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"PREVENTIVE MEDICINE."

There are still some people who laugh at own day is indeed marvellous. the idea that disease can be kept away, and that the death rate can be lessened by tak- CAN THE DRUNKARD BE CURED? ing the precautions to preserve health that scientific men declare to be effective. Such persons argue that there has always been disease in the world, and there always will eemes, no matter how much care he takes posed to the will of Providence, and there- were either simple or certain. fore necessarily futile.

upon the fatalists, and they are blind to what passage entire :-most intelligent persons regard as warning.

cine" by contrasting, the state of England, 000 were known to have violated it."

with its population of 29,000,000, during the Victorian era, with the England of the frightful epidemics devasted the land. The pestilence took the forms of black death, sweating sickness, plague, petechial typhus, Other diseases, such as leprosy, scurvy, using strong drink runs a dreadful risk. malarial fever, dysentery and many more He may have the predisposition to drunkwere deadly, killed many, and made the lives of thousands miserable

While these epidemics spread terror over of the drunkenness that exists may be the land, the people lived badly in every attributed to heredity. "The fathers have way. The country was undrained. One eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are fifteenth part of England, according to set on edge," may be modernized as follows: Defoe, consisted of standing lakes, stagnant "The fathers have indulged immoderately water, swamps, marshes and un- in strong drink and the children come into the people ate was bad and in Singular instances are given in the articles

tion of England was periodically decimated by the plague or the black death, but The International Labor Congress in between the England of less than 45 years ago and the England of to-day. The say-Brussels is not an assemblage of earnest and practical workingmen who are endeavoring ing of life which a more careful observance to find some feasible way to better the conof the laws of health has caused even in our dition of their class in all parts of the

Is drunkenness curable? is a question upon a single workable measure, calculated which Drs. Hammond, Crothers, Carpenter to make the life of the workingman easier and Edson undertake to answer in the September number of The North American of the leading delegates seem to be Socialbe, and that a man will die when his time Review. Their answers will not, we think, be considered altogether satisfactory by time of the Congress in declaring against such attempts, they obstinately affirm, are They do not say that drunkards are never orator advocated commencing a labor sentrary to the course of nature and op-cured, but they do not write as if his cure war. Another of the wild-eyed theorists of the Conservative Government he might

than many sanitary reformers imagine. It he says on this head is so emphatic, that would appear that reasoning has no effect we think it due to our readers to quote the

"It may be stated with perfect confi-

tence of those laws, but their unbelief and their obstinacy do not prevent their being subject to them, or incurring the penalty when they break them. There is no excuse in these days for per-sons of sound mind and who can read being ignorant of some, at least, of the laws of health. They have been discovered and the cons quences of disregarding them have been clearly proved.

As neither drugs nor persuasion can cure te those whom they are supposed to reprethe drunkard, what can? In answer to sent. Such agitators do the cause of the Elizabethan age, with its scattered popula-this we feel very like perpetrating a bull sensible workingmen, who are looking for The best answer, it seems to us, is-"Never practical reforms, a very great deal of harm.

become a drunkard." The impression that It is to be regretted that positions that reading what these four eminent physi- ought to be occupied by really representacians say about the cure of drunkenness leaves tive men are so often won by noisy, impueruptive fevers, small-pox and influenza. clans say about the uncontracts the habit of dent, presumptaous blatherskites.

> THE FAIR THING enness in him without knowing it, for these doctors say that a very large proportion

The offer of the Dominion Government to sell the Indian Reserve to the Corporation

