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Commencing the duties of editor of the Brantford Daily Courier when he had reached the age of 15 years, F. D. Reville, managing editor of that paper, has seen 34 years pass over his head while still wielding a trenchant pen. into that position, and has held it with

credit and vigor since. F. D. Reville was born in Oxfordshire, England, about the year 1865, and when but 15 years of age, came to this country, to join his uncle, the late Major Lemmon, owner of the Brantford Courier. It is admitted that his cleverness with the pen, combined with a thorough knowledge of Brantford's affairs, as well as those of the province and Dominion, place him in the front rank of Canadian journalists. He has always taken a deep interest in politics, following the Conservative persuasion, and he has been offered, on several occasions, the nomination for this riding, though this he always declined, as he did when offered the shrievalty, his feelings rebelling against the leaving of affairs journalistic. He is at the present time a director of the Brant Sanatorium for Tuthe Brantford General Hospital, and the Bell Memorlal, and he is also a member of the Brantford Golf Club and the Brantford Club.

DELHI, THE CAPITAL OF INDIA,

(From London Daily News.)

[London Daily News.] gigantic surprise packet upon a dumbfounded public in the shape of an announcement, by the King-Emperor at Delhi, that the seat of the Government of India would be situated in Delhi for the future. The colossal audacity of the proposal took the breath of India people outside of India who had not the faintest idea of what it meant it doubtless seemed a bold and imaginative move. Even in India there were a few-mostly Indian princes who imagined it would be more convenient to pay periodical visits to Delhi than to Calcutta-who honestly thought that

The opposition of Calcutta was, of course, whole-hearted and strenuous, but the advocates of the scheme were naturally able to represent-and did represent-that it was entirely due to pique. From my knowledge of local opinion I can honestly say that this element entered into the matter in a very subordinate degree. The main bjection of the Calcutta merchants. who were quite shrewd enough to see that it would make no difference to would entail. India, it cannot too betrayed? often be insisted upon, is a wretchedly poor country, and cannot afford the tuxury of a new imperial capital "made to order," as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says, together with the hundred and one other expenses which the change has entailed

Unending Expenditure.

For although the Government of India is not yet in a position to say what the new capital will cost-probably will never dare to say it straight outthe expenses of Delhi itself do not give any idea of the total cost of the enterprise to the Indian taxpayer. Three new governments have had to be created, and each of these must have its own paraphernalia in the shape of secretaries, members of council, government houses, council houses, high courts, etc .- adding to the general expenditure by many crores of rupees.

And then the hideous wastefulness of it! In Calcutta today there are gigantic Government buildings empty that have cost untold money to build and this is in a city where land can hardly be bought for money, so valuable is it. And the Government which has left these buildings empty is in the meantime building a temporary home of "lath and plaster" (again to quote Mr. Camsay MacDonald), which is "wasting the revenues of India like a famine.

As to the cost of the work in Delhi itself, the Government of India, in eight millions. The "Englishman" special correspondent, commenting upon this estimate, congratulates Mr. Mac-Donald upon being so sanguine, and assures him that no one in Delhi would venture to put it nearly so low!

The Inconvenience of Delhi. Last cold weather it was impossible to judge what Delhi was like as a legislative and administrative centre: for the nerves of the Government that session-that is, practically no legisla-

entirely deadening and soporific It is now more than two years since Whenever a member of the Governthe Government or India sprang its ment desires seriously to get into touch with the life of India, he comes quiet-

ernment of India is throwing up at Delhi literally regardless of expense, once wittily remarked, could easily be accommodated in a single Calcutta hotel, are steadily growing more obnoxious to public opinion in this country. And during the past few months a situation has grown as which lands.

A strange Highland legend is reago, that he had no more money for was in many ways a "character". education. Everybody is asking how The Aberdeenshire Scandal. education. Everybody is asking how the idispensable railway and other lessness, and its blind indifference to that it would make no difference to the their trade, was on account of the gigantic expense which they saw it folly into which it was in an evil hour

AT THE CAMPAIGN OF SUFFRAGISTS

Mrs. Pankhurst's Visit to Glasgow Did More Harm Than Good to Her Cause.

NEW SEARCH FOR GOLD

Centenary of Charles Mackay, the Great Journalist, has Been Remembered.

