter of equal representation when they made the two redistributions to which allusion has been made. There were some ridings that had twice as large a population as others, and with every disposition to be fair this will always be so, no matter which party has the matter

All the outcry that has been raised about inequality and the violation of the principle of representation by population is based upon two or three facts. In the first place, it is proposed that Toronto shall have four members for a population of about 190,000, while Brant will have two members for a population of about 34,000 and Kent will have three for a population of 53,000. On the surface this may not seem quite right; but it cannot be successfully shown that the olject was to put the Conservatives at a disadvantage. The three counties of Essex, Kent and Lampton, which form the western peninsula of Ontario, have a population of 162,000, and which will be represented by seven members; so that these and that is Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, seven constituencies will slightly exceed the unit of 22,000, and the principle of preserving county boundaries will be ad- United States.

hered to. The three Conservative constituencies of East Durham, West Northumberland and Lennox have an aggregate population smaller than Kent, and yet they are not disturbed.

The fact that Toronto will have four

members for a population of nearly 200-000 only illustrates what happens in the case of all large cities. It will not be any | From Gallia's teeming wine-press, worse off than Montreal. At the present time there are eight members of Parliament residents in Toronto, including a Cabinet Minister, and it may be fairly argued that each one of these would be vitariy concerned in seeing that no injustice was done to that city. This fact is not applicable to rural constituencies. Moreover, it is of greater importance that county and Municipal boundaries should | In vain, with lavish kindness, be observed than that a general disturbance should be made of a great many constituencies in order that Toronto should have a larger representation. The fact is, when it is borne in mind that the men who are now talking so frantically against the present measure are the same men who carried through the cold-blooded gerrymanders of 1882 and 1892, the height of hypocrisy would seem to have been reached.

Sir Charles Tupper visited Sherbrooke. in the province of Quebec, on the Queen's Birthday, and made two characteristic speeches. In both of these he talked nearly altogether about himself. There were half a dozen Conservative members also on hand, and they spoke from the same text. The result was that some six members of Parliament spoke for three hours about the greatness of Sir Charles Tupper, and Sir Charles himself who did not need to be convinced spoke for three hours in order to prove that his supporters had not worshipped him without cause. He claimed to have brought about Confederation almost single-handed, to have built the Canadian Pacific Railway, to have been the author of the National Policy, and with the incidental help of Sir John Macdonald to have been the guiding mind of Canada for the last half sions, that it is impossible to refer to the ally. Yet they're men .- They have the first person, since he was the mainspring souls, though embruted, and sunken deepin everything that had occurred of impor- ly in vice.

There are strong considerations of policy in the apothesis of Sir Charles Tup- chains of long-formed habits by which per. The Conservatives are bound to talk about the greatness of their leader, chains. They may stand on their feet because they have no man in sight to take his place, and it suits Sir Charles ciety, and prove useful and virtuous that they should do so. It does not follow, however, that the venerable baronet is entirely acceptable to the great body of Conservatives throughout the country, nor that they do not often feel humiliated by the tactics which the old gentleman adopts. If the truth were known, it makes the average Conservative sick at heart to see the way his once powerful party has gone to pieces, and how badly situated it is with respect to a satisfactory and promising leader. No amount of puffery can change the facts as they ex-

Hon. John Costigan made a statement in the House this afternoon in explanation of his recent change of party allegiance. He reviewed the history of political events during the past three years, and made it quite plain that he had found himself utterly out of sympathy with the the importation and public sale of "liqmen who are now at the head of the Conservative party. He referred in an impressive manner to the treacherous assassination of Sir MacKenzie Bowell in 1896 and to the aversion which he felt towards the men who had brought about the ignoble deed. These were the men whom he had now either to support or to oppose, and his instincts of manliness led him entirely in the latter direction. He would have been content to serve in Opposition with Sir MacKenzie Bowell at the head of the Conservative party; but he could not any longer follow the leadership of Sir. Charles Tupper, who had covered his party with humiliation and disgrace. Sir Charles Tupper replied to Mr. Costigan, and it need scarcely be said that his remarks were as abusive and offensive as he could possibly make them. The speech of the leader of the Opposition was in striking contrast with the candid and dignified utterances of Mr.

