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A PROVINCIAL DISASTER.

The destruction of the west wing o the Ontario Parliament building is very serious matter for the Province of ntario. The loss on the building, which is in itself heavy, is comparatively little compared with that sustained by the destruction of the valuable library of over 100,000 volumes and a vast number of state papers which, in nature of things, cannot be replaced. Owing to some differences of opinion as to rates of insurance, none of the contents of the building are covered, the only insurance carried being on the building itself But no insurance could have adequately compensated for the damage to state records and documents.

The fire, according to the stories told. would seem to have gained great headway before it was discovered, although the building was tenanted by an army of officials and a Cabinet meeting was in progress; the hour was the busiest of the day, and large numbers of people were moving about in the vicinity. It appears strange that the first intimation of the impending danger should have been brought to the inmates of the building by the falling beams and glass of the roof. The fire appears to have been burning a long time; and it is to be wondered at that the smoke which must have been produced did not attract attention. Three theories of the cause of the conflagration are offered. Our old acquaintance, Spontaneous Combustion, is accused, apparently, absolutely without cause. Crossed electric wires are also suggested as a possible cause, although no reason for any change in the position of the wires from that of months' is given. A more plausible cause of the fire is suggested by the fact that roofers were using a charcoal stove on the roof of the damaged 'wing yesterday morning, and were warned by the watchman, Samuel Dunbar, to exercise care with regard to it. It is not hard to imagine a connection with the use of this stove and the conflagration. of

Complaints are made as to lack promptness and capacity in the fire protection service of the city. It is said to have been 22 minutes after the alarm was sent in before the fire brigade made its appearance. When it did come the water pressure was utterly insufficient to effectively cope with the fire in the upper parts of the building; and about half an hour is said to have elapsed before a fire engine arrived. With good water pressure and prompt response to the alarm. a different story might perhaps be told.

When the serious nature of the danger was noticed, the efforts of the parliamentary staff were directed to saving important documents placed in peril; and some valuable Provincial matters were thus saved from the flames. Unfortunate as the disaster is, and irreparable as is the loss sustained, there is still room for congratulation that it is not much greater. In the circumstances, the fire having got such a start and the fire protection service being so poor, it might easily have happened that the entire building had been destroyed, if, indeed, some lives had not been sacrificed. In the midst of our regrets, let us be thankful.

THE NORTH POLE FOUND.

One after another adventurous seekers for fame have made the North Pole the goal of their ambition. Many have perished in the effort to reach it, while many others have been saved by rescue expeditions, and vast sums of money have been spent in the hitherto fruitless Frederick A. Cook, a courageous explorer, financed by J. R. Bradley, of and bar of the United Kingdom compared New York, states that he has, in company with two Esquimaux, succeeded in to condemn Whitney's power act! reaching the coveted goal. The story he tells is circumstantial, and will doubt- company. If he is to be sneered at beless be carefully examined. He started cause he states that the Lords have the

agement, so long as there was a stand-ardization of the ships of the five ma-tions with those of the mother nation. In other words, Lord Charles advocated In other words, ford Charles advocated autonomy and concerted action; and that is what the Canadian Communons had in view; what the present Govern-ment has stood for all along, and what the Defence Conference appears to have accepted as the true solution of the defence problem. British statesmen have been quick to see the wisdom, the strength, of such a policy; to commend the local control idea, and to declare that no other seemed practicable or pos sible in the circumstances.

its own ports, and under its own man

TYPHOID AT COBALT.

