THE PORT HOPE GUIDE also favors the abolition of exemptions. It thinks that nearly one-third of the property of the province is exempt-government property,

THE LONDON PAPERS are much divided in opinion about the utility of securing connection with the Canada Southern railway, and a warm fight is being waged between them over the London Junction railway bill, now before the legislature. To outside people it seems strange that citizens of London should themselves be the strongest opponents of any new line of railway in-tended to connect their city with one of the trunk lines of the country. No commercial centre can hope to make rapid progress) which prefers monopoly in the carrying trade to competition.

THE QUESTION of canal tolls is just now exciting the minds of New York State men.

They are viewing with alarm the prespective diversion of the carrying trade from the Erie to the new Welland canal, and the State legislature is strongly urged to abolish tolls as the only measure whereby the trade can be retained. The western cities, on the other hand, see in the opening of the enlarged Welland canal the beginning of a new era for shemselves, as they then hope to do a large part of the business which is now done in New York. Vessels may, be loaded at Toledo, Chicago and Milwaukee and sent without break of bulk to Liverpool

THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION'S REPORT.

The report of the Ontario agricultural commission, which was presented to the large been forwarded to Chicago, and are pronounced of excellent quality. A company is talked of for developing this new mineral discovery.

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The inea of a boss in a free country has been well expressed by the New York Herald. Whether able or stupid, honest or thievish, it says, a bots is an excressonce—a monstrosity. New York and Philadelphia have recently given the bosses a sense at ion of long-deferred justice, and those cities breathe freer in consequence. Our boss in Toronto has not yet developed any giant strength, and nobody has much fear

between lake Nipissing and Georgian bay, and is accompanied with a separate map of government has given this province no kind the first volume is such an excellent

Lent, which will be read in all the churches of the archdiocese of Dublin next Sunday, deals very emphatically with Mr. Parnell's mission to Paris. "Allies for our country in her struggle for justice," the archbishop says, "are sought from the ranks of im" inhappy land into misery, and who are sworn to destroy the foundations of all "religion." Meantime the agitation of the land league is being renewed, and Mr. Parnell's land league is being renewed and Mr. Parnell's land le nell has returned to the house of commons to direct the policy of obstruction there. In spite of all his efforts, however, the mittee stage last night.

Mr. Boustead seems determined not to allow his incumbency of the chairmanship of the waterworks committee to pass over without having accomplished something, or, at least, attempted to accomplish something, for the purpose of placing our water supply on a sounder and more economical basis. There is no could that the water question is the most important which has to be considered by the present generation of Torontonians. A system of water supply has been put in operation involving an immense prime outlay, and costing annually

a large sum of money for maintenance. There are a few points which yet remain to be settled concerning the effective and regime by vetoing the bill. but by far the most important is that mised by Mr. Boustead in a letter to the city papers. In that letter Mr. Boustead produced figures which, even if only proximately correct, are truly startling. The figures shew that the \$25,000 persons who use city water consume 7,900,000 gallons daily or an average of \$175 vallors per head.

this : It costs between \$25,000 and \$30,000 annually to pump the quantity of water which these figures represent as wasted; the two engines now at the pumping works are no more than are absolutely necessary to overtake the present supply, and the erecting of another engine will shortly be a matter of necessity, both to overtake the increased quantity of water required and to guard against a water famine, which would ensue should any accident befall the larger of the two engines. Such a new engine would entail an expenditure of between \$75,000 and \$100,000. But Mr. Boustead claims that were the waste which he has pointed out as existing stopped, not only would there be the large annual saving of \$25,000 or \$30,000 effected, but the necessity of purchasing a third engine would

The remedy proposed is to supply every service with a meter, and make each water-found dead on the road near Stonewall, Manitoka, on Saturday morning. taker pay for what he actually consumes. Provided that a reliable meter could be supplied there can be little doubt that the little doubt the little parsonages, mortgage stocks, etc. It holds
further that while one-half of the wealth of
the rich man is often untaxed the poor man
pays on every dollar he owns. Though it
does not favor the taxing of churches it
would tax the ground whereon they stood.

difference in the water consumption would
be remarkable. Of course the meters are
themselves a question of economy, for the
supplying and putting in position of between
stood and 10,000 meters represents a sum of
close on a quarter million dollars. Mr.
Boustead proposes that the consumer about

wages, fuel, and wear and tear of machinery in supplying a quantity of water which is simply wasted, and the purchase of a third engine; and on the other there is the supplying of meters, which would entail Detective Grouly of Ottawa vesterilay. an annual charge for interest and sinking arrested a respectable looking young woman fund of about \$35,000 per annum on the crisinal surface. original outlay.

If the meter system is adopted care

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giant strength, and nobody has much fear that he ever will; but it is just as well to choke him off at the outset of kis career.

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The men who do his bidding at the council board are already becoming heartily asham. board are already becoming heartily asnamed of themselves. It takes a strong man to play the role of a boss in a free country.

