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SPANISH INHUMANITY.

the treatment they receive:

Then the clank of hammers begins, toil is frightfully monotonous. If only the prisoners could converse the monothe shoulders or across the face.

The rattling of heavy hammers deafening and the dust is intolerable, climbs rapidly overhead and the heat becomes stifling. Over on the edge of the kneeling squad a small Cuban prisoner reels with every swing of the hammer. He arrived on the Spanish steamer at midnight with two others, and this is his first day.

The young prisoner overcome by the heat and exhausted by the severe exertion to which he was not accustomed, faints. This is what followed:

At that very moment the young Cuban pitched forward on his face, half senseless. Up came the guard, whip in hand, ready for the fray. He had seen the old that in the course of time, the progress convict say something, and had seen the of the city of Victoria will be materially Down came the whip across the shoulders of the senseless Cuban, who only moaned with the pain.

Again and again the whip descended council. with a hiss like that of an angry snake. Up sprang one of the young man's companions with a jagged stone in his hand. man again I'll brain you!"

There was no trial. The men are com- even partially, to a section representing prisoners are half-starved and their by seeing the city streets, roads, bridges, sleeping places are damp and filthy. etc., of a kind not in accordance with could be secured, but this being denied The prison is well-named El Hacho the times and their property consumed justice, and we appeal with confidence justice, and we appeal with confidence men who are confined in it, it must be hell indeed. The account of the treat- held to discuss the question of municipal British fair play, for their sympathy and

truly pitiable. erty and decent food, but he is still sub- community, and who were also property templated, but is in express terms project to the prison regulations, and ex- holders in the city.

their boat, carronade. Three of them swam in after the boat sank. He does not, however, say that they were drowned.

oner in Ceuta will no doubt be spread far and wide. It first appeared in the throwing off the yoke of Spain.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

The time approaches when it will be necessary to choose another council to The choice and composition of such a of every intelligent citizen.

any other business purpose. Practical- is unquestionable. ly a city council occupies the same posiwho was for some time imprisoned in stock or property qualification of a resolution that was passed: the penal settlement of Ceuta, has director to occupy a position of trust, escaped, and after much suffering and but also his business capacity to repre- payers in the city of Winnipeg, called dreadful story about the way in business corporations men will generally the arrangement recently concluded bewhich political prisoners are treated be found as directors who have not only tween the Federal and Provincial Govby the Spanish in Ceuta. Ceuta the ability to accumulate property, but ernments on the Manitoba school ques-Spain, situated on the northern coast of acquired. A man will not often be the terms of that arrangement. Morocco, opposite Gibraltar. It is a chosen as director of a business cor- affirm that they are wholly insufficient military and penal station and is built poration simply because he is known on the ancient Abyla, one of the range to possess eloquence enough to keep made to the electorate by members of the Fratres. There are imprisoned the more uninformed shareholdin this fortress, from which escape is ers in a state of continual next to impossible, some three hundred hostility to those who know and possess Cuban political prisoners, most of whom more, by virtue of their better business are kept breaking stone under a broiling capacity. Such men are, however, often sun. They have over them armed guards found upon municipal corporations, and ority a proposal so inadequate and in the who have the power to lash the prison- what are they when so found? The

ers for any slackness in working and for greatest evil that could be inflicted upon insult offered to the most prominent and any infringement of the prison rules. a suffering municipality; and yet the most trusted representative of the min-Here is part of the description of the time never was, and probably never work which the prisoners have to do and | will be, when electors deficient in intelligence as to select such men to represent them will not be found. Often a sent them will not be sent them will not be found. Often a sent them will not be s and it is kept up throughout the day man succeeds as a municipal politician ing a settlement we indeed approve, but vestigations of the Tariff Commission ef period dur- who has proved a failure in every other ing which the prisoners eat more gruel, pursuit or industry. Take the case of a proached in that spirit, while the other mechanic who has a decided turn for party, and that the one which has been eloquence, so-called, with no particular wronged, is treated with undisguised tend to do, and that the sittings of the tony would not be so great. A word, skill in his own business. Having however, means a hissing whiplash over failed with his hands after repeated trials he enters the arena of municipal politics, well knowing that there are to but there is no cessation. The sun be found in every community those stitutions, whose mainstay is an honorwho are carried away more by plausible talk than by logical reason or common sense. The elimination of this kind of agitator is an object well worthy the at- the minority whose rights in educatention and concerted action of every sensible citizen who has taxes to pay, and who desires to see municipal funds properly expended. There is a limit to the value of any man's property when his taxes become large in comparison

No citizen should be ashamed or unwilling to serve upon the council of the he cried, "if you hit that city if he desires to see his property maintain its value and the city improve The young Cuban was afterwards in its material condition with the lapse whipped in the prison yard until he of time. The council is very much what we do not call for the re-enactment of fainted under the lash. The two men, the people make it, and if good business the old law in its precise terms. We who sympathised with the lad and men who are property holders do not feel warned him in whispers of what would interest enough in the city to take part followif he did not keep on working, were in its government and are content to also flogged in the most brutal manner. leave the management of its affairs, pletely at the mercy of their jailers and no property and nothing but theoretical these men do not seem to know what socialistic views, they will in the end either justice or mercy means. The reap the reward which will be their due.

