

THE FREDERICTON DAILY HERALD is published every evening, (Sunday excepted) by THE HERALD PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, (Ltd.) at Fredericton, New Brunswick, Subscriptions: \$4.00 per annum.

W. K. C. PARLEE,
L. C. MACNUTT, Manager.
Editor.

DAILY HERALD

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1905.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

From occasional disclosures it is made evident that we are by no means too strict in our scrutiny of immigrants. It is the right of every country to protect its standard of citizenship and to prevent the lowering influence of undesirable elements from abroad. A cable despatch tells of a danger to which we are exposed:

"Alfred Smith, aged fifteen, was charged with theft in the Birmingham Police Court, and the magistrate said the only course which suggested itself was to send Smith to Canada through the Middlemore homes. This course was agreed to."

It may be that this youth would develop into a useful member in the community of Canada. It is quite possible that equally lenient treatment at home would turn him from the path of crime on which he has entered and make him a worthy citizen. His chances of reform are far better in Canada than in Great Britain because there are better opportunities here for securing a footing on the right road. But there are important considerations for us other than the reformation of British criminals. We are blindly following along the line of development chosen by older countries, and have gone sufficiently far to produce our own by-product of apparently surplus humanity. We have men and boys who find the path of rectitude so crowded that they are forced into the way of crime. Clearly we owe it to ourselves as well as to other nations to let them deal with their own surplus humanity. When conditions are such that some must be crowded into the ranks of the criminal and the pauper the victims will be, as a rule, those with the poorest moral, mental and physical endowments. The migration of such an element must lower the standard of the country of their adoption. War has a deteriorating influence in killing off the strongest and most courageous. The same influence is exerted by the admixture of an inferior element from another country. The Dominion has suffered in this regard. Many undesirable immigrants have been brought here by public encouragement and also by the business methods of transportation companies. We have also suffered through the eagerness of European countries to unload on us their own pauper and criminal elements.

The Ontario and Dominion Governments have adopted stringent measures to prevent the immigration of undesirable classes. The Ontario law prohibits the importation of any child who has been convicted of crime or has displayed criminal tendencies. Every society or agent bringing children into that Province is required to maintain supervision over them till they reach the age of eighteen years, and also to provide a home for them if they return from the foster homes in which they are placed. A penalty is provided for any society or agent bringing into the Province any child physically or mentally defective, any child of criminal or vicious tendencies or the child of any criminal, lunatic, idiot, pauper or diseased person. These laws have been instrumental on many occasions in saving the Province from undesirable acquisitions.

ONTARIO.

The people of Ontario are in the throes of a general election, which will close on the 25th instant. At the last general election in June 1902, Premier Ross was returned to power by a narrow majority, which stimulated his opponents to redoubled efforts to oust him.

The Liberals have been in power in Ontario for nearly 34 years, and it is not too much to say that no country under the sun has been blessed with a more able, clean and successful administration of its affairs than that Province. In that time the area of the Province has been increased by one-half, and after paying all costs of administration, and providing in a most bountiful manner for every branch of the public ser-

vice, has a surplus of some \$5,000,000 to its credit.

During that time the opposition have kept up the fight from every possible stand-point. It made no difference that the issues raised by them from time to time were of the most inconsistent and contradictory nature. At one election they posed as the champions of the poor down-trodden Roman Catholic minority, at another they plunged the spurs to the bowels in the flanks of the Protestant horse, at another the whole Province was aroused upon the issue as to whether or not a calf, purchased by the Minister of Agriculture had developed a cough or not, and so on.

After practicing every species of electoral corruption from bribery of voters to the purchase of members elect, without success they have latterly raised the cry of corruption against the Government.

At the opening of the session of 1903, one Gamey, member for Manitoulin, arose in his place and in a sensational manner declared that he had been bribed by the Provincial Secretary for the sum of \$3,000 to support the Government, and produced a package, which he alleged contained the money which he had received. Instead of placing the money in the hands of the Speaker as is customary, he put it in the hands of the leader of the Opposition. A Commission composed of two of the most distinguished Judges of the Province, Chancellor Boyd and Mr. Justice Falconbridge, was appointed to investigate the charges, which they did in a most exhaustive manner.

According to his own story, without taking anyone into his confidence, Gamey proposed a grand coup d'etat by which to oust the Government from power. This was to be accomplished by offering himself for sale and having inveigled a member of the Government into the purchase, to expose the whole affair and thus so influence public opinion as to drive the Government out of power. He minutely detailed the course of deception and falsehood which was pursued for some months until he, as he claimed, accomplished his purpose. He was of course subjected to a searching cross examination, under which he became hopelessly entangled in the web of falsehood he had woven. It turned out that the parcel he had deposited with such a flourish of trumpets did not contain \$3,000, but a much smaller sum. In accounting for the difference he claimed he had used a certain amount of it in his business, and that on the very day he had received it he had put some \$900 of it into a business in which he was interested, entered it in the cash book and had deposited the very bills he got in a certain bank to the credit of the firm of which he was a member.

This clue was seized upon by the Government with avidity, their counsel rushed to the bank to get a look at the deposit receipts, but they were too late, Gamey had been there before them, got the receipts under pretence of desiring to see them, tore them up, left the bank, went to his office, where the page was found torn out of his ledger where the entry he had sworn to was expected to be found, fled the country and went to the United States. Consternation reigned in the Opposition camp. The game seemed to be up and their lawyers threw up the sponge. But neither the judges or the government would allow the investigation to go off in that way. It was continued. The Opposition followed Gamey to the United States and induced him to return. He was again put upon the witness stand and changed his story to suit the altered circumstances of the case.