The Parry Sound North Star is a warm supporter of Mr. Lyons scheme to build the Sault Ste. Marie railway and make connection with the railway asystems of the Northwest. It says that the shortest line to serve all portions of Ontario will be found and the progress and condition of husbandry and the progress and condition of husbandry around at the time the unfortunate young around at the time the un on the west side of the Muskoka lakes, and the progress and condition of husbandry in it. This is presented in county groups, man perished miserably. and thence continuing westerly along the each county. The other four volumes connorth shore of the bay to the Sault. It is tain the evidence taken before the commisall the more important, the Star urges, sion, and to those who desire the fullest at the International bridge. that Ontario should encourage the construction on the subjects treated tion of this road, seeing that the Dominion they will be found invaluable, But fiver, Cal., were destroyed by the recent floods.

government has given this province no kind of fair show in the construction of the Pacific railway.

PARNELL'S EFFORTS to secure the sympathy of the European democracy for the land league promises to evoke strong expressions of dissent from the Catholic pressions of dissent from the Catholic pression only 5,000 copies of the application of the Catholic promises of dissent from the Catholic pressions of dissent from the from pressions of dissent from the from pressions of the dissent from the from pressions of dissent from the catholic pression from the from

twenty years, and the other increases the as seventy-five per cent. allowance for expenses in preparing and floating the bonds from one-quarter to one-half of one per cent. The rate of incoercion bill was carried through the commeasure now awaits the action of the house upon the senate's amendments. There are many who fear that the rate of interest has trichinosis.

France, Russia, Italy, Austria, Spain, Portugal, and Greece have embargoed American pork, owing to the prevalence of trichinosis. been fixed too low, and that in consequence the public credit will suffer by failure to negotiate a loan at par. But some of the Rochefort and Victor Hugo. best financiers of the senate are confident that the three per cent, loan will succeed, State Volksrand has passed a resolution in and one of the largest banking firms of the country has encouraged them to adopt it.

President—elect Garfield, on the other hand, is credited with saying that the three per The 6000 striking colliers in the Wigan is credited with saying that the three per cent, rate has been supported by the Democrats for the purpose of embarrassing the Republican party and the coming administration, and it is hinted that President Hayes may signalize the closing days of his

CANADIAN NEWS.

St. Catharines is opposed to the abolition of market fees.

A fire in Windsor considerably destroyed the Union block.

The stock breeders of Wellington county have organized an association.

Edward Harris, the London East man lately arrested in Toronto, was sent for tria Elizabeth Sanders, aged 13, was seriously injured by a runaway horse in Bowmanville yesterday.

A flour raill with a capacity of 100 barrels a day has been established at West Lynne, Manitoba. A saloon in Ottawa was burglarized on Sunday morning, and considerable liquor, cigars, etc., carried off.

Thomas Stevens of Bruce county, Ont., late of the province of British Columbia, has been murdered in Arizona.

close on a quarter million dollars. Mr.
Boustead proposes that the consumer should gradually pay for his meter by small quarterly payments along with his water rate.

It is entirely a matter of cost. On the one hand is the annual charge for men's wages, fuel, and wear and tear of machinal states. The greatest objection to Ald, Nelson's candidature for the Montreal mayoralty is, that he does not speak Frenca fluctly.

A farmer named Bailey, living near Alliston, hanged himself yesterday. No cause for his rash act excepting adverse circumstances.

Detective Groulx of Ottawa yesterday

If the meter system is adopted care should be taken to fix the rates at a figure that would not lead citizens to run from the commons are Messra. Aymot, Conservative; Mercief, Independent, and Dr. Bilodeau, laberal laberal

UNITED STATES NEWS. Scarlet fever has broken out at the village

The fish hatching works on the McLeod floods,
Cornelius Vanderbilt has donated to the

FOREIGN NEWS. Fever is reported to have broken

Archbishop McCabe of Dublin has issued

Hayes may signalize the clesing days of his regime by vetoing the bill.

\*\*PUBLIC OPINION.\*

Port Hope Guide: There cannot be the least doubt that if our rural municipalities were able to compel owners of land adjacent to roads that were liable to become blockaded in winter to take down their fence or and the operator requires two years to get and the operator requires two years to get.

use city water consume 7,900,000 gallons daily, or an average of 175 gallons per head. Instructive figures, truly. There is undoubtedly waste here, for there are figures to show that the average consumption per head in a number of other cities is only forty-five gallons daily.

A scandal is reported from Halifax. One of the leading members of society there is about to sue for a divorce from his wife, the co-respondent being a gentleman in the imperial service. The wife, it is said, has commenced a counter action against the husband on the grounds of cruelty and adultery.

In the Imperial house of commons yesterday notice was given of a question to be put to day as to whether Mr. Parnell's great Sunday speech at Clara was not an incite ment to punishable offence—more especially that portion of it in which he advised teamenced a counter action against the husband on the grounds of cruelty and adultery.

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