is worthy the very serious consideration of both the City Council and the citizens. The Dominion Government asks the very considerable sum of \$300,000 for the Reserve. As the Government is not in the real estate reclaimed land. Then the food which the world with disordered nerves." business, this seems to be a very high price. Provinces, are interesting, and, on the as well as for officials to receive bribes. e was bad and in-principally salted meat, vegetables. Famines the pople ate was bad and in-sefficient, blue despendences of the service of the conce netween the death rate of the period of nine years, between 1846 and 1855, and that of the year 1889 was a little more than 7 in the 1,000. This, in a population, say, of eighteen millions, means the saving of 128,000 lives every year; and, applied to the present population, 29,000,000, gives an annual saving of 203,000 lives. Who can the present population, 29,000,000, gives an annual saving of 203,000 lives. Who can be exact and control can be exact and say, after this, that those who try to impress upon the people the importance of Press upon the people the importance of Device the treatment and control can be applied." sense can be applied." press upon the people the importance of she in portance of be in portance of be in portance of prunkenness as the reader sees, can be provide the importance of be in portance beying what are known to be the laws of health, are a sort of amiable cranks, who are a mild nuisance in every civilized com-munity? If a partial observance of the laws of health saves 203,000 lives in aneut. We find from Dr. Crother's paper Laws of health saves 203,000 lives in manent. We find from Dr. Crother's paper clearly, in justice, belongs to the citizens of reply fiercely, and that there would be, Victoria. Why should not the Government, for a time, a storm of recrimina-England every year, how many would that in the returns of 3,000 cases studied be of the store of a careful observance save? for it is well known that the people of England, as regards health, still do very many things that they ought not to do, and before were temperate and well. In what of England, as regards heatin, still do very many things that they ought not to do, and leave many things undone which they oright to do, and are consequently not nearly so healthy as they ought to be, and as it is the will of Heaven they should be. It must be remembered too, that this comparison is be remembered too, that this comparison is should want more from the city for the Re-serve than will be sufficient to purchase a new reserve for the Indians, in a better situ-new reserve for the Indians, in a better situ-

ation, and to settle them on it comfortably, responsible for the almost stationary condigiving them all the conveniences that they tion of the country. It may be that the and manual of the sec

THE CENSUS DISCUSSED.

The Eastern newspapers contain articles on the census. As might be expected, they world, but a congregation of cranks and visionaries, who might deliberate until doomsday without being able to agree growth of the population of the Dominion. Some account for it in one way and some in another, but most of them agree that the

exodus was, to a greater or less extent, and more enjoyable. The greater number caused by politics. The political bias of ists of the extreme school. They waste the the different journals gives a coloring to their comments, but the articles are, on the policy had been followed. eemes, no matter now much care he teace of himself or what he does to keep his dwelling and its surroundings in a good a welling a well in the ownipotence of drugs and medicines. In the ownipotence of drugs and medicines in the ownipotence of drugs and medicines. In the ownipotence of drugs and medicines is to be benefitted by undwelling and its surroundings in a good sanitary condition. They appear to think that it is flying in the face of Providence to anything with the avowed intention of a anything with the avowed intention of the dot areful and skilful treatment as a the function of the same avoid to the solution of the solution of the same avoid to the solution Canadian young people solely to the policy years. It says:-

inveighed against the capitalists, who in be reminded of the Globe's energetic pro-Dr. Hammond asserts, in the outset, that the the United States alone stole from the pro. tests, when the blame of the exodus, be This kind of fatalism is more general drunkard cannot be cured by drugs. What ducers \$70,000,000,000 worth of the fruits of tween '73 and '78, was laid at the door of

BAD ADVOCATES. .

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openly and emphatically, this Brussels
congress and all its doings. They cannot afford, even by their silence, to acknowledge the leadership of such a body."
It is a great pity that such men push themselves to the front, and are placed in positions in which the language they use and the theories they advance are attributed te those whom they are supposed to repre-sent. Such agitators do the cause of the sensible workingmen, who are looking for
comes to our shores, and the ability of the country to thoroughly absorb and assimilate and the theories they advance are attributed te those whom they are supposed to repre-sent. Such agitators do the cause of the sensible workingmen, who are looking for

and hindered in the money markets of the moltage of Canada. Under such conditions Canada has done well, and her half a million in-crease is satisfactory." The blue-rnin prophets and the native detractors of the Dominion deserve every word of his. In fact the Empire might, without being unreasonable, and, without committing an injustice, have given the un-patriotic creakers and markers who take every opportunity, and who make oppor-tunities, to decry their own country, a much shas of late discussed the affairs of the bas of late discussed the affairs of the provinces, are interesting, and, on the whole, fair. There is nothing for the most a woll, safer eight which is unsual in any of the provinces, are interesting, and, on the whole, fair. There is nothing for the most a woll as for officials to receive bribes. Both are equally deserving of punishment, a whole, fair. There is nothing for the most a woll as for officials to receive bribes. Both are equally deserving of punishment, a whole, fair. There is nothing for the most a woll as for officials to receive bribes. Both are equally deserving of punishment, a mole, fair. There is nothing for the most a woll as for officials to receive bribes. Both are equally deserving of punishment, a mole, fair. There is nothing for the most a woll as for officials to receive bribes. Both are equally deserving of punishment, a mole, fair. There is nothing for the most a mole, fair. There is nothing for the most a mole fair of the balf which are the agencies songht to be recommended to Yan-sa well as for officials to receive bribes. Both are equally deserving of punishment, a mole the law which punishes the write a mole the approximation the present emergency. It will be well to remember that creeping a merally precedes walking, and also that the the start of the start which here the agencies songht to be recommended to Yan-couver Islanders in the present emergency. It will be well to remember that creeping a mole the the sthe which are the agencies the there the agencies

ISLAND TRADE DEVELOPMENT.

