SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1882.

ble with the consoling remark, "I told you but is rather looked upon as a nuisan ene

of which had passed into the hands of the now recalled as another case in point. great companies. These roads were subsidized for the express purpose of creating and maintaining competition; but amalga. ution followed in many instances, and the competition, to secure which the money had been paid, disappeared. So far had this been carried that The World held it a fact established that competition by the local roads had distinctly and decisively failed, and so plainly did this appear that nobody ventured a contradiction. Taking a step forward, we argued that the competition of the local roads having failed, the next thing should be to try to confirm and perpetuate competition between the great lines. The Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk making two through lines, we contended that a third one should be established by connecting the Great Western with the Ontario and Quebec, when the latter road should have been built. But in order that this plan of securing the third through line could be carried out, it was absolutely necessary, we added, that the separate identity and independence of the Great Western should be preserved. The separate identity was threatened by bills for new branches going into territory already well being to harrass it into amalgamation with hoped the authorities of that road would the Grand Trunk. The World said that use with judgment and consideration the if these bills were passed the fusion party among the English projectors would be their hands along with the control of the

Some of our contemporaries, perhaps, felt too proud to follow the lead which The World had struck out, though they could scarcely miss seeing that it was the right one for the country's interest. The Globe was hostile, and inconsistent to an alarming degree besides. It advocated the closing up of competition and the consolidation of local roads with the Grand Trunk, east of ed all the new charters that anybody and everybody might apply for. The Mail and the Telegram were so dull that they saw nothing particular going on, and so marvellously discreet were they that hey said nothing. These be the "leading circulation and influence; but the public may now ask, where were they when the time was for them to say something and to say the right thing, touching one of the most important contingencies affecting the interest of this province that has turned

But perhaps The World three months ago was making a mountain out of a mole mation, and the measure that ought to be it does not look that way now, after the around loose, he can easily cash a pile of more easily than foreigners can do without

DANGEROUS TESTIMONY. The danger of placing too much dependence upon the testimony of so called experts' in handwriting, is just now eng ging the attention of the public and the pross in New York. A man recently convicted on such testimony and severely sentenced, is now very generally believed to be innocent, and redress of the great wrong done to him is called for. The apparent victim of expert testimony is a man named O'Brien. who was some time ago a coachman in the employ of Judge Abram H. Dailey. The charge against him was that he had written and sent to Judge Dailey's daughter a prosecution being that he had taken this means of avenging himself for his discharge from Judge Dailey's employ. The testimony against him was noticeably of a most unconvincing character. Upon receipt of the letters. Judge Dailey set a detective upon his trail and caused O'Brien to be shadowed carefully in the hope of catching him his pay, but failed to connect O'Brien in any way. At length he found the on a car, presumably intent upon calling at his former employer's house. The detective took a short route to the house and concealed himself. O'Brien of print, and the remainder were clumsy be shouted and trumpeted from the North. It is said the commercial consideration

PAIR PLAY TO BOTH. tend its usefulness by giving it an eastern connection with Canadian seaports. We opposed, as much as we could, its passing reason that it could and ought to have been made the western link of a third through line. But there will be no third through line now, and the catry will have to do the best it can with two only-the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific. We say, both, so that the best service which two through systems can render to the country may be had. We have opposed the swallowing up of the Great Western by the Grand Trunk ; and equally would we oppose the swallowing up of the Grand Trunk by the Canadian Pacific, or vice versa. We say, let there be fair play to both, so that both may continue in the field, as competitors for the country's traffic. IF YOU ARE STRONG BE MERCIPUL.

A gentleman who is known to be friendly served by the Great Western, the object to the Grand Trunk said yesterday he efforts, while the party supporting the in- is said that the Syndicate is all powerful in dependence of the Great Western would be Dominion affairs; but has anybody reflectcorrespondingly discouraged; and brought ed on the power that the Grand Trunk thing," and we can scarcely on the instant

realize in our minds all that it implies. INSPECTION OF PRISONS AND CHARITIES Mr. Robt. Christie, ex-M.P.P. of North Wentworth, has been appointed one of the provincial inspectors of asylums and prisons. The Globe says : "It was thought by the government to be desirable that one of the inspectors should be an experienced man of usiness, and Mr. Christie has been selected because of his high qualifications and wellknown ability in this capacity. He will have charge of the central prison and the shoddy fortunes accumulated in the last Penetanguishene. The inspection of the prisons and charities east of Toronto is also with riches and with the remembrance assigned to him." The Globe might have said all this without reflecting on Dr. rible four years of the rebellion. And when not perhaps a man of business in the Globe's acceptation of that term, is a capable for if the history of defeated insurrectionary

A HORRIBLE SUGGESTION has been started: Can it be that Vanderbilt is really all the time a member of the Canadian Pacific syndicate, sub rosa? Judging from his attitude of determined hostility to the Grand that iron-clads approaching her harbors taken to prevent it. We many y reply that the concern. Having several millions lying she can do without foreign commodities far equired.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE.

