The Biggest Landlord in the World.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is the only corporation on this continent owning and operating a line of fallway extending from ocean to It now owns or has leased 9.816 miles of railway. In this is included the much-talked-about Crow's Nest Pass line, which has generally been spoken of as 300 miles in length, but in the annual report of the company, presented at the meeting of the shareholders in Montreal this week, it is shown that the Crow's Nest Pass branch is 413 miles in length.

\$29,230,038 26, of which \$18,738,884 96 was obtained for carriage of freight. The relatively with the city or town. expenses were \$16.999,872 77. The gross country in the last year or two, for the rates collected by the company have been very considerably reduced. We observe that the rate per train mile for the carriage of freight moteness from eastern markets of prome sections of the C. P. R. encourage the maximum deof every section of the country, with the purpose of securing increased revenue from the growth of tonnage rather than from the maintenance of high rates. We believe that such a policy, steadily carried out, will not only benefit the company, but be of great advantage to the settlers on the far west prairies. It would not be good policy to take all out of the traffic that it will bear, for it would develop discontent among the settlers, and we all know that a contented setthe best immigration agent.

The land sales increased in the year acres, compared with 348,608 acres in 1898. It is the policy of the ompany to get as many settlers on its lands at as early a day as is possible. Hence it keeps the price down to a low average. Last year it was only \$3 19 per acre, against \$3 22 the previous

The Canadian Pacific Railway Comthe world. It owns a section of the Northwest and of British Columbia, the total extent of which is greater than the entire cultivated area of the Province of Ontario. And under the terms of its charter it was able to pick and choose the best. The total acreage under its control, and unsold when the present year began, was 20,108,049 acres. A goodly heritage, indeed!

The Boer "Republics" Only So-

This phrase, "sister republics," is used by Mr. T. G. Sherman, the noted American writer, in a somewhat scornful fashion. He says, in effect, to his fellow-countrymen, "look at these things that you call 'republics' beor pour out passionate sympathy because of their supposed wrongs." This clear-headed lawyer is evidently not proud of the position taken by some of these Americans who are always ready to take up cudgels for a "sister republic." The fact that a government calls itself a republic does not prove that it is good, or even that it is republican. He sums up a vigorous article with the statement that "there is not a republic on earth, except Switzerland and our own United States, where there is even an approximation to the honesty of administration found in at least six European monarchies; nor anything like the combination of governmental honesty, judicial impartiality, equality of rights, personal liberty and liberality towards Americans which can be found in those monarchies and in all of the British colonies." Surely, then, the great thing is the reality of justice and liberty, and not the mere name of republic; to make a fetish of that is certainly a foolish thing. Yet many Americans allowed themselves to be thrown into a fit of virtuous indignation over Venezuela, and about the same time Senator Morgan, of Alabama, offered resolutions in the United States Senate congratulating the republic of France on its seizure of Madagascar, upon the ground that France was a "sister republic," while Mada-

gascar was a "monarchy." The writer then goes on to show that many states rejoicing in the name of republic are not republics according to the American idea. In fact, out of the twenty nominal republics in the world only Switzerland and the United States are real republics. France, the best among the rest, is "half republic and half military despotism." Turning to South Africa, he finds that Cape Colony, "this so-called monarchical province, is in reality a republic as free and as independent as the United States of America, except that it has not the right of entering into foreign relations, or of making war or peace, these being reserved to the Parliament

of Great Britain." Mr. Sherman then gives facts to show that the Transvaal Government is a corrupt and cruel oligarchy. "In a there has been a saving of \$451,000; on railroad litigation it was proved that cottons, \$163,000; on iron and steel nine-tenths of all the principal mem- | manufactures, \$850,000."

bers of the first Raad had taken bribes. Among them was the son-in-law and private secretary of President Kruger. But it was notorious that nothing could be got without bribing the President's on-in-law, and that anything could be got through in that way. According to the testimony of his friends he is worth several million dollars, and lives in a \$250,000 house, although he has never earned \$2,500 by honest labor

This certainly looks like corruption, and the writer goes on to give abundant evidence of cruelty which should make any fair-minded American blush for the "sister republics."

The Board of Trade.

We have frequently with pleasure referred to the prosperity everywhere enjoyed in Canada at the present time and secure for London its share of the ing of the advantages as they pass amounted to the enormous sum of that makes the difference between suc-

This demonstrates how great has been Mr. Clergue on the resources of Algoma and New Ontario. He points out where Southern Ontario may profit largely by the development of New Ontario.

