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London, Monday, March 6.

WHEN Mr. McCarthy in his resolution ays there is no necessity for waiting to renakes a preambulation among the towns and villages, he has experience and com-mon sense on his side. Suppose Mr. Foster did make his preambulation, nobody Foster did make his preambulation, nobody would accept the accuracy of his report in view of his proverbial tergiversations and tendency towards prevarication. If he prevaricated about the Washington mission, and if the manufacturing statistics of the census are notoriously excepted. the census are notoriously crooked, nothing that Mr. Foster can hereafter assert will be accepted without "confirma-tion strong as holy writ."

THE monopolists' Toronto special organ chides certain newspaper men who originally favored the high tax policy, but who at the recent press meeting in Toronto pointed out that it was an injury to the advertising business. If everything is to be a matter of mere selfishness, the Canadian Press Association would have the same right to think only of themselves as have the monopolists. But it is not a mere matter of selfishness. Advertising is a barometer. Advertising means competition. Competition means the exact opposite of what the monopoly or the combine stands for. Competition means money in the pocket of the consumer. Combines do not advertise because they buy such tariff nted out that it was an injury to the stands for. Competition means money in the pocket of the consumer. Combines do not advertise because they buy such tariff arrangements at Ottawa that they have the public by the throat. Why should they olicit custom by the ordinary methods? Under low tariffs and open competition the

consumer has protection against robbery; indicated by the necessity of making busi-ness appeals to the public in the business of the press. Advertising is parometer.

CAUSES OF DEATH. The latest bulletin of the census, issued by Geo. Johnston, statistician, contains much that is interesting regarding the mortality of the people. During the year 1891, 67,688 deaths were recorded in the Dominion. The rate is equal to 144.30 deaths of males per 10,000 living males, and 135.70 deaths of females per 10,000 living females. In England the death rate in 1890 was cf males 208 per 10,000 living males, and of females 183 per 10,000 living females. While in England in recent years the conditions of life have become increasingly unfavorable to males as compared with emales, in the four Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the returns show that in 1871 there were 1,076 male deaths to 1,000 female deaths, and in 1891, 1,030 male deaths to 1,000 female deaths. This would seem to show that the conditions of life, in the four Provinces of which there is a record for twenty years, have become more favorable to males. No fewer than 5,915 deaths were attributed to lung diseases, 4,021 to diarrheal diseases, 7,490 to phthisis, and 4,299 to "old age." The deaths from drowning numbered 647; deaths from burns and scalds were 245, 83 of which were occasioned by the destruction by fire of an asylum for the insane at Longue Pointe, Province of Quebec. Almost onehalf of the deaths, or 28,194, were of children under 5 years of age, and the deaths of children under 1 year numbered 18,-568. Between 55 and 65, 3,993 persons died, between 65 and 75, 5,223 died, between 75 and 100, 7,583 died, and no fewer than 68 died who were over 100. These statistics show that life in Canada is decidedly conductive to longevity, though there is still far too great sacrifice of infant

Special attention is directed to the fact that out of 2,006 deaths of children at birth in the whole Dominion, 1,547 are reported from the Province of Quebec, leaving but 459 for all the rest of the Dominion. The eturns show that the deaths thus classified are not localized but are general over the Province. Out of a total of 10,012 deaths of children under one year in the Province of Quebec, no less than 15.4 per cent. were at birth, while in all the rest of the Dominion the deaths under this head are 5.36 per cent. of the total. Put in another way, these deaths are equal to 1,039 per million of the population of Quebec and only 137 per million of the population of Ontario. In epilepsy and convulsions the deaths of infants under 1-year-old were 379 in the Province of Ontario and 174 in the Province of Quebec. The proportion of leaths of infants in Canada as a whole is higher than in either England or Victoria, but closely approximates that of New South

The deaths from cancer recorded for the census year number 1,187, of which 558 were of males and 629 of females. Eight of he deaths from this cause were of children under 5 years and 9 of children between 5 and 15 years. Compared with England and Wales, the ravages of cancer in Canada are small, since in Canada the deaths from this disease are but 246 per million of living persons against 606 per million in England and Wales. Our returns show,

males 6 had reached the century mark, 6 needles stuck into it. were 101, 2 were 102, 2 were 103 104, 1 was 105, 2 were 106, 1 was 108 and 1 was 118. Of the 42 females, 23 had reached the century mark, 2 were 101, 7 were 102, were 103, 2 were 104, 2 were 105, were 106 and 1 was 112 years. The province having the greatest number of leaths of centenarians was Ontario, with 12 males and 20 females. Quebec had 6 nales and 4 females, Nova Scotia 2 males and 11 females, New Brunswick 2 males and 5 females, Manitoba 1 male and 1 female, and British Columbia I female. Of these centenarians, 2 females died of paralysis, 1 at 105 years and 1 at 103; 1 female died of heart disease (100) and 1 of cancer (102); I male died of influenza at 103 years, 1 of la grippe (102), 2 of phthisis (106), 1 of accidental fall (104), 1 of alcoholism (102)

and 1 of drepsy (103).