Glasgow.-We had lively scenes in

Glasgow recently when Mrs. Pank-hurst was billed to speak in St. Andrews Hall. The lady who knew she would be arrested if she spoke, recommending the change of capital to duly arrived and succeeded in eluding the secretary of state, airily reckoned three Scotland Yard detectives who it at four millions, including land and were waiting her arrival at the hall. buildings. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Police were in all parts of the auditorwho is the latest English visitor to ium and when Mrs. Pankhurst appearpublish his reflections upon the sub-ject, puts the cost at a minimum of form. The stairways were blocked, but the lads in blue from the Highlands promptly jumped up from the front. They discovered that the ladies were not defenceless. An innocent looking row of plants which had to be passed, were found to conceal a barbed wire fence. The cloth was whipped from the chairwoman's table to disclose many pails of water and all the women produced truncheons while one brandished a huge life preperson the outrage upon the viceroy as he was server of lead and another discharged ilding into the new capital so upset blank cartridges from a revolver. Efforts were of course made to secure practically nothing was done all that Mrs. Pankhurst's escape but the local session—that is, practically no legisla-tion was attempted, except an abortive battle with the suffragettes were keen effort to pass an amended companies on capturing the lady. Those who stood act. It was so badly done that the in the way, I am afraid, received rather rough treatment, but to interfere with *look at it, and finally the Government the police in the execution of their banquet, held this week, it was reof India, in a very bad temper, had to agree to part of it being kept back for another session.

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This year Delhi is more like its nor-This year Delhi is more like its normal self—and a terribly duli self it is indignant women. She refused to enter being discovered to be. The viceroy the cab and was put on the floor while has hardly spent a month there the as one lady indignantly observed. "the whole cold weather; and as many of police occupied the seats themselves." his secretaries and colleagues as have Meantime the other suffragettes probeen able to have followed his example. As for non-officials, it has been found practicelly impossible to induce them to stay at the place. The work of the Imperial Legislative Council is watched by the women but the police watched by the work the watched by the w being seriously interfered with, because quietly drove their prisoner by motor there are no non-official members of car to Coatbridge where she was put council, or hardly any, to make up the into the London train and so back to quorum of the various select commitquorum of the various select committies. It is universally agreed, by the
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for the most part well paid agitators who do not seem to care what happens so long as funds flow into the coffers of the people by whom they are paid. There is some talk of getting at the wealthy ladies who keep up the organization but if that were done there

wealthy ladies who keep up the organization, but if that were done there
would be more "martyrs."

To Baffin Bay for Gold.

A remarkable trip to the Arctic regions is being organized to trade in
Arctic furs and search for alluvial gold
in Raffin Land Some years ago a in Baffin Land. Some years ago a Dundee whaling seaman named Charles Smith was sent ashore from his vessel in Baffin Bay to obtain freshwater. He picked up two curious nuggets. On his return to Dundee he took them to a jeweler who declared they were gold and offered him a guinea apiece for them. Smith afterwards went to New-foundland to live and before he died gave to Mr. John Browning, of St. John's, a map of the place where he found the nuggets. Smith who was wharfinger of the Dundee Scaling and Whaling Company at St. John's, is de-clared to have been a reliable and truthful man. In 1912 the whaling steamer Algerine, was taken north by Captain Munn, but she met with disaster. The new expedition are out for gold of more than the alluvial kind, oil, whalebone, to take moving pictures, and to carry a company of sportmen numbering about a dozen who are to numbering about a dozen who are to contribute handsomely to the profits of the voyage in return for five meals a day, cigars, tobacco and the best of

A Perth Centenary.

Arrangements have been made to celebrate the centenary of Charles Mackay, who saw the light at Perth, on 27th March, 1814. Early in life he lost his mother and removed to a "lovely house" on the shores of the Forth near Newhaven, under the care of a nurse, "a bonnie and buxom lass of Falkirk." Later in life he went to London where he was under the care of the Rev. John Lees, a preacher with no "cure for souls," who preached to a very small Gaelic congregation for a very small salary. Young Mackay sat twice a Sunday to hear the popular Edward Irving, who was a great friend of Jane Welch, who afterwards became Mrs. Thomas Carlyle. Later Mackey joined his father in Brussels where he met Charles Lever. Returning to London he became a journalist and ly down to Calcutta, or, less quietly, across to Bombay.