Has London the machinery to look out for and take these advantages? has been still further reduced, and Has London among its business men that it is lower than that received by it, in this respect, compare with either company in the United States | Hamilton or Toronto? Does the Lon-We believe, in the first place, that registrar. The returns are almost inenemies, they will not find them exclusively on either side, and they will by political questions as they some-

If the Board of Trade had as much

vim in it as the Western Fair Board, could not much be done for London through its agency? We suggest that the scope of its membership be enin the city's welfare. Toronto Board of Trade is ever active. Hamilton is securing many industries, and we are glad that it is so, but we would like to see London to the front. Canada are, we believe, destined for a great future. The population and wealth of both will multiply many times. We suggest, therefore, that the Board of Trade secure a larger membership; that there be a united effort for the and other places, and which will make for the general prosperity of all. London is in many respects a model city. We must not stand still, and least of all can the Board of Trade afford to remain inactive. It is not at present accomplishing what it should. Let whatever is necessary to do so be done

Where Personation Was a Fine

In an investigation into the crookedness which characterized a late voting on a waterworks bylaw in Hamilton, it was shown in evidence that a great in at a polling booth presided over by James Clarke, one of the most ardent swore that though many well-known citizens had their votes "plugged" in the ballot-box of which he had charge, he saw nothing wrong during the whole day. He did not find out, he said, till it was shown in evidence that his next-door neighbor for many years had been personated! Now, if this man had been a Liberal deputy returning officer, what an outcry there would have been by our good friend, the Hamilton Spectator. How it would have raved over the conduct of the manhow it would have urged that his statement of innocence could not be received in face of the results at his poll. This Hamilton experience is really a most extraordinary one, and one wonders how all the wrong-doing alleged could have gone under the nose of Mr. Clarke and not have been seen

Montreal street railway stock is quoted at 302. That franchise was evidently worth securing.

Spring's "ethereal mildness," like some of the war dispatches, has evidently been "delayed in transmission."

Speaking of Sir Charles Tupper's sudden change of front in Quebec, with regard to imperial federation, La Patrie calls him "The Man With Two

The Globe says: "The contention that the farmers of Canada have experienced no relief in taxation through the new tariff was pretty thoroughly destroyed by Mr. Paterson on Friday. Indian corn, binder twine, barbed fencing wire, galvanized iron or steel wire, and cream separators are now admitted free. The quantities imported would have paid, under the old tariff, nearly a million dollars. There were reductions in the duties on many articles used by farmers, including pronged forks, hay tedders, rakes, scythes, spades and shovels, threshers and separators, and other portable machines, stoves, axes, saws, tools of all kinds, and coal oil. On woolens

London Physicians Charged With Being Remiss in Their Duty.

Government Inspector Hamilton Says Many Unreported Births Take Place in the City and Doubts if All Deather Are Reported-Statistics,

In the last report relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths in Ontario, issued by the registrar-general, the following interesting data are given: In the county of Middlesex the number of births for the year 1898 was 1,615, an increase over the previous year of 50; there were 615 marriages, a decrease of 89; and 1,099 deaths, a decrease of 63. The ratio to 1,000 of the population was, births, 14.17, marriages 5.5 and deaths 10.0. In London alone there were 627 births, an increase of 75; of marriages there were 289, a decrease of 30, and there were 474 deaths, an increase of 15. The ratio to 1,000 of the population was, births, 18.8, marriages 8.6, and deaths 14.2.

In the county 135 deaths occurred from consumption, of which 69 were males and 66 females; 28 deaths occurred of children under 10 years of age; the largest number being 34 between the ages of 20 and 29. In London alone 11 deaths were caused by diphtheria; in 1894 there were 48 deaths from the same cause, a decrease largely attributable to the use culosis in the city numbered 64.

In the inspector's report is found the following: "In the city of London I find the physicians make scarcely any pre-tense of registering births, and few of them even obtain the cards necessary for the purpose from the division variably made personally by some member of the household, and it is clear that many births take place that are not reported at all. In marriages the returns appear to be pretty complete, as the clergymen, as a rule, are very careful in making their reports. As to deaths, the registrar assures me that he is satisfied he gets all the returns, but the death rate is so low that I question very much whether his opinion is correct. The physicians are fairly good in sending reports of deaths to the division registrar, but scarcely ever to the medical health officer, as the act calls upon them to do. Undertakers claim to be very careful in refusing to bury without the necessary permit, but some caretakers of cemeteries will inter the body without even asking for the burial permit. London is typical of many municipali-

> Laurier the Word. [Hamilton Times.]