BY R. W. PHIPPS. It is commonly heard, "If we separate from Britain, we should be in danger of being attacked by the States," If separindisputably that, under British connection, there is very great danger, and that | may have to defend ;freed from it, there would be very little.

in the act of mailing one of these filthy letters. The detective doubtless earned his pay, but failed to connect O'Rijan in locate lands which they have purchased from the Dominion government and Pacific

Our British connection is a matter business, and therefore, till now English are some little suggestions as to firing round called and asked for a recommendation—a gentlemen have principally confined their shot through the boilers of locomotives, very natural proceeding. Judge Dailey re- land speculations to the States, where they fused it; high words ensued and the judge paid better than did such lands as Canada charged O'Brien with the authorship of had to sell. But now, when it is found we the obscene letters. Very naturally, sup- have a broad territory of rich land they armies playing these tricks at our expense posing the man to be innocent, a pitched are coming with a rush. If as settlers, or battle ensued, in which O'Brien was badly to settle lands, it would be less harmful. worsted. The detective pounced upon him But the object here, is in all probability, to and left the Canadians altogether and arrested him and he was which. The letters were submitted to experts, who with this may be doing, of which we do not case, as every man Canada could spars their usual premptitude and positiveness hear. News of their progress—the posses- would be impressed at once on the British insisted that they were in O'Brien's hand- sions of Lord Such-a-one, the great personal side. These are things which should be writing. Inasmuch as most of them were estates of Viscount This-or-that, the vast thought of before it is too late to think of composed of characters made in imitation demesnes of the Duke of So-and-so, will them.

Since O'Brien was snugly locked up in the peasant who observes a squirrel playing an outrage occurs, some hot-headed capample warrant for saying this very thing. This fact appears to be conclusive in with reference to the great railway deal.

In January last, when a portentous array of railway bills had been docketted to come before the local house. The World come before the local house, The World soon to be liberated, and may possibly out a contest, the establishment of a Brit- Now, I would like to place actual fact alone among all its contemporaries un- bring an action for damages against someearthed the fact that the people of Ontario body or other. The blundering of the had already given between twelve and thir'experts' in the Morey letter affairs, in estates and British aristocrats, wedded to once domineered over, far less attacked, teen million dollars to local roads, most the presidential election time of 1880, is

the American mind is taught from boy- honorably have acted otherwise. hood to hate as the very incarnation of evil, There are strong reasons, then, why The World has maintained that it was a nation soon to be ten, twenty, thirty mil- America would be inclined to attempt by for the country's interest to keep the Great lines strong—the vanguard of monarchy and force to check the development of a great Western an independent road, and to exwill soon depect us, as thirty million no reason why she should attack indepencolonial bull-dogs in red coats and brass- dent Canada. Her territory is large into the hands of the Grand Trunk, for the spiked collars, enfilading, commanding, enough—some Americans think too large. outflanking the American position, and She has rather reason to fear than to desire ready, at the word of Britain, of course in- the addition of ours. A young, a weak, stigated by Bismarck, the emperor of a friendly nation—her relative, in important despots of whom our friends are so fond of would cry shame on her if she attacked us drawing terrible pictures, to sweep without good cause. Nor is there any on therefore, let there be perfect fair play to like Attila through the northern more sensitive to the opinion of the world

> afraid of a tunnel? tocracy and European caste from the matter, reasonable and the calmly-considering than something—there is very much.

lished in the States-note their great circulation among this large class, remember the vast voting power they represent, and how persistently they would be employed in the whole frontier in flame. how constantly they would point to the growing power in the north, how eagerly they would demand that it be crushed in the bud-while yet too weak to resist. Let us consider the influences tending to excite America to answer the call. Think of the numerous speculators who remember the Mercer reformatory and the reformatory at war, and who would delight to see another. Think that America is strong and flushed her heroism-North and South-in the ter-O'Reilly, the other inspector, who, though we remember that it America moves in arms, she marches four millions strong lands-Poland, Hungary, Ireland,-be of any value, the South will be, not a rebellious district, but a recruiting ground when we remember that America, possessing no foreign going fleet, cannot lose it; Trunk he is likely to be a powerful ally of would but stake the life of a million-dollar the syndicate, if not exactly a member of ship against a few cheap torpedo tugs, that syndicate bonds should his assistance be hers, there is a strong reason for believing that, if she thought her national existence threatened by a growing danger, she might consider it better to bring the affair to deadly arbitrament before that danger had