Considerable alarm is felt in Cobalt because of the prevalence of typhoid fever. Upwards of 70 cases are now in the one little hospital, and the cry is for nurses and more hospital facilities. In two days over 20 cases were admitted, and the town authorities doubtful of their ability to "fight the

It is produced by a specific micro-organism, the bacillus typhosus. To infect the human organism it must be ingested, and this is generally accomplished by means of contaminated food ..r drink-mostly by drinking impure water. Ever since Cobalt was Cobalt this danger has threatened, and the local and Pro vincial health authorities appear to have exhibited a strange lack of appreciation of the situation. Typhoid fever is a tedious and dangerous disease; for which medical science is capable of doing little more than give "expectant" treat ment. At present some important experiments with serums are being made which give promise of gratifying results; if they succeed, the world at large will gain. But the way to "fight the disease' is to fight it with prophylactic measures -to prevent the typhoid germ from getting into the human food or drink. Every year an unsanitary locality in which the drinking water is impure, becomes a greater source of danger to the in habitants. Large communities seized of that fact, spend enormous sums in securing pure drinking water; and those not favorably situated resort to filtering, chemical treatment, or boiling of their supply. In the last 2 or 3 years, Ontario's north country has lost a good many lives by typhoid, and a great deal of money has been lost because of city hall.' its effects, even when they have not been fatal Ontario has a Provincial Board of Health, and it should be its duty to interest itself in improving conditions in the north country. If it has the authority requisite, it should have been acting vigorously? What has it done? The question: "Can a man touch pitch and not be defiled?" has no less obvious an answer than "Can a man drink typhoid germs and hope to remain healthy?" There appears to be room here for Whitney to exercise on a real duty to the public some of the apparently superfluous energy which is put into less worthy, if not positively harmful,

PROF. DICEY ON THE LORDS.

schemes.

Prof. Dicey, of Oxford, to whom Whitey's infamous power validating act was submitted, has, by strongly expressing his abhorrence of such legislation, won the deep and undying hatred of the junior local Tory organ. Because, being one of the best law authorities in the British realm, he did not care to express himself with the cocksureness of the Chief Justice of the Herald with regard to the House of Lords' action on the British budget, the local constitutional authority sneers at him as "this pompous and platitudinous professor." Surely that ought to make the Vinerian Professor of Law feel very small! What quest. Now it is announced that Dr. are the honors of his exalted position and the esteem and respect of the bench with such-a thrust? That'll teach him

> But after all. Prof Dicey is in good C. B., legal "right" to reject a budget, but

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Automobile scorching is expensive

New York city directory contains 3,-520 "Smiths," and 1,100 Joneses. There are 503,769 names in the book this year. "Reader."-The city of New York was first incorporated in 1614; Philadelphia.

was not incorporated till 87 years later. That chaps who claims to have dis covered the north pole seems to address a doubting world. Could he not silence

doubters by exhibiting a bit of the timber cut from the pole, or at least a scrap of the bark? Centre and South Toronto is organiz

ing, with the Toronto World's approval, to conduct municipal affairs on strictly party lines. Whenever you find muni cipal affairs falling into the hands these party cliques, look out for a raid on the ratepayers' pockets.

The fine new school costing \$55,000 opened by the town of Paris yesterday, will always stand as a worthy memorial of Mr. John Penman, who generously contributed \$15,000 towards its cost. Mr. Penman's gift places him in the Andrew Carnegie class of benefactors.

Just as might have been expected from the Mail and Empire, that organ seeks to charge the Parliament building's fire against the late Hon. Mr. Fraser, under whose supervision they were built. The Mail and Empire is never at a loss to find cause to blame the Liberals.

According to the Mail and Empire, the dangerous condition as to fire of the Ontario Parliament buildings, "has long been known to the present Government." But it took no action toward safeguarding them. The Mail and Empire is a little too eager to throw dirt; it succeeds , mostly in befouling its friends.

While the Toronto Mail and Empire boastfully presents Toronto City Hall as an ideal job of fireproof construction and refers to the Parliament buildings as a fire trap, the Toronto World editorially says that "Toronto people will be interested to know that an exactly similar condition exists in the palatial

The stream of Canadian capital enter-

ing Canada from the United States flows The Postum Cereal Company is establishing a branch of its big Battle Creek factory in Windsor. A big electric construction company has been organized by Buffalo capitalists to build in Niagara Falls, Ont. Canada does not need to worry about the hostility of United States tariff-tinkerers while that goes on.