Mr. William Gibson, M.P., has received a letter from a prominent Canadian resident in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the course of which, referring to the reception given in the old land to the recent patriotic speech of the Canadian premier, the writer says:

lon all the newsboys were calling out 'Great speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier,' and all the Londailies had articles on it next day, and this made me feel proud.' Inclosed in the letter is a newspape

bulletin of the evening's news, of London, England, which has the following in large type:
"Plumer Nearing Mafeking."
"Great Speech by Sir W. Laurier."

An Object Lesson. [Montreal Witness.]

Though some people may smile at the idea of Mr. Tarte lending his influence to settle the difficulties between Britain and the Transvaal, he has certainly given the Boers an object lesson of infinite value and real practical political utility. He has proclaimed his en-thusiastic loyalty to the British crown and empire. He has told Dr. Leyds, and the press has given the statement to the world, that the French people Canada are inspired with feelings of voted loyalty, because they enjoy the fullest liberty under the British flag, govern themselves, and are admitted into the councils of the govern-ment of the empire through the French-Canadian premier of the great Dominion of North America. To the people of France this declaration is of utmost significance at the present moment, when unwise pens and pencils on both sides of the channel, and wicked ones in Canada, have done so much to cause irritation and friction. Whatever may be our differences at home, all must acknowledge that Mr. Tarte has done a real service to the empire and the cause of peace and good-will between British and French, as well as between Britain and Boer.

AN INSTANTANEOUS CROUP CURE

It Isn't the Ordinary Cough Cure, That Might Cure in Half an Hour, That You Should Depend Upon When Baby Gets Croup-Use Griffiths' Menthol Liniment.

It goes right to the spot and gives instant relief. Thousands of mothers have thoroughly tested it for this dangerous and prevalent children's complaint. We can conscientiously say it has never failed to cure croup. Hundreds of mothers tell us that it has given their children great relief from vhooping cough. Your little ones find coughing much easier and less painful if Griffiths' Menthol Liniment is used. Full directions with every bottle. Anderson & Nelles, druggists, sell it. 25

France, with a population of 39,000, 000, has a fighting force of 2,000,000 men, able to appear in the field at

very short notice. Why will you allow a cough lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when by the timely use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the pain can be allayed and the danger evoided? This syrup is pleasant to

A man never realizes what fools men can make of themselves until he reads love letter written by some other

reliaw.

THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil—a pulmonic of acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swelled neck and crick in the back, and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial results.

THE RUNIANS, CRAY CARRIE CO.

LL next week we'll have a special exhibit of Easter Goods, and we extend a hearty invitation to all to visit the store and see our grand displays. We have provided bountifully for the Easter Season. All over the store, which is sparkling with newness and beauty, will be found magnificent showings of pretty things, useful things and novelties. Special Easter prices all next week.

Easter Dress Goods.

BLACK GOODS.

20 Pieces Black Figured Dressgoods, 44 inches wide, all wool, Priestley's and Gold Medal Brands; regular price 75c, 90c and elegant designs; regular price \$1 50 a yard. Easter week\$1 00 B .- Skirts made of any of the

Spring Jackets. Our Easter week offerings will be

marked by a special display of Ladies' Spring Coats, beautiful garments and excellent value, including one case 30 days overdue. This lot we'll sell at the following reductions to close: \$7.50 to \$8.00 Jackets.......\$6.00 \$6 00 to \$6 75 Jackets......\$5 00 \$5 00 to \$5 75 Jackets.......\$4 00 All-sizes, in shades of fawn, gray, nutria, lined and half-lined with silk. Somebody will lose on this deal, but whoever buys will come out ahead.

Laces and Veilings.

367 yards Fancy Cotton and Silk Laces, in black, cream, white and butter, 4 to 8 inches wide, regular 15c, 20c and 22c per yard. Special during Easter week 10c
43 cards Torchon Lace, 12 yards on each card, regular 15c, 20c and 25c each. Very special during Easter week, per 12 yards. 10c and 15c 239 yards Silk Net Veiling, all col-

35c Veilings for 25c. About 300 yards Veilings, black, brown, navy, spots and plain, 35c goods, for25c

Hose.

