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EDITORIAL NOTES.

If a railway is a one-horse affair and can't help it, it might at least be as accommodating as it knows how. But the Windsor and Annapolis it may be gathered from the Annual Report of the D. A. G. for Nova Scotia, does not know how. Speaking of transport arrangements, Col. Worsley says—"But the Windsor and Annapolis authorities are most unaccommodating, and caused a great deal of inconvenience."

The spread of American vulgarisms extends to the highest in the land. "Right here let me call your attention," said Mr. Secretary Bayard in an interview recently had with him on the subject of the Fishery Treaty. At least he is so reported, though it is quite possible this detestable, but apparently extremely popular form of emphasis, may have been the Boston *Globe* interviewer's free translation. At all events the vulgarism is almost universal. "Why on earth cannot a man say simply 'here'?"

Sir John Lister Kaye, an English Baronet, has on foot a scheme of emigration to the Canadian N. W. on a considerable scale. He proposes to deport 300 emigrants of a superior class, to operate extensive farms, and is inundated with letters of application. There are also several farms on the estate of the late Sir Albert Smith, in Dorchester County, N. B., on which it is proposed to obtain the settlement of a number of Danes. The trustees are understood to have been stimulated to this course by the success of the Danish Colony of New Denmark in Victoria County. And what is Nova Scotia about?

The recent processional demonstration in London was quiet enough. The processionists themselves evinced but little enthusiasm, and the spectators showed but a passive curiosity; perhaps, like the proverbial parrot, if they did not talk much, they thought the more. And there was food for thought. There were among the processionists a very considerable proportion of well-fed and comfortably-clad people, and the *tout ensemble* could hardly fail to bring home to the understanding of the average Englishman the alliance which has been cemented between British Radicalism and Irish Nationalism, and which may by-and-by, either for good or evil, bring forth remarkable fruit.

Referring to an article in our last week's issue, by our esteemed contributor "Veteran," we scarcely see the force of the contrast he draws between "constitutional monarchy" in Canada, and the "constitutional democracy" of the United States. As a matter of fact, we have a Head of the State, strictly limited to constitutional functions, found for us without the turmoil of Presidential elections, and he is practically nothing more than the mouth-piece of a constitution in every essential respect democratic. Would "Veteran" desire a head vested with the larger substantive powers of an American President? We further question the accuracy of our contributor's assertion that living in Canada is "much dearer now than in the United States."

The romance of the betrothal of Prince Oscar, second son of the King of Sweden, to Miss Ebba Munck would, plainly told, form full material for a three vo. novel of the average modern length. The Duke of Gothland evidently knows his own mind, but by carrying it out he forfeits his succession to the throne, his royal titles, his palace, and a large portion of his allowances. He remains a captain in the navy, and will be known as Prince Bernadotte. His fiancée is of noble blood, and was a lady-in-waiting to the Crown Princess, but the king's consent was not won without difficulty, and the lady was more obdurate still for a length of time, being no doubt frightened at the sacrifices entailed by the Swedish constitution on her royal lover.

To-day is the 25th anniversary of the remarkable sea-fight which revolutionised naval warfare, that namely between the *Merrimac* and the *Monitor*; for, though the French began to build iron-clads soon after the Crimean war, this was the first encounter between armored ships, and tested more conditions than were thought of at first. It also went far to change the aspect of the whole war to the disadvantage of the South. To-morrow the Prince and Princess of Wales will celebrate their Silver Wedding, which is to be marked by the announcement of the betrothal of two or three pairs of royal young folks. The Czar, brother-in-law of the Princess of Wales, will be 43 years of age on the same day, and King Humbert, of Italy, 44 on Wednesday, 14th.

An Orillia, Ont., exchange notices with favor the strictures of one of our contributors on the American and other vulgarisms, which the Canadian Press seems to find not at all uncongenial to its tastes, to judge, at least, by the facility and apparent relish with which it adopts them. We intend, from time to time, to continue our remarks on this subject. At the present moment we draw attention to the ineffable flavor of vulgarity imparted by the change of a single letter to the hearty old exclamation "Halloo." Spelt as our elegant journalists are in the habit of spelling it "Hello," it is redolent of nasal twang, and associates itself with the graceful and musical "Gelang" of the cabman or country teamster. "Hallo," or "Halloo," although "Hallah" in German, is not, we take it, altogether Teutonic, Webster thinks it allied to the French "haler," to set on a dog, and we are inclined to think it is also connected with the musical Spanish "Ola!"

The debate in the Assembly on the respective merits of the Hansard system of reporting, and the present one of paying the Daily Papers, deserves attention. Undoubtedly constituents desire to be kept posted as to what their representatives are saying. On the one hand, the Dailies cannot, under the present arrangements, keep pace with debates fully reported. Consequently these continue to drag out their length of arrears long after the close of each session, so that the constituent, as the session advances, falls more and more behind in his information. On the other, a Hansard would not be published at all till after the close of the session, and the constituent would be worse off still. Full reports are a necessity, to guard members against misunderstanding, and against the possible charge of having said what they may not have said. The only course open to the House would seem to be to contract with the papers for full reports, under compulsion to publish them the next day, even if they were necessitated to issue a supplement. This would doubtless cost more, but we do not see how the expense is to be avoided.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

There are several projected railways in this Province which the Local Government will be called upon to subsidize, and it now seems the proper time to enquire into the advisability of the Province making such grants. Most of the projected roads, especially those for Cape Breton, are necessary, and should be assisted if the Local Government is in a position financially