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Editorial Outlook

REPORTS SUPPRESSED.

Rev. C. W. Hamilton, St. John, Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance in New Brunswick, recently made a tour of the northern counties, holding temperance meetings. On his return he said he had sent extended reports of his campaign to the daily morning papers, but they had never appeared. The same papers, however, published columns of the report of a prize fight. We have heard of other instances of refusal to print reports of temperance work. The papers in question might study the course of the *London Daily News*, referred to in another part of this paper.

FROM DAVID.

According to an American Jewish journal, quoted by *The Jewish Quarterly Review*, the English Royal family is of Davidic descent. The stone under the seat of the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey, is Jacob's pillow, or the old coronation stone on which the Hebrew kings were crowned in the temple at Jerusalem. King Zedekiah's daughter was married by the prophet Jeremiah to the Irish King Evehide, who was also of Jewish origin, in the year 583 B.C., and the couple were crowned on the Bethel stone. Queen Alexandra's descent can also, we are assured, be traced by two different lines to Odin and so to David. History of this kind is not unfamiliar to students of the Talmud.

POLITICAL NEWS.

The Liberals of Chatham, N. B., don't like the way government patronage has been dispensed in Northumberland Co. At a recent meeting they adopted this resolution:

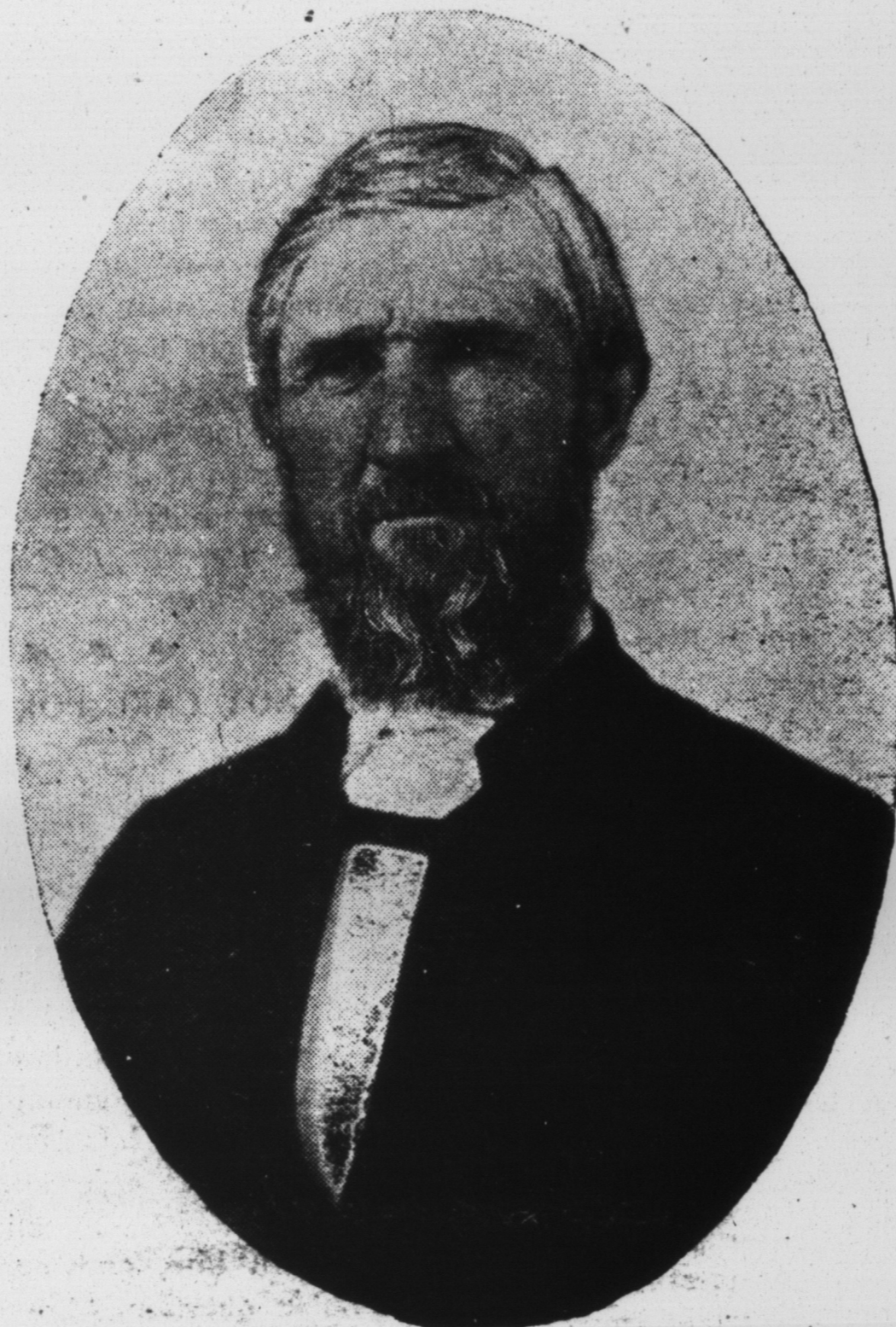
Whereas, Great dissatisfaction exists on account of the treatment extended to the Liberals of this county by the Liberal government of Canada;

Therefore resolved, That the president of this association correspond with Premier Laurier, Hon. Mr. Fielding, and Hon. H. R. Emmerson, with a view to having Mr. John Morrissy, M. P. P., defeated Liberal candidate, re-cognized.

