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CONCERNING THE EMPIRE.

Expressions of regret are often heard that the principal magazines read in Canada hail from the United States, comments the Guelph Herald. There is good ground both for the fact and for the sorrow The fault lies with the postal authorities in Great Britain, who seem utterly incapable of estimating at its proper value the damage done to the Dominion by their excessive charges, not allowing British magaazines to compete here on equal or better terms with those from the

As we have pointed out in a pres vious article this week the American magazines are permeated with the glorification of the United States and the belittlement of Great Britain. The same thing as a rule ape plies to the American newspapers through which so much news of the Empire filters into Canada. Here is an example of a reference to Great Britain contained in a magazine, which has to-day reached us from the states, and it may be asked both whether it is true, and if it is likely to give a Canadian, who perhaps has no opportunity of getting at the truth through much other reading, the correct opinion of Great

"The decadence of British sportsmanship, and by the same token of British military prowess, has come through nothing else than an abatement of the sense of excelling in all things, small as well as great."

It is as well that it should be known as widely as possible in the Dominion that there are men in Great Britain who are fully alive to the danger. Efforts are not only being made to induce the posta authorities to remove ridiculous and unfair restrictions upon British magazines, but there is in the form of "The Empire Review," a magazine which deals with the affairs of the Empire in a manner which could scarcely be surpassed.

Men of the first rank are con tributors to it. Take for instance the June number. In it there is a well written article on the Railways of Canada, by Mir. Lawrence J. Burpee, of Ottawa, with a special map illustrating the subject. The writen points out that "there are tio-day in Canada 19,500 miles of railway, cap talized at \$1,175,000,000, including subsidies from the Provincial and Dominion Governments aggregating \$225,000,000. This is an enormous expenditure for a country that has not yet a population of quite 6,000,000. It is a much larger expenditure per capita than that of Great Britain, Germany, France Russia or even of the greatest of all malway builders-the United States."

Then there is a careful article on Indian and Colonial Investments, in which Canadian securities receive attention; a list being given of the heading ones, with their current prices and the divideds paid. It will easily be seen how valuable such information as this is in leading the capitalists and investors in the Em pire to invest their money within its boundaries, and not to risk it in the willd cat schemes of othe mattions.

What an idea of the grandeur of the Empire to which we belong i obtained simply by reading the titles of some of the articles in this valuable British, or shall we say Imper ial, magazines, "The Next Colonial Conference," "The Transvaal Constitution," "The Defence of India," "Land Settlement in South Africa," etc. In this magazine is found an antidote to the poison by means of which the "decadence" of the British Empire is sought."

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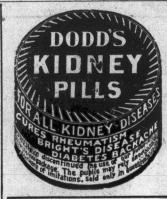
Toronto Star. All coons look alike to a really em ancipated constituency. For instance Finsbury, which once sent a Hindoo to the British House of Commons has just elected a Canadian.

THE GAY OLD CHAPERON.

Atchison Globe. A chaperon is an oldish girl who accompanies young things to picnics and who is supposed to wring her hands when a pair stroll off by themselves, but who in reality flirts with any man she can get to flirt

THE LATEST FOLK SORE. Toronto News.

That terrible man, Governor Folk, of Missouri, continues to demonstrate his peculiar ideas. He has just cleaned out gambling on a race track by means of the militia. The man actnally believes laws were made to be



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LOVE OF NATURE.

More Man Loses Out of Dee ife the More He Admires It. The more man has become engage lectual disappointment, the more be has felt the uselessness of knowledge the more be has turned to certain expressions of art as an escape. He has addressed poems to nature, has pain ed landscape more and more, has shown in every way that such an escape was a dream. Art has existed the very beginning, even before the first man stuttered out his nam ing of the animals and expressed their character by the sound of their nam-The dances of savages, as we call er forms of civilization-invented before the arts of design, record in a poetic way what they do and the seasons of such doing and even the ap-pearance of nature—the storm, the rain the clouds blowing across the sky. the lashing of the sea against the shore. In Fiji they have a dance where the women spread out their arms like the wave lines of the surf, and the children, springing up behind them, represent the foam of the wave crests. From these beginnings we know that tragedy and comedy, as we call them, have grown. Then, as all these disappear in fact, they are re-corded in the art of painting. And as man more and more leaves behind him a life of out of doors in so much does he desire to admire it.-McClure's Mag-

THE BUDDHIST HADES.

Eight "Easy Stages" of the Most Awful Kinds of Torture.