TO THE EDITOR :-- It is doubtful whether debate in the House of Commons will be of this nature. If it is, sensible people must ble to think come to the conclusion that the newspaper way have ever taken the trou come to the conclusion that the newspaper men are a long way in advance of the poli-ticians, both as to discernment and temper —that they are beginning to see the true causes of things, and that they are learning to conduct discussions in the right spirit. We, for our part, cannot understand how to conduct discussions in the right spirit. We, for our part, cannot understand how thinking men do not see that the census of 1891 would show the same results, no mat-ter what party had been in power, or what policy had been followed. There are some facts in the Mail's article which must help those who try to compre-hend their significance to ensure the ground first, the farmer

inveighed against the capitalists, who in the United States alone stole from the pro-deners \$70,000,000,000 worth of the fruits of their labor. This reformer of society evi-dently did not know the value of the labor of everything produced in that country in a year is calculated to be not more than \$66,000,000,000. How then can the em-ployers take from the workers four billions worth more than they produce altogether? But such wild talk as this passes with some in for eloquence. All that the orstor has to do is to talk long enough and loudy enough to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000. States through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation of being 30,000 states through to earn the reputation

should call at all important points on both sides of the Island, and her course should

corruptionists, Mr. Abbott has introduced a measure to prevent and punish frauds on the Government. It is not a little surpris-ing that such a law as the Premier proposes to get enacted has not been on the statute book long ago. It does not require a deli-tation of all kinds. Such a boat should not, in the first in-stance, run at night, but in daylight, be-daily avocations by working people, and her nightly stopping places should be well-

cies of contractors alone, and of contractors and politicians, to get the better of the Government in the matter of obtaining con-tracts, are dishonest. The devices of the contractors have been many, and they have a boat, stopping frequently and running only in working hours, would make pro-bably 120 miles per day, and her round trip would, therefore, be one of four days and in proportion to the value of the work ten-dered for, to be deposited with each tender, as a guarantee of good faith. But, as we see, this has not been a sufficient security. The contractors have found means, notwith.

the purpose of communication, not only with Alberni, but the west coast also. Let there be either steamboat or railroad connec-tion for colonization and commercial purposes generally, whichever be most practicable at present. It is of no use being led by con ditions supposed to come, or be in existence fifty years hence. Let us take the attain able at present, whatever it may be. J. S. HELMCKEN.

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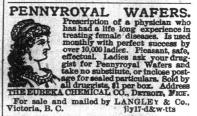
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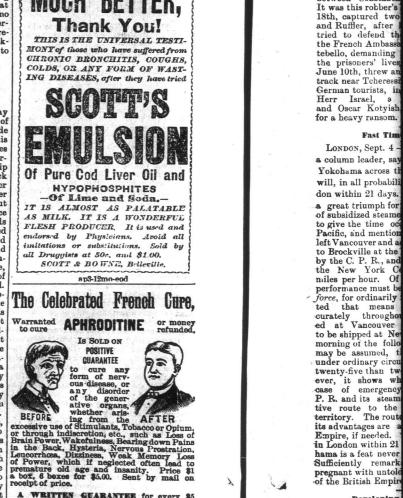
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the will of Heaven they should be. It must be remembered too, that this comparison is not between the age in which the popula-

best to make a return out of their own pockets. Let it be known that contractors are not expected to assist the Government for which 'they work; that contracts are awarded on purely business principles, that those to whom the letting and superinten-dence of Government work are entrusted, dare not show contractors the slightest favor; and that the contractor who ap-proaches a Government official with a cor-rupt purpose, does so at the risk of being sent to the penitentiary, and yery much sent to the penitentiary, and yery much sent to the penitentiary, and yery much set to the penitentiary. rupt purpose, does so at the risk of being sent to the penitentiary, and very much will be done towards putting an end to the corrupt practices which are such a disgrace to the Dominion. There will, however, be little use in punishing the briber of indivi-dual departmental officials, if the briber of a party or a Government is allowed to go free. The contractor who subscribes ten or twenty thousand dollars to an election fund does more harm, and is a more dangerous agent of corruption, than the man who gives a weak and dishonest official what is

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