The number of deaths from the seven the full of diseases was 11,257, of which smallpox carried off 12, measles 794, scarlet fever 546, diphtheria 3,536, whooping cough 756, fever 1,592, diarrhea 4,021. In Canada deaths from phthisis is more

fatal to women than to men, as it also is in England. The disease is more fatal in British Columbia and Manitoba than in British Columbia and Manitoba than in Ontario, and less so in the Northwest Ter-ritories. Under lung diseases there are about 50 different complaints, some of them, as for instance pneumonia, with a

Under low tariffs and open competition the drowning numbered 647. The total death-

by violence were 500 to 1,000,000 of the people. In England the ratio was 653 per 1,000,000.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

Another exploring expedition into the interior of the Australian continent is soon to be equipped by Sir Thomas Elder, and to start under the leadership of Mr. David

A tax of ten francs a year is to be levied on pianos in France, those used by profes sional players being exempted. The measure imposing the tax passed the Chamber by a vote of 307 to 145.

111 The municipal council of Rouen has resolved to alter the name of the Quai de Lesseps, which was opened on the occasion of a visit paid by Ferdinand de Lesseps to Rouen some years ago, and will name it after Bois Guillebert, a political economist of celebrity who was born in that town,

Thirteen torpedo boat destroyers are to be added to the British navy, to be 180 feet long, about 240 tons displacement, and of 3,400 horse power. Their armament will consist of one 12-pounder and three 6-pounder quick-firing guns, and five 18-ind torpedoes for use in a bow tube, and two revolving tubes amidships.

turists in some parts of Australia, and a local paper says that at the present rate of increase it is greatly feared they will soon become almost as great a menace as the rabbit pest. A camp of the foxes, about four miles from Erina, New South Wales, contains fully 100,000 of the pests. "and when disturbed they rise like a cloud, ob-scuring the sun." curing the sun.

"In front of me at the theater the other night," said a citizen, "sat two young women, who, just before the play began, women, who, just before the play began, took off their hats. One of them kept her hat off until the end of the play, but the other put hers on after the first act. To my surprise and gratification, however, she removed it again just before the curtain went up for the second act, and in this way until the end of the play she continued—wearing her hat between the acts, and removing it when the curtain was raised."

The largest turret ship in the world, the Hood, of the British navy, successfully passed the official trial of her machinery passed the official trial of her machinery two weeks ago. She has a displacement of 14,150 tons, and under forced draught she made an average speed of seventeen knots. The trials of her 67-ton turret guns were exceedingly satisfactory. The total cost of the Hood when fully equipped will amount to nearly £950,000. She is a sister ship to the Royal Sovereign except that her guns are mounted in turrets instead of barbettes.

The old oak chest sung of in the mourn ful ballad of "The Mistletoe Bough," in which Lord Lovell's bride hid on her wedwhich Lord Lovell's bride hid on her wedding night while playing hide-and-seek, which proved her tomb, was sold at auction three weeks ago. Many people regard the pathetic tale of the wedding testivities, and of her husband's pitiful search for her through some 50 years, merely as a tale, and a similar story is told in several countries. But it has always been stoutly maintained that the tragic event really did occur at Marwell Old Hall, near Winchester, Eng., and the authenticity of the old oak chest, preserved in the hall until a few years ago, has been accepted without question. Recently the chest passed by inheritance into the possession of the late rector of Upham, Hants, and at his death recently came to public sale.

A woman was brought to a New York hospital some weeks ago suffering from typhoid fever, but one feature of the case could not be accounted for by the diagnosis of typhoid. The woman's body was covered from head to foot with small star England and Wales. Our returns show, as do those of England and Wales, that females are more subject to cancer than males; the deaths of females in this country numbering 130 against 116 males out of each 246. The liability to cancer increases with age; thus, up to 25 years there were 27 deaths in Canada, while between 25 and 35 years there were 40 deaths, and between 55 and 75 years, 558 deaths, or nearly one-half of the whole number.

Of the 4,310 persons who died of old age, 314 were females and 264 males under 75 years of age. No fewer than 1,832 males and 4,830 females were between 75 and 100 years when they died; 23 males and 42 females were over 100 years old. Of the 23 males 6 had reached the century mark, 6 males 6 had reached the century mark 6 males 6 h

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