At the shorthand speed contest at Lake George, N. Y., a few days ago Willard R. Bottome, official stenographer of the United States Supreme Court, accomplished 262 words a minute. He took, also, a Judge's charge at the rate of 207 words a minute with only 12-10 per cent, of errors in his transcript, thereby establishing a record. The speed record is still held by Miss Wood, of Boston, with 264 words.

The Contract Record suggests a plan to destroy that kind of bidding for contracts which leads tenderers to take jobs below what they know good material and workmanship warrants, trusting to make even by scamping. It, is the somewhat strange proposition that instead of offering the con-tract to "the lowest tender," there be substituted "the lowest tender but one." It is argued that this would tend to prevent the bidding be low legitimate offers by men who intend to live up to specifications. It is to be doubted.

According to a recent United State consular report the number of motor passenger vehicles in use in the German **Our Exchanges** Empire is 39,475, of which 20,928 are motorcycles. For the transportation of HEAVENWARD 248 of which are motorcycles. For use (Life.) in business connected with passenger ser vice 16,110 motor cars are registered; for pleasure and outing trips, 15,562; in the army and other Government service, 395;) for public passenger traffic, 2,340; used by physicians, 4,641. Automobiles in general use for transportation of goods numbered 2,059; in Government service, 594; all other uses, 26. A Hydro-Electric Commission invaded the property of a farmer near Smith ville with the object of selecting a loca tion of Scotland nearly five millio twice as many s Scotland. tion for a line tower. The farmer's permission had not been obtained, nor had he been paid for the use of his land. The farmer had the agent summone and fined a small sum by way of assert-ing his right to control his own property. local Hydro organ, which The fends the Commission's high-handed dealing with the farmers, tearfully says of the occurrence: "This incident throw an interesting light on the paltry meth ods used in the attempts to block the Hydro-Electric project." Not a word about the "paltry" and tyrannical methods of the Government in trying to bulldose or scare the farmers into yielding up their property without adequate re mind you! That the or gan seems to think a matter of no con sequence. Professor Goldwin Smith, who has one so much to call attention to the evil of Whitney's acts attacking pro perty and the right of appeal to



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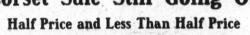
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are paying full rates per line for every word published in their interest by the newspapers in this country." The Proessor says: "He perhaps thinks that the Government power of stopping access to justice applies to the case of libel. What does the general press of Canada say to this aspersion? Which is most likely to be bought, free dealing with a great constitutional question, or minous silonce?" To ask the question is to set intelligent people thinking along a line which Whitney had not in mind when he made the fresh retort.



sonservatory with Mr. Willing last uight, my child. What was going on? Daughter—Did you ever sit in the con-servatory with papa before you married him



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Vigoro Coffee, per lb. tin 40c	Snowflake Ammonia, special, 6 for 25c
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Clark's Chicken Soup, 3 tins 25c	Brock's Bird Gravel, pkg 5c
Clark's Pork and Beans, large tin 10c	Wethey's Mincemeat, pkg 10c
Savoy Pork and Beans, tin 5c and 10c	Pure Gold Chocolate Pudding, 3 pkgs.
2-1b. tins Jam, Raspberry and Straw-	
berry 17c	Pure Gold Custard Pudding, 3 pkgs.
2-lb. tins Marmalade 17c	25c
6 lbs. best Rangoon Rice 25c	Comfort Soap, 6 for 25c
4 lbs. best Japanese Rice 25c	Challenge Soap, 3 for 25c
4 lbs. best Pearl Tapioca 25c	Lifebuoy Soap, 6 for 25c
Good Potatoes, per peck 25c	Sunlight Soap, 6 for 25e

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Every year our spices are tested thoroughly and you can safely count them best and purest. Cloves, Cinnamon, Allspice, Curry, Cayenne Pepper, White Pepper, 2 ounces 5c. Celery Seed, Mustard Seed, Carraway Seed, Cloves, Whole Allspice, Ginger, 2 ounces 5c. Whole Mixed Pickling Spice, per Ib, 20c. Ground Mixed Pickling Spice, per Ib. 25c. Black Pepper, Ib. 25c. Eng-lish Mustard, Ib. 25c. Stick Cinnamon, per pkg. 5c. Crystallized Ginger, per Th. 25c. per 1b. 25c.

