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TELEPHONE CALLS:

SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1909. WATER POWERS AND PUBLIC INTERESTS.

It will be a surprise to the people of New Brunswick P to learn from Sir William Van Horne that the water confederations there was no attempt to regulate the power at Grand Falls, with the sites for power works, tranchise by Imperial statute, and their parliaments have and the franchises are worth \$1,000,000. A few years ago these belonged to the public. Now two rival companies are disputing the claim. One company desires to Africa if this bill stands as sent to Westminster. It will be out of the power of the South Africa Parliament to extend the franchise to persons of African or Asiatic descent.

This matter is complicated by a disagreement. Nature of the William Van Horne's estimate of the value of the Transvaal, and the Orange River Colony stand. tion and sale. Both are excellent purposes. A commissioner is now trying to arbitrate or adjudicate be-

Sir William Van Horne's estimate of the value of this great water power is probably not too high. It shows that the province had there an asset which should have been guarded with great care. If the province retains any rights in this water power, it should only be made a gift to any corporation, and should only be handed over to private control on terms which would give some recompense to the owners. If there remains to the province no right save that of deciding between rival claimants, and of determining the conditions under which the franchises may be held, these powers should be exercised with a view to the interests of the original owners, the people of New Brunswick. As no great amount of work has been accomplished by any of the The Foresters of Court Welsford, of Welsford

hands of private monopolies. Neither the United States Government, nor that of the Dominion, nor the province of New Brunswick can repudiate, or revoke the contracts of the mast But the obligation remains to keep the public interests in view in making settlements growing the public interests in view in making settlements growing the public interests in view in making settlements growing the public interests in view in making settlements growing the province of the returning Canadian riflemen from Bis-

LET THE TELEGRAPH INTERPRET.

The Telegraph still accuses this journal of misrepresenting a statement of the Sackville Tribune. It is a statement which seems to concern the Telegraph and its proprietors. The Standard has printed the words and given its interpretation. If they do not suit it is open to the Telegraph to print them and show where they are wrong. But the Telegraph cannot be persuaded to do either. Here is the statement of the Sackville Liberal paper:—

"St. John will be hard fighting ground for the Liberals as long as the present St. John conditions are "tolerated. It would seem that some of these conditions are such as must hamper any party. Their existions are such as must hamper the Liberal candidate in the "recent by-election. They exist, too, simply for the benefit of a few and to the detriment of many excellent "Liberals of the rank and file order of citizenship."

Now if the Telegraph is not satisfied with our interpretation of these significant words, let us have its own.

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And then the Liberal St. John Sun offers something which seems to be in line with its former discussions of the evil influences, and the "buccaneer" element in the Liberal party. Here is the passage:—

"The action taken by the local authorities for the "suppression of a prurient sheet that has recently at the persist in saying that the roads have been greatly improved this year, and that the work done is more "suppression of a prurient sheet that has recently at improved this year, and that the work done is more "suppression of a prurient sheet that has recently an world in the exasperating habit of commending the Highway Act. They persist in saying that the roads have been greatly improved this year, and that the work done is more "suppression of a prurient sheet that has recently an world in the exasperating habit of commending the Highway Act. They persist in saying that the roads have been greatly improved this year, and that the work done is more "suppression of a prurient sheet that has recently an world in the exasperating habit to there with otherwise.

When McGill professors wish to better their conditions they go to England, whence many of them without the province are getting into the exasperating habit of commending the Highway Act. The world have been greatly the prospersion of a prurient sheet that has recently an world in the exasperating habit of the work done is more "fective than for many years back. Ex-Premier Roberman to the state of the say of the s

THEY CALLED IT ROYALTY.

Judge Cannon's inquiry into Montreal civic graft reveals methods which greatly resemble a St. John dredg-ing contract incident. Mr. Powell was testifying and

ing contract incident. Mr. Powell was testifying and the report says;—
"Mr. F. F. Powell, contractor, filed documents con"cerning his business relations with Mr. Ernest Belanger. In answer to Mr. Perron, he related a con"versation he had with Mr. Belanger concerning the
"civic contracts and previous to the agreement he made
"with him to pay a royalty of 60 cents per yard for the
"paving contract he would get from the Road Depart-

'How did you come to make such an agreement to 'secure the contracts?'
" 'Well, I thought Mr. Belanger had the influence to

"Then Mr. Powell went on explaining how he charged the city \$2.40, paid his royalty of 60 cents to Mr. Be langer, and did the paving of a part of St. Lambert, St. James and Commissioners streets for \$1.80, making money on the paving of St. Lambert street, but losing Commissioners and St. James, through his ce and also on account of the difficulties he met with in the excavation work."

