

ment of the American Lake Shipping interests for a Government Canal connecting the Hudson River, and thus with the seaboard. This scheme would simply compel the ship companies to pay such tolls as the company saw fit to impose. That the lake boats should have free access in the seaboard through American territory is not a matter which concerns the North-west alone, but of grave importance to the nation at large. With a free waterway these boats would convey to the seaboard, and many of them to Europe, one-third of the corn, small grain and flour of the United States, at rates which would be a wholesome check upon the grasp of railway corporations. It would afford a European market for all this, and the product of the industries of the West and Middle States of vast importance, and which could be built up in no other way. A toll system means simply a blockade to such a traffic. The Dominion owns all its own canals; and they are free waterways to all Canadian Ship-owners, and will ever be maintained as such. The *Globe*, then with a deep heavy sigh, as if looking into the future, concludes, "with a toll system on our side, the Canadian ships would shut out our ships from the business of both countries." What a calamity forsooth that would be to the great American nation. Perhaps they realize that Canada is of some importance after all. By the way will the *Globe* please inform its readers how they intend to thaw out the canal during the winter months.

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HERE is food for Orangemen. A branch of the House of Orange, is about to return to the Catholic faith.

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ONE of the eccentricities of Col. Shepard, Editor and Publisher of the New York *Mail* and *Express*, was the publishing of

a scripture text at the head of his paper. To this he said he owed the success of his paper. Another peculiarity of his was to spell Sunday, "Sonday."

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As a result of the Panama Scandal it is contemplated to exclude in future from the chamber of French Deputies all members of syndicates, and all promoters of similar schemes, in order to enable members to honestly perform their duties. If some other countries would adopt something similar, it would be equally applicable.

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AS THE "Worlds Fair" will attract thousands of sneak thieves, pick-pockets and such other kind of light fingered gentry, we would advise all who contemplate a visit to the great show, to leave any valuables they may happen to have, home on the piano. They will thus avoid any little unpleasantness they might experience by being robbed or "held up" in a crowd.

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A RESOLUTION has been adopted in the British Parliament to provide for the payment of members. In order to help them out as to the compensation required, Mr. Labouchere puts forward a proposition to give the legislators \$3.75 per day. If these conditions were complied with, would Mr. Labouchere be a candidate.

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MANITOBA'S Exhibit at the World's Fair, promises to be one of the best agricultural displays that has been made for some time. As there exists in the minds of several people the erroneous impression that we cannot raise anything but snow and ice, our exhibit will be an eyeopener. To the Hon. Thos. Greenway, our indefatigable minister of agriculture and Hon. Jas. A. Smart, our World's Fair commissioner, are due the credit of placing