The Drummond County Bill has at last received its first reading. For several days past the Opposition have been repeating their threadbare assertions that the transaction was corrupt and improvident; but they have brought forward no facts in support of this view, and have made no impression whatever. They have railed against the purchase of the Drummond County Railway simply because they have thought that is the game they ought to play, and being lamentably weak in argument they have endeavoured to make up for this want by sheer force of vociferation. The measure will likely go up to the Senate next week.

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TEMPERANCE HYMN.

From Holland's streams of gin, Where thousands, in their blindness, Prepare the bait of sin; From many a fiery river, From many a poisonous rill, God calls us to deliver

The victims of the still.

What though they sing of pleasure, While each the goblet fills; What though their bliss they measure By quarts and pints and gills;

Heaven gives us grain for bread; Distillers, in their blindness, Make whiskey in its stead, Shall we, by temperance aided,

In health and peace to live-

Shall we to men degraded Refuse the boon to give? The fountain! Oh, the fountain! The balm of health proclaim. Till men, o'er sea and mountain, Shall speed to tell its fame!

Waft, waft, ye winds, the story, And you, ye waters, roll, Till temperance in its glory Shall spread from pole to pole; Till health and peace and blessing Shall follow in its train, And Christ, all hearts possessing,

God over all, shall reign.

DRUNKARD' RIGHTS. "Drunkards' Rights!"

"What are these? Surely they've none. -They've forfeited all claim on 'rights'-haven't they?"

Not quite so fast, if you please. Drunkards have "rights;" and, in our opinion. 'twould be more in accordance with duty for the press to maintain them, if the parties are incapable of doing so themselves. and to seek to frustrate the only law by which those unfortunates can be recovered from their degraded position.

"Drunkards' Rights!" All a hum, says | Ocean Bride.

They may be restored to their right minds.—They may burst asunder the they've been bound, as in adamantine again, upright. They may re-enter somembers thereof. Who can justly gainsay this? Such reformation has been witnessed, in the case of many. Yet there are counteracting influences at work-at work on every hand.

Take away temptation, and the reformation of those who have fallen beneath the power of this demon-vice, would become more general, more lasting. Continue the importation, and the public sale of "liquors," - and thousands will never escape. They'll fill, perhaps untimely, drunkards' graves!

generation will, in a majority of cases, be preserved from contracting habits of drunkenness. Shut up grog-shops, saloon, and rum-sellers, and there is hope, that the young will be saved from the blasting influence of intoxicating habits. Continue uors,"-and many young men, now beauteous and honorable in their manhood will fall victims to intemperance,a curse to themselves, a dishonor to their parents, a pest to society.

The infamous dens, where, under sanction of law, "liquors" are sold, oppose irnumerable obstacles to the reformation of drunkards, and should therefore be suppressed. Confirmed habits will lead those brought in suljection to depraved appetite, to the devil's ground, where their burning thirst for the accursed drink, can be so easily gratified.

These miserable wretches, then, we say, have "rights," and that, too, in opposition to the deadly "wrongs," drunkard makers have inflicted upon them. Incapab'e themselves of securing those "rights,"thousands of temperanbe men have united together to secure those "rights" for them, These truly humane persons seek this object, by means of moral suasion applied to the victims, and of a prohibitory law to be enforced against liquor-venders. Humanity and Heaven justify their course; and the man, who would deprive the drunkard of his last hope of reformation, by oppos in a law of prohibition, is, in a sense, as criminal as the guilty wretches who so I the "liquid damnation."

Talk about "rights!" Such creatur s know not what the words mean. They're using their influence to fasten on the generation present, and to entail on generations to come, one of the greatest curses, and, therefore, one of the greatest wrongs ever permitted to fall on our race.