It is reported from Ottawa that Benjamin Russell, M.P., will be appointed successor to Chief Justice McDonald on the latter's superannuation from the bench of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

MACEDONIA.

Says the *Presbyterian Witness*: Matters in Macedonia are in an exceedingly dangerous and alarming condition. The Turks have killed two Russian Consuls, an illustration of the lawlessness of the invading troops. This is of course resented by Russia, and it is



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intimated that the Black Sea squadron is sailing for Constantinople to exact reparation. The Sultan made the amplest apologies, but these will not suffice. Austria and Russia are on the alert. Bulgaria wants a hand in the fray. The Italian fleet is moving eastward toward the Levant. Probably other fleets will move in the same direction. What the upshot will be no one can forecast with confidence. The Turks are committing atrocities, and are also the victims of so-called Christian outrages. Russia and Austria will probably seize territory; and it may be that the long wished for expulsion of the Turk from Europe is at hand.

INSANITY INCREASING.

Last year nearly 23,000 persons became insane in England and Wales—a higher number than in any year since records have been kept. The increase over the previous year was 3,251. It is curious to find that the increase among paupers was 3,015, against 188 private asylum cases and 48 criminal lunatics. It is clear that the classes usually supposed to suffer most from the worry of modern life are not often affected by it to the point of mental derangement. In fact, business worry and mental anxiety account for only 11.9 per cent. among the male lunatics and 9.7 among female. Love affairs, it appears, drive one man in every 200 to insanity, but three times as many women. Intemperance is the

most prolific cause of all among men, 23 per cent. coming under this head, though among women the percentage is only 9.6. The chief cause among women is heredity, the proportion being 24.6, while among men it is only 18.8.

ENFORCE LAWS.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to the Governor of Louisiana, commending him for his vigorous action in repressing mob violence in the recent race war in that State, says:

The nation, like the individual, cannot commit a crime with impunity. . . . Where we permit the law to be defied or evaded, whether by rich man or poor man, by black or white, we are by just so much weakening the bonds of our civilization and increasing the chances of its overthrow, and of the substitution thereof of a system in which there shall be violent alternations of anarchy and tyranny.

When the laws against rum selling are violated, some people at once suggest the repeal of the laws, that the fellows who do evil in defiance of law may be given legal authority to do the same evils, and more. Why not suggest the same regarding other laws that are quite as much violated as the liquor laws? To be as wise as the men who would repeal liquor selling prohibitions, President Roosevelt should have advised the immediate repeal of the laws against riots and deeds of violence, instead of advising and commending their rigid enforcement.

AN IMPERIAL CONGRESS.

The Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, assembled in Montreal last week. It was a representative gathering. Resolutions were passed declaring,—

That it is the duty of the colonies to assist in the maintenance of the defences of the empire, the colonies to keep their own initiative as to the nature and mode of help they agree to offer.

That in the interests of the British empire, and particularly in the interests of the motherland, measures should be adopted which would direct British capital and emigration to the colonies rather than to foreign countries.

That the food supply of Great Britain can be most safely relied upon by developing the output of her own territories to such an extent as to make her independent of foreign supplies by diverting her able-bodied surplus population to her own dominions over the seas.

That all treaties between Great Britain and foreign countries should leave Great Britain free to enter into such relations with the colonies as may be deemed expedient.

That the most favored nation treatment granted to Great Britain should also be extended to all her colonies, not discriminating in application their customs tariff.

That a fast Atlantic steamship service with Canada is needed.

That the British government should give preference to British subjects in awarding public contracts.

That Newfoundland should enter the Canadian confederation.

The resolution which excited most interest and which was most discussed was that concerning preferential trade within the Empire. This is the resolution as adopted:

It is resolved that in the opinion of this congress the bonds of the British empire would be materially strengthened and the union of various parts of His Majesty's dominion greatly consolidated by the adoption of a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit, whereby each component part of the empire would receive substantial advantage in trade as the result of its national relationship, due consideration being given to the fiscal and industrial needs of the component parts of the empire.

That this congress urges upon His Majesty's government the appointment by them of a special commission composed of representatives of Great Britain and her colonies and India, to consider the possibilities of thus increasing and strengthening trade relations between different parts of the empire, and trading facilities within the empire, and with foreign countries.

The adoption of this resolution was followed by the national anthem, heartily sung by the congress.

The death occurred on Saturday at London, of Lord Salisbury, ex-premier of England. His death took place on the 50th anniversary of his entrance into public life as a member of the House of Commons.