was discussed by three delegatio Ministers and for one whole night in the Heuse. Nothing can be more im-portant for Canada than the securing of the carrying trade of those great grain regions which are developing themselves so rapidly in the West and North-West. so rapidly in the West and North-West. Nothing could be so serious an injury as the loss of the shipping trade of the St. Lawrence and its transfer to the Atlantic ports of the United Stress. It must be confessed that by deral con-sent we have not been at to retain or gain for the St. Law o'route its fair and natural share o' de ; and the in-creasing volume of ommerce threatens to become directed more largely from our own great channel. The various arguments used on the subject are familiar to the public. It is, however, one of the inevitable conditions of our system of Government that no great public measure can be fully taken in hand quite free from all political and sectional considerations. The proposition to make Montreal a free port at the expense of the country, nowever wise from the purely mercantile view of it, is one that involves other considerations : and the hands of Min isters are tied often when they would, and should, be free. We look with some degree of hope, however, to the events of the next financial year to solve many of the great problems of the day. A full treasury is a great solvent or political differences. We trust that, before much more than a year or two have elapsed, we shall see the treasury full. Meantime Ministers propose to give the whole juestion of the canals and river navigation as full and earnest consideration as they can, in the hope of being able to ind a solution that all reasonable men, not asking too much, can accept. THE OPPOSITION.

No one can say that the Opposition vere not active during the session. They divided a great many times, and began to look on their 48 or 49 with great satisfaction, thankful, perhaps, that the number was no less. But with all their energy, they made no way. They made, we think, several mistakes. One was in making it clear to the public that they had consented, at the dicta tion of Mr. BLAKE, to declare hostility to the North-West and British Columbia. to the railway, to the value of the lands, and to the hopes entertained of large settlements. Since every day adds to the evidence of the great value of the lands, and since even those which were thought to be are now said to be in great part fertile, the unfortunate speeches of Opposition members and eaders will remain recorded against them in condemnation at once of their knowledge and of their patriotism. Another mistake was in developing so decided a bitterness towards Sir ALEXANDER GALT. personally, as well as politically. It is quite well known to the public that Sir ALEXANDER GALT by his skill and ability succeeded in obtaining for the late Gov-ernment the one thing of which they have been able to boast, viz., the Fish ery award. It is well known at the me he was appointed, as well as during the sitting, and at the close of the commission, Sir ALEXANDER GALT Was praised highly in the Grit papers. But ecause he could not, being a business man, see the benefits of a one-sided free trade, and because he consented to serve Canada under a "Tory" Ministry, he assailed with sneers and invective. his mission underrated, his ability questioned, his expenses objected and an opinion flung abroad by the Opposition leaders that he has

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THE WEEKLY MAIL, TORONTO FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1880. however, to raise it only in behalf of liberty, and will promote the welfare of all alike. In concrt with Republican France and free Itsaly, we shall endeavour to cut the gordian knot of the Eastern question by the establishment of a con-federation of free States between the Danube, the Adriatic, and the Grecian man." THE CANADA GAZETTE. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. THE U. S. PRESIDENCY EDUCATIONAL NOTES. The Honour List at the Late Ex CANADIAN. Regulations for the Annual Drill of the Militia. Estimate of the Complexion of the Delegates Already Elected. The following is the Honour List of the Easter examinations at University College : FOURTH TRAE. The Methodist ministers are now en- Basies craminations at University College
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 CORRESPONDENT--''Then you are op-posed to the encroachments of the great Powers ?"
 OTTAWA, May 8.- The following appears among the Militia General Orders in the Gazette to-day :-Pregulations for the Annual Drill of 1880 31.

 Sir CHARLES--'' Decidedly. we shall not tolerate encroachments of either Anstris or Russia. Neither Bosnia or Herzegovina must belong to Austrian, Turk, or Rus-sian. They must be free or self-governing hostility against oppression of every kind. As for the power of Russia, let me tell you one thing, it would be far easier for us to raise Central Asia against Russia than for her to array India against us. If the Solary are barbarlans, whose fault is it, if not that of the Foreign Office st St. Petersburg? The Russian Foreign Ministry is a department in which German is principally spaken, and in which the Foreign polloy for the past ten years has been manipulated by two Prussians and one Swiss. They are Messrs. Westmann and Hamberger and Baron Jomini. We detest the Power, we hold in high esteem the 'young Russis party, whok at Prague and Moscow hes resuscitated the patriotism and generoity of the Solavswace."
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1280-81.< Experience of the Men who went to Concy Island. OTTAWA, May 8.—A letter received here from one of the workmen who lately went to work at Concy Island confirms the re-port of dissatisfaction among the men. After describing his employer the writer save :--this plan more widely adopted, it might, in the hands of judicious teachers, tend very much to improve the style of news. paper correspondence. At a recent meeting of the Dundas School Board the Inspector, J. H. Smith, Esq., presented a report to the trustees re-garding the results of his first inspection of the schools lately placed under his charge. It is understood that Mr. Smith desires to make certain guagestions to the Read CYCLONE IN MINNESOTA. House Lifted Into the Air and Wrecked —Other Suiidings Badly Damaged and a Church Completely Demolished—a Number of People Lejured. <text> make certain suggestions to the Beard with a view to render the schools more efficient, and there is little doubt that these

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"Oh, I've seen George," cried a little girl at Cleveland ; "he came and leaned over me at the piano." George was a boy who had recently died. The mother, hearing the words, fell dead from heart discase.

by yellow fever, and finally a tornado levelled the last of the houses. The place