Some two years ago a meeting was ment which the men receive is indeed government. A man got up and began support. harrowing tis just possible that the to talk by assuming that to be true cruelty of the jailors may be exagger- which had no foundation in fact, and ated, but even making allowance for upon that false basis this individual taken under the constitution and prethis; the condition of the prisoners is poured forth a flood of eloquence that scribed by the constitution as coercive. enthused the mass of the people who at- The seventh resolution reads as follows: The only way in which the unfortun- tended that meeting and influenced them ate captives can procure any mitigation more than the expression of opinion by of suffering is by purchase. The prison- the then premier and many others who er who has money can buy a little lib- had at heart the true interests of the eral legislation is not only clearly con-

posed to the punishment of the lash if The best governed city on the continhe violates of is accused of violating any ent, and perhaps in the world, is Wash- or individuals, must wholly fail in their ington in the District of Columbia, U.S., duty, if they are deterred from review-Last Summer four of the prisoners who and why is this city so well governed? ing the acts of the bodies appealed Last simmer due of the prisoners who had money, planned their escape very inBecause it is practically governed by with which those bodies cling to their geniously and were lucky enough to incorruptible officials, who take a acts.

when near the shore, they do. Will the city government of the Protestants of the Dominion for was sunk by a shot from a Victoria, if it existed in its present con-sympathy. This is how it reads: dition for centuries, ever attain the perotherwise. It should be evident to New York Herald. Its effect will cer- gent opinion on the subject that a busi- appeal, against an alleged deprivation of tainly be to increase the sympathy felt ness concern, to be successful, must be their educational rights by the Roman States and elsewhere. Carrera's suffer- Victoria, if they think over the matter, the appear led to a speedy restoration of those rights by that Catholic legislations. ngs have not cooled his ardor for the must come to the conclusion that the ture. Should the educational rights of cause of freedom. He is determined to work which the corporation has to do is Protestants in that province be again return to Cuba to aid its inhabitants in emphatically and essentially business, prejudicially affected in the future by

STUDIOUSLY MODERATE.

Fair-minded men in all the Provinces manage the business of the municipality. of the Dominion want to know what members of the denominational minoroody is a subject that should engage ity in Manitoba, think of the "settlethe attention and command the interest | ment" that has been made for them becil to become a matter of indifference, collectively one of the parties to the disor to consider it as a subject not worthy pute. It is to them that the Constituo special attention, is to undervalue one tions, both of the Dominion and the of the most important issues to which Province, guarantee rights and extend the public attention can be directed. In privileges, and it was to them that ate. Not a single intemperate expresthis connection it is pertinent to inquire, promises were made previous to what are the principles that should the late election. They have an interest any of the speakers vilified the oppon-Liberal ahowance on yearly and half-yearly guide in the selection and govern the in that settlement superior to that of ents of their cause, all harsh expressions action of a municipal corporation? They any section of the population of the and vituperative epithets have been carehave been well defined as the same other provinces and their right to be fully eliminated from the report. The

A meeting of the members of that tion towards the ratepayers that a board minority was held in Winnipeg on the The resolutions we have reproduced, no Births, Marriages and Deaths, \$1.00; funeral of direction does to the shareholders which it is elected to represent, and, it is

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| Marriages and Deaths, \$1.00; funeral of direction does to the shareholders which it is elected to represent, and, it is reasonable to conclude, the same rights that city to have been well attended, Manitoba with respect to the "settlewith respect to the value of a vote should and "the utmest harmony and en- ment." Those who read them carefully prevail in one as in the other. An im- thusiasm prevailed throughout the pro- will not, we think, agree with the poli-A Cuban revolutionist named Carrera, portant consideration is not only the ceedings." The following is the first ticians who are telling the people of the

This meeting of Roman Catholic ratemany adventures has arrived safely in the United States. Carrera tells a sent faithfully and efficiently the inter-est confided to his care. In the case of Roman Catholic minority of this city on is a fortified town belonging to to properly administrate it when it is fully but most firmly we protest against they are professing to be desirous to che to redress our wrongs, while they utterly

The next resolution passed by the meeting is as follows:

We condemn federal ministers for try ing to force on the Roman Catholic min negotiations for which the minority itself was not consulted. We resent the ority in this controversy-the revered is a farce to call it concili only one party to the controversy is apcontempt.

This is the third resolution:

we ask for British justice—no more, no has not yet declared what their fiscal less; as devoted upholders of British in able adherence to the spirit of the British constitution we demand that the constitution of our country be respected. and that its protection be extended to tional matters were thereby very specially safeguarded.

The fourth and fifth resolutions show what the minority regard as a fair basis of settlement .