Salt, Etc.

Coarse Salt for solaing pickles, etc., 7 lbs. for 5c, 50-lb. bag 35c, 3-lb. bag Salt 4c, 7-lb. bag Salt 8c, 20-lb. bag Salt 20c. Shaker Salt, 10c pkg. Celery Salt, 10c btl. Sealing Wax, for pickle and catsup bottles, per tin 10c. Jar Rubbers, per dozen, 5 and 8c. Crown pint Jars, dozen 75c. Crown Quart Jars, dozen 85c. Crown Half Gallon Jars, per dozen \$1.



It was our intention to discontinue our great BARGAIN SALE in Ox-fords last week, but we now have so few of them left that we consider it better to close out the balance AT THE SAME BIG REDUCTION IN PRICE—one-fifth off—rather than carry them over until next season.

Turkish Bath Toweling, worth 17e, Bargain Day per yard 131/20 **Corset Sale Still Going On**

> back at the previous number to see how that part ended." But they believed him not, and stoned him for a liar. CHIEF END OF TRAVEL. (Louisville Courier-Journal.)

ame in.

ENOUGH SAID.

(Boston Transcript.) -You were a long time in the ory with Mr. Willing last

M.-I suppose I did. D .- Well, mamma, it's the same

s quest from that by not exercising that right-by esin the summer of 1907, and sailed from Etah on March 3rd, 1908. His experiences were not the most pleasant in the final stages of his northward journey, and on the return cold and starvation made life a torture. One can feel well assured on reading Dr. Cook's story that it will be a long time before trips to the Pole become popular as summer outings.

BERESFORD'S VIEWS.

The Ferocious Militarist of the Hamilton Herald finds in Lord Beresford's speech at the opening of the Toronto He went further and included in that Exhibition "an Imperialist utterance," debarment the amending of a finance in which he spoke of "five nations, one bill. Lord Lyndhurst and Lord Hals. Union Jack, one navy, one army, one throne," and it interprets that to mean lors of the Exchequer, held and insisted that Lord Beresford is hostile to the upon similar views. Mr. Gladstone acted conclusions arrived at by the Defence Conference, and it declares that "it is gave way. They will probably give way certainly inconsistent with the policy of this time, and their leaders' advice will establishing little local fleets by the probably be followed, as Prof. Dicey sug-'oversea dominions,' to be under local control.

wished to convey the idea that he sym-pathized with the notion advocated by the Herald, of contributions by Canada to the fleet in ships or cash, or a Canadian built or bought fleet under Imper-inl control, and out of Canadian control. That cannot be his lordship's meaning, as he has already on more than one occasion strongly approved of the several British nations building and controlling wn fleets. In his speech at the Press Conference he followed Lord Esher and Mr. Balfour, «and he emphatically the other British statesmen, and that the other British nations are shaping and Mr. Balfour, and he emphatically agreed with those statesmen that each Dominion should have its own fleet. in Bro. Hartt,

tablishing precedent for conceding money bills entirely to the Commons-they have in effect lost that "right," and will probably acquiesce in their leaders' decision as to the policy to pursue in the matter, our learned contemporary will have more sneering to do. There is no score of pronouncing against Whitney legislation standing to

be wiped off against Lofd Salisbury. Yet he, while conceding the legal or verbal right of the Lords to reject a budget,

held that they were debarred by well-established precedent from exercising it. bury, two eminent Conservative Chancel upon that view. In every case the Lords gests, by the aristocratic Chamber, with what grace it can muster. The Lords

We do not think that Lord Beresford will probably not court a fight with the

Grand Master Hartt, of the Tru Blues, seems to be very wrathy at the members of the Canadian Parliament, Grit and Tory, because of their action on the defence matter. Mr. Hartt will no doubt feel very much better when he grasps the fact that the policy unanimously declared for by those same mem bers of Parliament is the policy approv courts, is not at all impressed by Whit-ney's statement that "all the watered stock experts and stock-gamblers in Canada" are on the side of his oppon-ents in this matter, and that "the latter