The middleman in the case does not appear to have got so much money as the St. John middleman, but the percentage of "royalty" was larger. It appears that Mr. Powell, like the St. John contractor, was willing to do the work at the lower price, but he also was led to believe that he could only get the contract through the assistance of the middleman.

The \$35,930 obtained by the St. John middleman has

called a rake-off. It would sound better to call t a royalty.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES DISFRANCHISED.

The South Africa union act, now before the Imperial PITHY PARAGRAPHS liament, contains franchise provisions. In the other

establish pulp and paper mills at a cost of \$7,500,000. persons of European descent will have votes in South
The other wishes to produce power for general distribuAfrica if this bill stands as sent to Westminster. It

owners, the people of New Brunswick. As no great from Prince Rupert, is now estimated to reach \$80,000 amount of work has been accomplished by any of the per mile, or \$8,000,000 for the whole. The Government guarantees \$60,000 of this amount. By the original parties, and as some development must have been concording the Government responsibility was limited to

Consideration.

In the last session of Parliament, Mr. Borden in a comprehensive and suggestive address raised the question of the national interest in such natural resources and utilities as water powers, irrigation privileges, the forests, mineral wealth, and the fisheries. His speech resulted in the establishment of three standing committees to take evidence and report on these matters. In the United States Mr. Pinchot, chief forester, has been the Jeader in promoting a great national movement to preserve to the people the public domain and prevent these powers and opportunities from falling into the hands of private monopoides. Neither the United States Government, nor that of the Dominion, nor the provinces of New Brunswick can repudiate or reaches it.

Travellers westward by the Canadian Pacific will in the down the five per cent. grade toward Field. They will travel by a winding way back and forth across the river eight miles instead of four, including two cork-screw or spiral tunnels, one under Cathedral Mountain, and one under Wapta, each with more than half a mile of track. Two bridges committees to take evidence and report on these matters. In the United States Mr. Pinchot, chief forester, has been the leader in promoting a great national movement to preserve to the people the public domain and prevent to do with four.

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WEDDINGS.

THAT RIFLE.

That RIFLE.

using a \$47 rifle at Bisley when our regular service Ross

rifle is a \$27 one.

And the whole of us ought to be hot about payment LET THE TELEGRAPH INTERPREY.

And the whole of us ought to be hot about payment
of even \$27 for a military rifle when Great Britain gets
the Lee-Enfield for \$17 or so and the United States the
new wharf on Wednesday evening, was

minigfield for \$15.—Ottawa Journal.

Mr. Asquith and Lord Lansdowne have reached mitical conclusion on one important point. They be both prepared to accept the verdict of the people. Hen a friend of Margaret Fuller told Carlyle that the Mr. William E. Vaughan will have Chicago, Aug. 12.—The crop report of the Canadian Government had a depressing effect on the wheat market her today, final quotations showing a net loss of 3-4 to 7-8 cents. Corn weak. Oats were easy and provisions firm.

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OF LOCAL INTEREST

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To Arrange a Concert.

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Titus-Clowater
Fredericton, Aug. 12.—Last evening
the George street parsonage was the
scene of a pretty wedding when Miss
Ethel \$\frac{\text{T}}{2}\$. Clowater, of this city, was
united to Mr. Frank Titus, of Gibson
The ceremony was performed by Rev
A. A. Rideout. The bride was neatly
attired in cream volle, with hat te
match. The young couple will make
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NEGLECT OF PHYSICIAN

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—A serious outbreak of scarlet fever is reported from Lachine where eighteen cases are now quarantined, and one death occurred today, a child of two years succumbing. It is reported by the health authorities that the epidemic is suspected to have been caused by the neglect of a doctor to report a case of scarlet fever last May with the result that the house was never quaranined nor fumigated. An investigation is being held and if this is found to be the case, criminal action will follow.

FUNERALS.

Mr. John Cunningham.
The funeral of John Cunningha
ok place at nine o'clock yesterdi
orning from the residence of his by
er-in-law, Mr. F. J. Rolston, Ma
reet to St. Peter's church, where r
iem high mass was celebrated l
av. E. Holland. Interment was ma
the new Catholic cematery.

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