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#### MR. FLEMMING'S SURPLUS.

this margin to \$200,000.

There is no doubt that \$60,000 was expended last

Fear on bridge construction and repairs which the late government would have charged to capital.

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A larger difference even than this is made by Mr. Flemming's system of closing up the accounts of the year. He kept the books open for ten days after the end of October to receive and make payments belonging to the fiscal year, but not settled within the twelve months. In those ten days the treasury took in on account of the previous year \$16,271 and paid out on the same account \$73,327. The inclusion of these accounts reduced the surplus by \$56,956.

The late government also kept the accounts open after the year closed. This was for the purpose of including revenue, which was added to the previous year's account even when it was not received for two months after the end of October. As much as \$100,000 has been credited in this way to the account of the previous year.

Meanwhile the money for bills left unpaid was bortowed and concealed in suspense accounts. The delayed payments, amounting sometimes to \$70,000, were charged to the following year.

Mad Mr. Flemming adonted this method be would not

expensive way to settle disagreements among nations. This knowledge has not yet resulted in the invention of any other method of final appeal, and therefore, while war itself seldom happens, nations are expending a large part of their labor and resources in preparation for were difficulty in explaining why the Argentine Re-

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The Philadelphia strike of street car men was up to last week a struggle between the employes and the company. It resulted in great public inconvenience, much disturbance in the streets, some loss of life, and injury to many men. This week it takes on a new aspect, A number of men and women, variously estimated at 25,000 to 100,000 employed in city industries have refused to work until the street car dispute is settled. This is called a sympathetic strike. The other employees show their sympathy with the strikers by giving up their own means of livelihood. Employers of these sympathetic strikers lose heavily, though they may not be in sympathy with the traction company. They may not be able to influence that corporation. They are forced into a fight in which they have no interest, and are not allowed the privilege of minding their own business. Then there is the whole community of people who are neither employers or operatives, but are dependent upon the industries of the city. They, too, are forced into the quarrel, and made to figure as combatants. In a war between nations a state which is not concerned has the privilege of declaring neutrality. That privilege is denied to a man who runs a shop in Philadelphia.

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Doubtless the theory of the sympathetic strike is that the original strikers cannot get justice by their own efforts. It is a way of strengthening the weaker side, and also of interesting the whole community in the necessity of an early settlement. There is no law against it, if the strikers do not make a disturbance and break things. The legal right to quit work is undisputed, unless there is a contract, and in case of a general strike, contracts between employers and a part of their crews cannot keep the machinery going even when the agreement is respected. The sympathetic strike may be justified on the assumed condition that labor and capital belong to opposing parties, and that a chronic condition of hostility exists between them. But as was said at the start these are rude and expensive methods of settling questions in dispute, and they are just as Mr. Flemming closed the current accounts of last likely to settle it the wrong way as the right way. It is not surprising that most civilized countries. year with a moderate surplus of \$4.444. Had he followed the system of his predecessors he could have raised ing to find practical methods for judicial settlement of all

#### THE SCHOOL BOOK REFORM.

layed payments, amounting sometimes to \$70,000, were charged to the following year.

Had Mr. Flemming adopted this method he would not only have got credit for the \$56,956, which he mentions, and such other sums as he could have held over from payment, but also such collections as could be made in November and December, and credited to the year that was gone.

Of course it would be bad finance, and in the end bad politics. For in the long run the bills have to be paid, and the receipts which are not thrown back into one fiscal year, will swell the revenue of the into one fiscal year, will swell the revenue of the finating arrears which he inherited, and is now able to give himself a good chance for a fair showing in the future.

SNOW SLIDES.

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Following the announcement of the terrible disaster on the Great Northern Railway in Washington state last week comes the account of a similar fatality on the Canadian Pacific in the Selkirk Mountains. In the canadian Pacific in duced to a minimum by the diversion of tracks from exposed places, and the construction of barricades. And when one considers how many thousand miles of track run through mountain ranges in North America it is wonderful how successful the railways have been in protecting themselves from snow slides.

Free trade authorities in England are meeting with large part of their labor and resources in preparation for war.

Settlement of labor disputes by strikes is like the sadjustment of national disagreements by war. It is in the United States. Right in the heat of the British adjustment of national disagreements by war. It is in the United States. Right in the heat of the British in the United States. Right in the heat of the British edin tool Del a smacking blow.

After an hour of reckless speeding they pulled up at the parsonage at Lewslille, At the same moment another of the same moment another of the same moment another being trade communities, comes the announcement that American firm had patent rights paign with one side or the other. The original parties paign with one side or the other. The original parties were therefore able to fight it out in less time and the contractor on this side of the water, while work and the contract on this side of the water, while work and the day of the water, while work and the day of the water, while work—

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## THE HOME COMING

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To the old gray house with the chimneys tall—
And the whispering pines and the moss-grown wall.

And the moonlight falling white and still

Over all

There are candles twain at her head, at her feet;
From out their gilded frames look down
Ancestral faces of high renown—
But never a one is so fair and so sweet
As her own.

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"What is it?" sobbed Milly.

"Remember the gate-shuttin' spooks and buggy-ridin' spooks that took the other road to Leesville?"

Minnie muttered assent.

The squire shook his finger in the darkness. "Them spooks are the individuals you and me expected to be drivin' to Leesville with tonight. Them spooks are Miss Mehitabel and

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"And Will Finney," assisted Milly, excitedly. "Oh, drive up, squire, so we'll get there first."
"Gosh all Nancy Hanks!" cried the squire, and hit old Del a smacking blow.

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