POSTAL MATTERS Response of the U.S. Govern-ment to a Canadian Re-presentation. tricken Embargo on Indecent Publica WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 6.-The Su-perintendent of the free delivery service reperintendent of the free delivery service re-ports that the letter carriers in eighty-eight free delivery cities in the last fiscal year handled 810,000,000 picces of mail matter, an increase of 100,000,000 from the pre-vious year. The excess of postage on local matter over tho whole cost of the service was \$865,000. Free delivery in cities now number 99. cities now number 99. The Superintendent of the railway mail girls service reports 2,650,000 pieces of mail matter handled on the postal cars in the The last fiscal year, 20 per cent. more than the previous year. The Superintendent shows a necessity for increased appropriations and an additional force in this branch of the service. The Postmaster-General to-day received a communication from the postal authorities of Canada stating that all publications styled "police gazettes," &c., are pro-hibited from circulation in the Dominion n account of their immoral character. Despite the utmost precaution of Canadian postmasters, some copies of the obnoxious papers are still received in the mails from this country and delivered. It is, therefore, requested that the United States Government take measures to prevent forwarding this class of matter in Canadian mails. The Postmaster, there-fore, this afternoon, issued an order that all such publications addressed to Canada shall be unmailable. to the MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST. girla Discovery of Coal and Arable Land-Patience of the Indians Under Inflice. WINNIPEG. Nov. 8.-Fine samples of ooth hard and soft coal were brought in by and Mr. Vaughan, Dominion Land Surveyor. The precise locality has not been disclosed, but it is an ted to be somewhere on the line of the South-Western railway. Prof. Macron's exploration has resulted in the discovery of a large area of good agricultural and grazing land south-west of the Battleford region, and out of the ordinary routes of travel. Fully eighty per cent. of it is suitable for grain growing. Prof. Macron states emphatically that the stories of disaffection among the Blackfeet, Sarcees, and Mountain Indians are without undation, and he gives them great praise for their patience while undergoing the most shocking privation from hunger and want of every conceivable description. He also says that the great drawback to the country south of Battleford is that there is no timber, but this lack is compensated for by the undoubted existence of unlimited quantities of excellent coal throughout that region. The coal has been tested at many camp fires for cooking, and it burns brightly with a clear flame and no residue but the ash. Capt. Geo. Young, of the Winnipeg. astom House, has been absent some weeks Lulu investigating alleged extensive smuggling on the United States boundary in the Far West. Rumours have reached here that he has discovered facts which have impli-cated several officials. It is also reported that Col. Smith and Mr. Acton Burrows have brought from Battleford affidavits t

a similar effect to the particulars disclosed. The North Star states that further im ortant discoveries of gold and silver have en made in the vic nity of Rat portage by Messrs. Heenan and Salter. Half the length of the Pembina Branch railway is now ballasted. UNNECESSARY INQUESTS An Ottawa Alderman on the Subject. OTTAWA, Nov. 4.—An Alderman has written the following letter to the Mayor Whiteen the following rester to the mayor and Corporation :-I would most respectfully call your attention to the abuse that is practise 1 by Coroners under the present Act, as in a great many cases inquests are held and medical evidence taken not actually neces-sary, and would request that some action be taken The matter will be referred to the Atorney-General of Ontario. SLAUGHTERED BY INDIANS. A Claim for Indemnity from Squatters in the North-West. OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 9.—A petition from a number of squatters in the Bow River district, North West Territory, has been forwarded to the Minister of the Interior. asking the Government to indemnify them or losses sustained on account of cattle alleged to have been slaughtered by Indians. The Department of the Interior will thoroughly investigate the complaints. WEST DURHAM. Nomination of the Party Candidates. BOWMANVILLE, Ont., Nov. 8 .- The Reform Convention of the West Riding of Durham met to day in the town hall, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to represent them in the Commons, vice Mr. Burk, resigned. A full delegation from all the electoral districts of the riding were present. After some routine business had been disposed, the Rev. C. Barker, of Bowmanville, moved, seconded by Mr. A. Beith, "That the Hon. Edward Blake be the nominee of this convention to contest the riding in the coming election." A standing vote was taken, and resulted unanimously in favour of the motion. The result was received with cheers. A telegram was despatched to the honourable gentleman announcing the fact, and a reply was received accepting the nomina-tion. The Conservatives held their convention yesterday, and selected Mr. Stephen Washington, a farmer of Darlington, as their candidate. Mr. Washington has not yet accepted, but will decide on Monday whether he will stand or not. THE DOMINION EXHIBITION. The Deficiency in the Receipts-A Signific cant Fact Elicited. OTTAWA, NOV. 7. - An informal meeting of the Definition of the Office of the Definition of the OTTAWA, Nov. 7.—An informal meeting of the De-rectors of the City of Ottawa Agricultural Society was held last evening for the purpose of considering the position of affairs, and another meeting will be held next meet. A discussion took place in segred to the discrepancy in the receipts at the late Dominion Exhibition, and the Scoreary produced a long letter from Mr. Graham, Tressurer of the Agricultural and Arts Associa-tion, in which he expressed the bellef that everything had been conducted in a regular manner, but considered that the number of deadheads was unusually large. The members present did not agree with Mr. Graham in some of his statementa, and the significant fact was elicited during the course of discussion, that the receipts on the Wednesday of the Exhibition week in 1875 were \$1,000 larger than the opening day this year, al-though the attendance did not appear to be half as large. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS Its Validity Again Called in Question. Its Validity Again Cailed in Question-QUEBEC, Nov. 7.—Charlevoix contested election argument was heard on Thursday at Murray Bay before Mr. Justice Routhier upon the preli-minary objections raised by the defendant as to the validity of the Dominion Con-troverted Elections Act. The petitioner in the case is the contractor of the Departmental buildings in this city, while the defendant, Mr. Perrault, is the sitting member for the County and a brother-in-law of Mr. Tarte. The principal objection raised was the question of the furiadiction of Judges of the Superior Court in contested Domin-ion elections. The case was fully argued and taken en delibere. Mr. H. C. reletter has notice. foredith that be intends to appeal to her Majesty's Privy Council for a decision upon the question of the jurisdiction of the Superior Court in certain the jurisdiction of the Superior Court in certain the jurisdiction of the Superior Court in certain trials of election questions. It is contended that there is so much difference of opinion between the Courts of justice and the opinions of leading lawyers that it is most advisable to have the matter finally determined by the Privy Council. The Supreme Court of Canada has pro-nounced favouraby to the jurisdiction of the Courts in question, but the Chief Justice and the other ludges, before whom similar cases are pending, be-pore proceeding will now await the decision of the vivy Council. D. McDonald, Inspector of Schools for Picton County, N.S., got notice, on the 31st Oct., that his services have been dis-

pensed with.

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