arrived at its height. We should carefully weigh the result to ourselves-the destruction of our countryation must needs invite attack, perhaps the of life-of property-which would be the continuance of connection with Britain fate of Canada. Our enemies would not be may, if not a very courageous, if not a our only danger-our friends would do us very profitable, at least be a very prudent probably more harm than our enemies course. But what if separation were Armies would advance and retreat. Suppose the safer course? What if it were the the British were the retreating force, here only course which can offer safety? What are are the directions of the very man who if the continuance of British connection would probably command them, Sir Garwere likely to invite attack? What if it net Wolseley, in the the little book he has were certain to invite attack? Now, I published on a soldier's duty in time of will undertake to show most clearly and war. He says, and it does not give very consolatory ideas to the people whom he

"If hardly pressed in retreat, to set fire I will ask you to consider the meaning of a to a village after your artillery has got paragraph now in all the papers, which I safely through is a good means of retarding the enemy. Care must be taken to burn and destroy all provisions, standing corn, &c., in fact, everything that would serve as supplies for the pursuing army. His great difficulty will be to feed his army when moving rapidly away from his base, so everything that tends to increase that difficulty must be attended to." Then there blowing up viaducts and arches, and general details of destruction, which give one a remarkably pleasant idea of what two would be likely to do, even if they did no more than their actual duty obliged them

and evidently disguised, the basis of re- west through the whole American press. will prevent war. This has been said besemblance is not very plain. O'Brien was requested by the prosecution to criminate himself by making printed characters for The fiend in human shape who comforts the benefit of the jury, to establish his upon from San Francisco to New Orleans. American nation will not allow such a an acquaintance who has fallen into from guilt, and he was sentenced to a fine guilt, and he was sentenced to a fine of \$250 and a term of one year in the penitentiary.

Indie is no denying that, up to the product of their hands. If a country has real or supposed grievances, or is in any way a slumposed grievances, or is in any way a slumposed grievances. penitentiary.

The best part of the story yet remains.

The best part of the story yet remains. the wise man's dictum that there is a time prison, where circumstances beyond his on the crags behind his hut. But what if tain firing a shot, or seizing a citizen, or if for everything, we may admit that justice control prevent him from writing letters. fiable occasion for the use of this much or at all events from getting them sent off name occasion for the use of this index abused expression may actually arise. It is seems as it there were such occasion now under circumstances giving The World and part of the prison and thorities, the objectionable letters still continue coming to Jadge Dailey's residence.

-pictured, as their excited caricaturists border. But on the other hand, there is Austria, Russia, and the other ferocious respects her imitator-the whole world States, while the fleets of Britain thunder than the American. There are excellent on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts? Is the causes why, instead of annoying, America fear ridiculous? Do nations never enter- should encourage the growth of independent tain ridiculous fears? Was England never Canada by her side. Cifficulty, unlike the possible outbreak of war between the And even taking away the ideas of aris- States and Britain would be settled by the and thinking only of the establishment of a portion of the people. For it would powerful nation—a part of Britain, on the be no sudden matter; before Canada deter-American flank, commanding the whole minedly opposed her great neighbor by north frontier, is there nothing likely to force of arms, full time for consideration arouse even to fever heat American opinion? would necessarily elapse. Canada, in such There is indeed something-there is more an affair would not be first to give offence America, if she gave offence, would have I consider, as every reasoning man must | time to listen to reason, to honor, and to consider, that the presence of a large and pride-pride which would revolt at the idea, powerful British nation, in full connection if any other course were practicable, of using greatly encouraged to persevere in their Great Westers. On the opposition side it with Britain—a part of Britain—whom to her vast power in such a cause. Emulative injure is to injure Britain-which is bound in arts, in sciences, in learning, in many to fight in Britain's quarrel and to attack another matter too little studied in our the States if Britain give the word-will be modern day, these two countries side by into such desponding frame of mind that will now have in Ontario? Fancy the regarded as a standing menace by America. side, without interests which need conflict they would be the more disposed to close effect of the whole Great Western system, Especially is there reason so to consider, with many interests which are identical, with some offer or other from the Grand from Toronto to the Detroit and St. Clair when we remember how violent the prejurivers, coming under Grand Trunk control, diccs, the hate, the desire of revenge and of mutual advantage pass smoothly by. By the country press, generally, The and being added to what the latter had against Britain existing in a large and influsefore. It is really and truly "a big ential part of the States population. Let be changed. Discord, remembrance of insmoulder, would quicken, would involve

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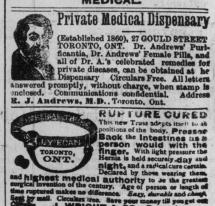
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