Children's Black Cashmere Hose, and ribbed, sizes 81/2, 9, 91/2. Special, per pair 25c

Cotton Hose. During Easter fine ribbed, sizes 51/2 to 8; regular 35c to 60c per pair. During Hose with natural cashmere soles. seamless, sizes 8, 81/2, 9, 91/2. Spe-and toe, regular 3 pairs for \$1. Special Easter week, per pair... 25c

Parasols.

Special sale in Ladies' Umbrellas, silk and wool cover, steel rod, Paragon frame, regular \$1 25 and \$1 50. During Easter week......\$1 00 adies' Parasols, in Black Gloria covering, fancy handles, regular

"Nothing equal to it in the city." That's what we hear nearly every hour of the day. Certainly our Millinery is in a class of its own, having no parallel. It reflects the dictates of those who set the pace in the fashionable millinery centers of the world, and you don't have to pay much more than you do for the ordinary kind.

Easter Belt Novelties. Waterproof Coat Sale.

Chains and Purses, in silver gray, gun metal, French grays and Dainty Easter novelties in Turkish Paper Knives, Wedgewood Placques, Austrian Vases, Vas-eline Jars and Fern Pots.

Special in Purses.

Seal Finger Purses, from 35c each to \$1 75
few very fine Seal and Plain
Purses, extra special, at\$1 00

Easter Linens.

Fine Bleached Table Damask, 72-handsome patterns, Easter week 75c egant Linen Sets, cloth and napkins to match, special Easter
prices from\$5 00 to \$15 00

Beautiful Swiss Goods, in Doilies,
Centers, Oblongs and Squares.
Just new: all sizes; special prices.

Hats and Caps.

10 dozen Men's Fine Fur Felt Hats, new Fedora and stiff shapes, silk bands and trimming, best Russia leather sweat bands, black and brown; regular \$1.75 and \$2 each. serge, corduroy, self-peaks, hook-down shape, 35 dozen in the lot; regular price 20c to 35c. During Easter week 150

Lace Curtains.

Lace Curtains, 21/2 yards long ...

Men's Navy Blue, Fine Twill Waterproof Coats, sewn seams and facings, fly front, self-collars; regular price \$5. Quarter Men's Waterproof Coats, dark gray check patterns, sewn and vulcanized seams, with 26-inch capes; regular price \$5. Quarter

velvet collar, double-breasted, full length box back; regular price \$7 50. Quarter off\$5 63 Men's Waterproof Ulsters, fine covert cloth finish, sewn seams, ventilated sleeves, deep velvet collars,

facings, all seams sewn and vulcanized, very dressy coat, fast colors; regular price \$12. Quar-regular price \$2. Quarter off .. \$1 50 Several Odd Coats to be cleared at special reduced prices.

Special Easter Sale of Glassware

[In the Basement.]

6-inch Berry and Salad Dishes, 8-Dishes, Covered Butter Dishes, Sugar Bowls, Pickle Dishes, 7-inch Crystal Vases, choice, each 15 Salt and Pepper Cruets, ½-gallon Water Jugs, Cake Stand, 8-inch Berry Bowls, 10-inch Oyal Salad Dishes, choice, each 25 Rose Bowls, Fern Bowls, in blue and gold, each 25c, 30c and 85c

Fancy Soaps.

Old Brown Windsor, per cake..1c, 2c, 3c Hyacinth, box of 3 cakes....... 15c Golden State Beauty, box of 3 Buttermilk, box of 3 cakes 350

Easter Kid Gloves.

We are very enthusiastic about our Kid Glove showing, which is really the best we have every made; elegant styles, excellent qualities and perfect fitting.

When you see our Kid Glove display you see the best in the market. Fowne's "Rocquaine." two large pearl clasps, heavily embroidered points, in modes, tans and grays pique sewn, in tans, modes, grays pearl and Tuscan shades, with black and self points......\$100
Perrin's "Eglantine," two clasps,

with self, black or white points, in new shades of tan, mode, blues, red and gray \$100

Perrin's "La Rive," two clasps,
with heavy black or white stitching, in grays, modes, tans and
black; very stylish \$125

Perrin's "Zovonne," black, undress-clasps, with heavy black or white stitching, in tans, modes, black and white; very special. Easter in tans, browns and black; regular \$1 25. Easter week 650

Waists and Blouses.