Drunkards, then, have a righteous, and therefore, an equitable claim to be defended against "liquor-sellers"-against those who deal in and deal out, that which had ensnared him to their ruin. Grandiloquently have some gentlemen pleaded the cause of rum importers and rum-retailers -but not one word have they uttered in favor of the "rights" of the miserable inebriate. Thus does self-interest overtop the broad interests of humanity! The

Maine Law is, at once, a public recognition and an enforcement of those "rights." We go, therefore, for such a law with heart and hand.

What have the opponents to a Maine Law to say on the subject of "drunkards' rights?"-Nothing have they said in favor of them, unless they abandon their opposition, and become one with us.

"Let the wretches die!" What man! Let them die, without an effort to save them-without an effort to interpose between them and their destroyers! God forbid! A Prohibitory Law must be enacted. God speed the good work, and may his blessing light on all who say-"Amen!"-Athenœum.

BUCTOUCHE NOTES.

MAY 30.-We are having very wet weather. Monday morning a heavy frost was seen. It lasted after the sun had long been up.

Farmers are busily engaged in sowing and planting. The grain is showing through the ground and gives promise of abundant crops.

The quahaugs are being raked in abundance; as many as 500 bushels are said to have been taken to Point DuChene by one boat. Twenty cents per bushel is now paid for them, and a man can rake about 10 bushels in a day. They take much longer to come to maturity than oysters; and, strange as it may seem, the small ones are more sought after than the large ones. This is because of their more delicate flavor. It is evident that a few seasons' work will exhaust the supply. However, the ovsters are getting a rest and the fishermen live high while it lasts but these slow-growing shell fish will run out and the oysters will come again to former scarcity, and men will wag their heads and say, "hard times," and point to the summer of 1899 as the most successful in their lives. Strange! isn't it?

Three schooners made fine time on their last trips: Comet, Maggie H. and the

Lockhart and Lowther, of Notre Dame. are all hard at work

There was some excellent trouting reported last week. This is the place to visit for sport of that kind, and excellent treatment is given all visitors to our little

Mr. R. Barry Smith was ordained in the Buctouche church. Five ministers and several deacons and officers from the churches were present. The examination of the candidate was very successfully

The body of Mrs. Lawrence Atkinson. daughter of Mr. John Campbell, of Little River, was brought home for barial, Monday. Death was due to consumption This is the second child of Mr. Campbell's who has died of that disease this year. Friends sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

A letter from Mr. Bowen Smith and his son Harrison, who are travelling to the Klondyke, was received by Mrs. Smith. Take away temptation,—and the rising | They are well, but give a hard description of the various towns they have seen. The police and officials are highly commended.

THE DO TOR'S WIFE,

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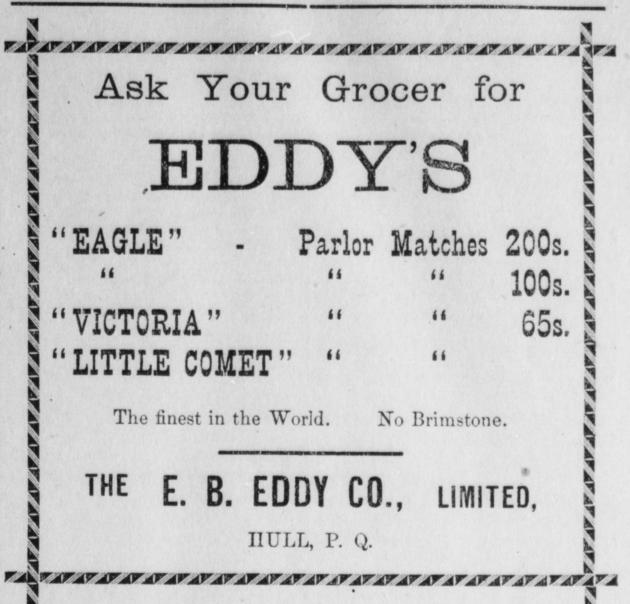
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