Binks (in 1910)--What kind of a fun-al did Howard have? Jinks-A mile of aeroplanes. A HIT AT THE HERALD. (London Free Press.) The Hamilton newspapers pass the lie with a frequency that seems to indicate a real dislike for one another. MORE OUTSIDE. (Ottawa Journal.) exchange states that the popula-of Scotland is now estimated at y five millions: There must be many Scots as that out of MONEY TO BURN. (Toronto News.) The large increase in August bank clearings at Toronto and Montreal in-dicates the steady expansion in the volume of Canadian business. THE ANXIOUS REPORTER (Toronto Star.) (loronto Star.) Lord Charles Beresford says that in this country every person looks happy. However, he must have noticed that some of the reporters wore an anxious and enquiring expression. THE TRUTH COMES OUT. (Chicago News.) His Wife-You didn't seem to be as stupid before our marriage as you are Her Husband-But I was, though Otherwise Lwould have remained single TOO MUCH TO BELIEVE.

(Sketchy Bits.) "Who is he?" the crowd murmured.

None knew, Finally they asked him himself. "I," he said, with great condescension. "I am a man who can read a continued story in the magazines without looking

world. FALL DRILL. Ninety-First Highlanders Will Soon be at It. Hamilton, Sept. 2, 1909. Headquarters 91st Regiment, Canadian Highlanders. No. 35. The casuals of the regiment will put in their class firing at the ranges on Saturday, 4th inst. Officers commanding companies will see that those who have not performed this duty who have not performed this duty will do so as above.
No. 30. Recruit class will commence on Wednesday, 8th inst., and will continue each Monday and Wednesday evening until further orders. Those wishing to join the regiment will apply to Sergt. Major Gilmour at the Dist orderly room on the above date.
No. 37. The senior regiment an atches will take place at the rifle ranges on Saturday. 11th inst.
No. 38. The regiment at the rifle ranges on Saturday. 11th inst.
No. 38. The regiment and in at the orders.
No. 39. The regiment will parade in drill order on Wednesday. 22nd inst., at 7.45 p. m., and each Wednesday thereatter until further orders.
No. 39. The commanding officer has been pleased to make the following promotions provisionally from this date: To be pioneer sergeant, Color Sergt. Kidner, vice Dornan, who is hereby strucking the strength of the regiment. to be content, who is hereby strucking the strength of the regiment.
M. BELL, Captain, adjutant.

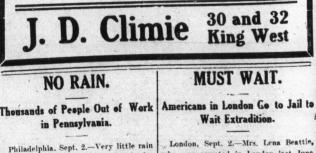
ROBBED OLD COUPLE.

Paris, Sept. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Smith, an aged couple, of New Haven, Conn., have been robbed in this city of \$4,000 by two confidence men, to whom they en-prusted their money for safe keeping.

GOODYEAR WELTS-For two weeks more we will allow one-fifth off the regular price of every Goodyear Welt Oxford in the store for wo-men and men. \$3.00 Oxfords for \$2.40; \$3.50 Oxfords for \$2.80; \$4.00 Ox-fords for \$3.00, etc. BUY NOW, and do it quick. Do not let these bar-gains get away from you.

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as fallen in Eastern Pennsylvania for everal months past, and the drought thereby created now is in the acute stage. Crops and pasture fields have burned up for lack of moisture, and the A despatch from York, Pa., says the big mills of M. H. Glatfelder & Co., at Spring Grove, Pa., has been compelled to suspend operations because of the drought. loss to the farmers has been heavy.

who was arrested in London last June on a charge of grand larceny, committed in New York, appeared in the Bow street police court to-day and announced that she waived defence, asked to be sent back to New York immediately for trial. The magistrate, however, after commit-

A despatch from York, Pa., says the big mills of M. H. Glatfelder & Co., at Spring Grove, Pa., has been compelled to suspend operations because of the drought. The Schuylkill River is at the lowest housand persons employed in the mills at Manayunk, a suburb of this city, are idle because of the scarcity of water.