Ladies' Percale Blouses in light or dark blue, white, tucked yoke; serviceable and stylish\$100

Easter Whitewear Sale

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gowns, Hubbard style, tucked yoke and square neck, finished with Lons-dale frills. Easter sale price..... 750 Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gowns, yoke of fine tucks and lace insertion. trimmed with Torchon lace; regular \$1 25. Easter sale price....\$1 00 Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gowns, revers and yoke of lace insertion and beading, edged with Torchon lace. Easter sale price..\$200 Ladies' Fine White Skirt, muslin umbrella frill, trimmed with embroidery or lace. To sell special.\$1 00 Ladies' Fine Muslin Skirts, lace and embroidery insertion and deep frill of Valenciennes lace, extra wide and muslin dust frill: regular \$2 50. To sell\$2 00

Corsets.

Ladies' heavy Jean Corsets, double side steels, perfect fit; per pair.. 50c Ladies' Short Corsets, steel filling and trimmed with lace, made of French model; per pair..\$1 and \$1 25 Crompton's Yatisi Corsets, heavy cord filling and stockinnet sides, suitable for stout figure, pair \$1 25

Elegant Wash Fabrics

display of Wash Goods, and every day brings forth something new. Yesterday we opened a case of Fine English Cambrics, the very latest Foulard designs, handsome hello, cardinal and navy; this is one of our choicest and best lines. 450 White Piques, in different sized white, 32-inch, per yard, .. 20c and 25c Striped Sateen Skirtings, heavy make, in black and white, helio and black, blue and black....... 25c

The Runians, Gray, Garrie Go.

Extra Special.

and colors, usually sold from 15c to 25c a yard. For Easter

Linens, worth from 20c to 35c a yard. This lot goes on sale

suits, in gray and blue grays, 27-inch, worth 121/2c yard. For

week 50

for Easter week at, per yard..... 8c

Easter week.

About 800 yards Fancy Organdie Dress Muslins, good patterns

Another lot high-class Dress Muslins, with some Fancy Piques and

20 pieces Heavy Homespun Cotton Tweeds, suitable for skirts or

208, 210, 2101, 212 Dundas Street, London.

FAIR PROSPECTS

Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Trade in the Dominion.

Toronto, April 7 .- Bradstreet's trade eview weekly summary: A number of outside buyers visited Toronto the past week, and sales of drygoods and past week, and sales of drygoda and millinery were fair. In other depart-ments of wholesale trade there is a fair average demand and values are generally firm. Collections are fair. Hamilton-Wholesale trade shows mprovement. Collections fainly sat-

London—There has been a fair move-ment in wholesale trade. Values are very firm, and the fact that there are

offering now are good value, and that there is no likelihood of any decline. Collections are fair. Winnipeg-Trade is opening up in

a satisfactory way for the spring. Beeding operations promise to be early. Reports from the Pacific coast are not very satisfactory. A trade repor from Vancouver refers to tight money and poor collections. The Kootenay trade is unsatisfactory, owing to la-bor conditions. There is some demand for mining outfits. The outlook for the season's trade is fairly promis-

Although wholesale trade at Mon-treal has suffered somewhat by recent unfavorable conditions for retail trade in the country and collections being a trifle backward, the conditions of business are sound, and already there is some improvement noticeable. Values of all classes of domestic and imported manufactures are very firm.

TOASTS TO THE QUEEN. There is only one regiment among those in the British army which does not toast her majesty at mess. This is the Seventh Fusiliers, and the regiment is extremely proud of its distinction.

goat, the mascot of the Fusiliers, be-decked with rosettes of red and blue ribbon, marches around the table, carrying a plate of leeks. Every officer or guest, who has never eaten one be-fore, is obliged to do so, standing on his chair, with one foot on the table, while the drummers beat a roll be-hind his chair. He is then considered well assured without their drinking the sovereign's health.

It is a curious fact—the origin of which is not known—that the Queen's health, on shipboard, is drunk by the officers sitting, instead of standing, as is customary elsewhere.

Of all the regiments, the Welsh Fusiliters have the most curious army to ast. It forms part of the cere o

illers have the most curious army toast. It forms part of the ceremony of the grand dinner given annually on St. David's day. After the dinner, the drum major, accompanied by the