The judges in their judgment found that Gamey had been a "self convicted liar," that his whole story of having been bribed was fabrication, and that Mr. Stratton had wholly disproved the assertions of Gamey by a large number of witnesses, and finally Stratton himself has positively denied his whole story so far as it related to him.

But this made no difference to the Opposition. Gamey was hailed as a martyr and a hero; the judges were denounced in all the moods and tenes by the Opposition press and platform speakers from one end of the province to the other. He was led from town to town amid the acclamations of the Opposition and followed by large crowds. The Opposition became drunken with delight, mistaking the curiosity of the crowd for mature public opinion. Had it not been that he was upheld by the Tory party leaders he would have long since been hooted from the country as a base impostor, as he is.

But they had a rude awakening. Premier Ross has faced the people with a reorganized government and a cut policy. The Opposition have Gamey, and the crowds who followed out of curiosity are beginning to jeer him. Opposition Leader Whitney has found himself very much discredited in the matter and is trying to repudiate Gamey, as far as possible, but they cannot throw him overboard, as, if they did, he would blow on them in the conspiracy which he attempted.

Under those circumstances it would be no surprise if Premier Ross should be returned by a fair majority at the elections on the 25th instant.

In the parliamentary bye-election at Stalybridge, Cheshire, Eng., on Saturday, J. F. Cheetham (Liberal) defeated Travis Clegg (Con.), by a majority of 951. Hitherto for twenty years Stalybridge had returned a Conservative.

Senator Dandurand, of Montreal, will receive the appointment of speaker of the Senate.

Millinery at Reduced Prices.

The millinery business of Miss M. E. Hanning & Co., has been removed from Queen Street to the residence of Mrs. James Bird, Charlotte Street, at which place the firm are prepared to receive and execute orders. Owing to reduced expenses the firm will be prepared to charge the lowest prices for millinery furnishings.—Jan. 6, & 1..

Then He Laughed.

They had quarrelled. The exact cause of the quarrel is immaterial. Possibly he had criticised the dinner or had refused the money for a new gown or had been sarcastic in his reference to the household expenses. Anyhow they had quarrelled, and she was on the verge of tears.

"You're just as mean as you can be," she declared.

"You've said that before," he remarked carelessly, "and then have changed your mind about it in less than twenty-four hours."

"You're as hateful as you can be!"

"That's only a slight variation of your previous remark."

"I'll never speak to you again!"

"That's an old threat."

"I don't see why I ever married you!"

"That seems to puzzle you at frequent intervals."

She was excited and desperate, determined to make an impression.

"I don't care!" she cried. "I'll never marry you again—never, never, never!"

Then he laughed.

Washing the Mouth.

If people would wash out their mouths twice or three times a day with an antiseptic solution, there would not be near so much sickness. In the last ten years I have never had a cold, sore throat or fever, and I ascribe this immunity solely to the

WANTED.

A capable Girl, one who can do good plain cooking.
Address P. O. Box 152, Fredericton, N. B.
Dec. 29—D.H.

O. S. Crocket, B.A. Wm. P. Taylor

Crocket & Taylor,

Barristers-at-Law,
Solicitors, Notaries, etc

Offices opp. Post Office, Fredericton
Dec. 8—d.w.3 mos.

James D. Fowler,

Jeweler and Optician,

Graduate Optician in charge of Optical Department.

Opposite Post Office, - - - Fredericton, N. B.

January, 1905

John J. Weddall & Son's

ANNUAL

WHITEWEAR

SALE

WILL BEGIN ON

MONDAY, the 9th inst.

THE PRICES WILL TALK

Night Gowns, Chemise, Skirts, Drawers, Corset Covers, etc.
10 per cent. off for CASH only. An inspection invited.

JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON

Agents for Standard Patterns.

Do You Catch On?

If you do, come to us and get our prices, get our goods as well. They are good goods.



If goods are not satisfactory bring them back and we will gladly refund the money.

TWEEDDALE & CO.

The Up-to-date Hardware People.

THE PEOPLE SAY!!

THAT

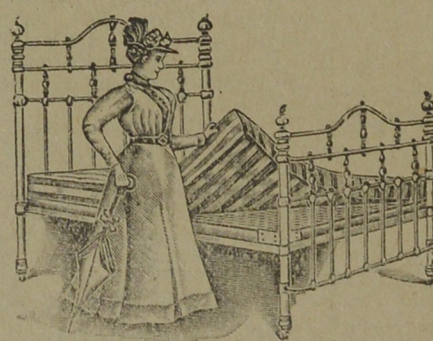
JOHNSON'S

Powdered Floor Wax

Is an excellent finish for dancing floors. It is easily applied, and a 60 cent tin will go over a large floor several times. Sold by

GEO. Y. DIBBLEE,

PEOPLE'S DRUGGIST, - - Opp. City Hall.



Something
Pretty

FOR THE

Bedroom.

We are showing a fine line of White Enamel Iron Bedsteads, Brass Bedsteads, Colored Enamel Bedsteads, White Enamel Bureaus and Commodas, Bedroom Chairs and Rockers.

LEMONT & SONS.

Sale of Dinner Sets going on.