Catharines. A new feature has recently been intro duced into the Dannville public school. Every Friday the pupils furnish short paragraphs, descriptive of local events ob-served or heard by themselves during the week, which are written in newspaper style. The teacher selects the most appro-priate items and sends them to the village newspaper for publication. We think this is a highly commendable endeavour to pro-mote and develop that essential faculty of observation which is possessed, to a cortain degree, by all children. And were this plan more widely adopted, it might, in the hands of judicious teachers, tend

Had lightning struck a playhouse and injured those within, there would have been much talk of a dispensation of Pro-vidence. It happened, however, that the lightning on Sunday struck a Methodist church in Binghamton, and injured four persons among the forty gathered for prayer. The congregation feit that it was a close call, and when, an hour later, the minister took the invident for the toot minister took the incident for his text, the lightning proved a powerful auxiliary,

thus put into the hand of the school master should not be wielded by "cheap teachers," and that school boards would do well to look to this matter. We all know that Lord Byron never could endure the remembrance of the classic poets, be-cause, as he said, the names of Homer, Virgil and Ovid, were inseparably con-nected in his mind with a tyrannical use of the "birch" and other disagreeable as-sociations of school. we have the school and the school an <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> tackle sufficient to draw the cars out, then the rails being removed, the wooden part was cut and dropped into the river beneath, after which the span was gradually lowered to its place, and the ties and rails were replaced. From the time the span left the yard till the work was completed was one hour and three quarters, thus delay-ing no trains. This system of putting in the bridge was contrived by Mr. W. Lamb of Cavura. Among the officers present

and admitted the injury which a misin erpretation of Sir ALEXANDER GALT'S ch might do, and yet that they sinterpret and proclaim , aloud their nisinterpretation, was a fact greatly to their discredit. The move of RICHARD CARTWRIGHT on the Civil Service was also an unfortunate one, inasmuch as it called attention to the very point on which he was weakest and revived the memory of the measure which he himself had introduced for the purpose of very largely increasing, without any need a all, or any excuse, the expense of the Civil Service. The assault on the Esquimalt graving dock also brought out the fact that Mr. MACKENZIE had himself proposed the very policy of the present Government, which policy, nevertheless, Messrs. MACKENZIE and BLAKE opposed. These things may be called policy. To us they look greatly ike mistakes.

THE CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP. The change of leadership did not take the country exactly by surprise, but the manner of it did, we believe. If it be true that the first notice Mr. MACKENZIE had of the intention of his party was a formal notice to attend aaucus for the selection of a leader, we can well understand the expressed suddenness of his determination to resign his position. And we can understand too the general feeling, that somehow a deed of dastardly ingratitude was done when that action was forced by his party on Mr. MACKENZIE. As we have said before, we look upon the change as the extinction of the Liberal party as political force to be feared

LAST WORDS. The last words of the debate on Wednesday night, the last serious debate of he session, suggest a number of reflections. Nothing seemed so easy to Mr. BLAKE as to have the House meet earlier, the measures brought down earlier, and the committees meet more regularly and earlier also; but Sir JOHN. MACDONALD in a very few words full of practical experience showed the uselessness of any such attempts. But the subject of the sitting of Parliament is one that must be considered in a more iberal manner. In all countries where Parliamentary government exists, the tendency is to lengthen the sittings with the increase, not only in public business, but with the increase in the public knowledge of our fondness for Parliamentary proceedings. In Canada we have a variety of topics of discussions, approximating in some degree to the varied business of the Empire. The North-West, the Indians, the Pacific North-west, the Indians, the Pacifie railway, the Intercolonial railway, the canals, the National Policy, the lands, the shipping, the various provincial demands for consideration, besides the enormous mass of private business, will in the future make a three months' session quite short three months session quite show enough for the proper discharge of pub-lic business. The race of debaters is getting larger. The hours are getting no longer. The sittings must, therefore, be drawn out. This past session be drawn out the past session has been the most industrious within has been the most industrious within our recollection. The House has sat early and late, beginning night sessions almost immediately at the opening, and pressing the debates far into the night, for weeks past. Nevertheless, members complain of the length of the session. It must be expected that the sessions will be longer, not shorter, as our coun-try grows and its interests accumulate ussion.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold will go to Canada and the United States as Duke of Albany, by order of the Queen,

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THE AFGHAN DEFICIT.

We decime to believe a telegram was received from India relative to the budget deficit on the morn-ing following the debate in the last Parliament on Mr. Fawcet's motion in favour of England con-triouting a portion of the Afghan war expenses. When the Commons neet the matter will have to be enquired into. Meanwhile, it would be obvious-ly most unfair to accept Mr. Fawcett's unsupported references to the telegrams to the India office.

DENIAL OF MR. FAWCETT'S STATEMENT,

Mr. Edward Stanhope, late Under Secre-tary for India, denies the late Government received a telegram concerning the Indian

received a selegram concerning the indian deficit, on the morning after the debate on Mr. Fawcett's motion in Parliament in favour of England contributing a portion of the Afghan war expenses. He severely deprecated Mr. Fawcett's ac-tion in making the statement before ascer-

taining the facts. Mr. Fawcett recalls his

statement, and expresses regret that he had been misinformed. The London correspondent of a Man-chester paper says it is believed the Queen

LONDON, May 9.

B-ELECTION OF BIGHT OF THE MEMBERS-SPERCH OF ME. HENRY PAWOETY AT HACKNEY ON THE AFGHAN WAR DEFICIT.

LONDON, May 7.

Rock Valley. In Lake City, a house tea-anted by Geo. Shelby and family was struck by lightning, which knocked off the top of the chimney, threw a stove out of position, splintered the lower floor, and damaged the cistern.

A STRIKER SHOT.