The place of terment to which all wicked Buddhists are to be assigned on the day of final reckoning is a terrible place of punishment. This Buddhistic hell is divided into eight "easy stages." In the first the poor victim is compelled to walk for untold ages in his bare feet over hills thickly set with redhot needles, points apward. In the second stage the is all carefully filed or rasped from the body and irritating mixtures applied. In the third stage the nails hair and eyes are plucked out and the denuded body sawed and planed into all sorts of fantastic shapes. The fourth stage is that of "sorrowful lamentations." In the fifth the left side of the body and the denuded head are carefully roasted. Yema, the Buddhistic Satan, superintending the work. In the sixth stage the arms are torn from the body and thrown into an immense wat among the eyes, nails and hair pre-viously removed. Then in plain hear-ing of the sore footed, blind, maimed, roasted and bleeding victim the whol orrid mass is pounded into a jelly. In the seventh stage the other side victim and his feet are roasted brown, and then comes the eighth and last stage, in which the candidate is thrown into the bottomless pit of perdition.

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DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Cen-

<u>...</u> From The Planet fyles from March 12, 1862, to April 2, 1862.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dolsen passes away.

A meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Harwich was held in Sheldon's Hotel, Blenheim.

The tolls of both gates on the Chatham and Camden plank road were sold by auction. The sale took place at Peter McKerrall's Hotel, near Chatham.

Thomas Holmes offers for sale ece of property on the corner of ridge and James streets. A good ame cottage and stable were on the premises.

Tames Rice conductts a prospero general provision business on King street.

Amos B. Thomas and Charles Mc-All ster were the municipal auditors for the Township of Zone. James Baby, an early settler of Lambton, passes away.

Plank and scantling sold in Chatham at \$10 per thousand feet.

The following appeared in the The following appeared in the Town Council report:
"Mr. Stephenson directed attention to the fact that, none of the town constables were possessed of hand-ouffs for the securing of prisoners and recommended that the corporation flo purchase five pair of hand-ouffs, also a requisite number of constables' batons. The matter was referred to the Police Commissioners for their consideration." for their consideration.'

Four hundred pounds of perk was tolen from Rev. Dr. Sandys' cellar.

suer of marriage Ticenses, We regret to announce the death

of Mr. Thomas Hell well, an old and respected resident of Toronto, which occurred early on Sunday morning at his residence on King street east. Mr. McKellar, M. P. P., and S.r Allan McNabb left for Quebec on political business.

G. P. Hout, M. P. P., writes a history of Canada from 1815 to 1862.

T. D. Ledgard, barrister, etc., opens up an office in Morpeth.

The Holman Opera-We are glad to learn that the talented troups will again visit Chatham on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., for one night only. From the patronage on their former visit extended to them and the satisfaction that they gave to our townspeople we would predict for them a full house.

Two prisoners escaped from the Chatham jail,

D. R. VanAllen is proprietor of the North Chatham saw m II. He had a contract for 100,000 cak ties for the Great Western Railway. He em-ploys 40 men and 14 horses and his expenses for wages amounts to \$60

Temperance meetings were held in

Chatham every week,

We are informed that on Friday last a daughter of Mr. Walter Andrew, aged about nine years, named Eva, was crossing the River Thames about four miles below Chatham when she broke through the ice and fell in the river. Her crimoline, however, prevented her from sinking and concluded her to wat more the ice again. enabled her to get upon the ice again. When she reached the shore all her when she reached the shore all her underclothes were dripping wet, her outside garments, which were above her crinoline alone being dry. Her escape from drowning was almost miraculous.

Norman Blakely, Benjam'n Illman and John Scarlett, of Tabury, adver-tise for a teacher.

Birth-In Orford, on the 3rd inst the wife of David Mills of a son.

The Princess Alexandria of Denmark, betrothed to the Prince of Wales, is considered the prettiest girl in Burope. She is just out of short clothes,

The propeller Stockman, formerly of the Chatham route, is being cut down and otherwise arranged for the purpose of being converted into a tug boat to ply on the Sagnaw

Henry Chrysler, Henry Baxter and

Prof. Kergan, phrenologist, visits

Thomas Renwick is Clerk of the Township of Romney. The Council met in the house of M. Edwards, of Romney. Birth—On Sunday, the 30th March, Adelaide, wife of Wm. A. Crow, A., S. J., C., A. C., of a son.

The following are the names of the members of the new cabinet:

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"Did I say anything about the crux of

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