We declare our most earnest desire to live in harmony with our fellow citizens with property held in a better admin- of all creeds. In the matter of secular istered community, and it may well be education we are most willing to submit under reasonable conditions to state inspection, but we claim that Roman retarded by the kind and quality of numbers, and particularly where the Catholics ought wherever in sufficient business men elected to sit in the number is so great as in Winnipeg, to have the privilege of sending their children to schools, which while maintaining a standard of proficiency second to none under similar conditions conform to our well understood laws as to re-

ligious and moral training.
(5.) Under the law of the province prior to 1890 we had this privilege, but demand, therefore, that by amendment and modification, as suggested by the judges of the Privy Council, our grievances be removed and our essential

rights in this respect be restored. This is how the sixth resolution reads: Through the proceedings in appeal, the parliament of Canada, is now empowered to deal with the question and low their action in the matter of tariff give us relief. We recognize that by revision to be to a greater or less extent not only to our co-religionists in the say as little as possible about their trade other provinces, but to all lovers of

The meeting took the ground that it is absurd to stigmatize the proceedings

We protest against the vicious and absurd theory that federal legislation is to be taken as coercive, or as a menace to vided for by the constitution. Appellate bodies, charged with the duty of ex-

get away. They were pursued and pride and interest in everything that. The eighth resolution is an appeal to

To our Protestant brethren we would one direction and Carrera in another. fection of administration arrived at by recall the fact that this provision for ap-Carrera did not see his three companions Washington District of Columbia? If peal to parliament was put in the constitution at the instance of the Protestant the best business men in the city allow representatives of Quebec, for the exthemselves to be chosen as representa- press purpose of affording protection to The story of the sufferings of the pris- tives there might be some hope, but not | the Protestant minority in that province. We remind them, too, of the fact that the same Protestant minority was the everyone capable of forming an intelli- first body to avail itself of this right of for the insurrectionists in the United run by business men. The citizens of Catholic legislature of Quebec, and that the appeal led to a speedy restoration of requiring for its successful performance any act of its legislature, and another business ability in the men chosen to appeal to Ottawa by Protestants become necessary, we are sure that Protestants throughout the Dominion would not willingly see justice denied because of a cry against interference with Quebec's provincial rights. The Roman Catholic minority of Manitoba in such a case would be the first to deprecate a failure of justice through such a cry. And the Christian principle of doing to others as they would wish others to do to them will suggest to our Protestant brethren hind their backs by the Governments of that a like cry ought not to be the cause To allow the election of the city count the Dominion and the Province. They are for withholding justice from us in the present case.

These resolutions were moved and supported by speeches which to judge by the report were exceedingly modersion is to be found in the report, and if principles that govern a corporation for heard as to the merits of the settlement meeting appears to have been composed exclusively of laymen. There certainly was not a clergyman among the speakers. Dominion that the Manitoba school question is dead.

AN INCONSISTENT ATTITUDE.

The Montreal Star, which is by no means a partisan paper, thinks that the members of the present Government are they are professing to be desirous to obtain information as to the working of the tariff, to denounce protection from the stump at by-elections. The Commissioners, when they are pursuing their inquiries, are careful to allow no expression to escape them which would warrant the inference that they had already come to a definite conclusion had prejudiced the case. But this reticence can only be considered a politic regard for decency or mere shallow hypocrisy, when they or their colleagues appear on the stump in by-election contests and in-Archbishop of St. Boniface-who, as dulge in unqualified denunciations of openly averred by one of the ministers, the policy of protection. Speeches of this are nothing more or better than a sham -that the Government have already made up their minds as to what they in-Commission are the mere perfunctory performance of pre-election promises. As loyal citizens of a British country | The Star intimates that the Government policy is likely to be, but that "there is always the hope that the 'we-will-do-noharm' policy will work out in a mild and beneficial tariff revision, thus saving us from a cut-throat attack upon our industrial life." And then goes on to

But when the Ministers are compelled to utilize the recesses, between the sittings of the judicial Commission to hurry upon the "stump" and assail Protection with all the old popular platform recklessness and vigor, the business community cannot but be disquieted, the good faith of the Commissioners put in doubt, and possibly the calm and presumably fair-minded temper of the Ministry disturbed. Yet it is within the power of the Ministers to avoid the last calamity. They need not permit the fury of an election contest to interfere with an open-minded consideration of the tariff any more than it has been necessary for them to allow the impetus of past crusades against Protection to carry them into a position of antagonism to the friends of that system who have been appearing before them from day to day. t is of the utmost importance to the country that at this critical time the men who have in their hands the shaping of her policy should keep clear heads, unruffled by party passion and undom-

inated by the philippics of the past. The Star is, no doubt, right. If the Government really wants information from business men, if it intends to almodified by the information which the Commission acquires, they should, while it is pursuing its investigations, policy; they should not by their speeches at by-elections lead discerning men to conclude that they are willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike, the industries of the country.

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