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The Calcutta or, less quietly, a poet and a friend of Samuel Rogers and Thomas Campbell. In 1844 he was editor of "The Glasgow Argus." Two The enormous works which the Gov-rnment of India is throwing up at Delhi literally regardless of expense, Crown" which includes, "Cheer, boys away, and to the many unthinking of officials, who, as the "Statesman" and one of the most popular songs of and one of the most popular songs of

a situation has grown up which lends special point and emphasis to the scandal. The bumper years which India donald, a Braemar carpenter, who was it was not half a bad idea.

In Bombay the feeling of jealousy of Calcutta has always run ludicrously high, and when the citizens saw Calcutta flung on one side by the Government of India their delight knew no bounds. They led the acclamations which the Government interpreted as to be made to the famine-stricken donald, a Braemar carpenter, who was 80 years of age. Mr. Macdonald was one of the family of "Wolf Macdonald". The family has been connected with Glenclunie, Braemar, for many hundreds of years and is said to have sprung from a progenitor who, like to be made to the famine-stricken. bounds. They led the acclamations which the Government interpreted as signifying India's approval of its heedless step.

The opposition of Calcutta was of versity, when he was here a month walking from one job to another. He

> The reason of the hostile demonstra public works are going to be financed. tions against the Rev. J. A. Crawford And meanwhile the Government of India is pouring out money like water upon a scheme which is perfectly insane alike in its extravagance, its use-lessness and its blind india. the stern facts of India's necessity. Is There were only two members of the it possible that a Liberal Government church choir present on Sunday and many of the parishioners have left the church. Two policemen in plain clothes attended the service but there was no breach of the peace. The Duke of Sutherland is to sell a

great part of his Sutherlandshire estate. In October no less than 300,000 acres in the country will be disposed of to the highest bidder. The Duke owns close on 400,000 acres of deer forest in Sutherland yielding a revenue of £13,556 which at 25 years purchase works out at about 17s. per acre. The sale, which is to include the fishings reserved when an offer was made to the governmenet will show whether the offer of 200,000 acres at £2 per acre afterwards modified to 22s. 6d. was a bargain or a "job". Altogether the sale will be a record one for no such tract of country has ever been offered at auction in this country. It is rather singular that almost on the day that the coming sale was announced the Scottish Land Court issued a list of several hundred revaluations of rents on the Sutherland estate. In nost cases the rents were reduced; in a few cases there were increases In a note the Court pointed out that the estate to encourage good tenants have been in the habit of making improvements varying in cost from a few shillings to £80 without charging extra rent or interest. These improvements have been considered in fixing he new rents

Ministers' Pensions. Are clergymen entitled to pensions nless they are in need? This is the question that will doubtless be raised by the laity in connection with the posed fund of the Church of Scot land to provide ministers who reach the age of 70 with an old age pension of £100 a year. The Church aims at raising £180,000 and in two years they nave got £32,000. This the Dundee Presbytery considers satisfactory but t will be a long time before they reach the total. In short, there is a feeling even in the Presbyteries, that mendicancy on the part of ministers is a doubtful course, and that many clergymen should be able to save enough for old age. It would no doubt help many struggling congregations if they could get rid of men who had outlived their usefulness.

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naugurated. Banquets were recently held by the industrial classes of Grand Trunk shops and the night classes of the collegiate institute. At the latter night classes were begun three years ago, the season's record was only an aggregate of 3,000 hours of study. of the teachers, Mr. Mayberry, declared that despite this progress, the Stratford field was not half taken care of. There were many people still who needed teachers—yes, if the teachers were available, the classes could have ten times the present attendance, he declared. Parks And Playgrounds.

Parks and playgrounds have been given much attention by the Strat-

ry the streets over the water necks, of the house's Over \$50,000 has been spent on park Hanging on the bedpost was, Villa's adornment and the embellishment of vizored cap, and on a near-by table the river bed itself. Recently the park were his field glasses and revolver. area was added to by purchase of a block of land in the southern section reach of his hand. of the city. The winding Aron and the slitting timidly on the edge of a chair walks and drives along its banks links at the back of the room, was a plainthis with Avondale Park, the Collegiate Institute Grounds, Queen's Parka forty-acre paradise-and the new agricultural grounds of 40 acres, purchased a year ago last January. the agricultural grounds during the past year have been built an Exhibi-tion Hall and Bandstand. The officials are now laying out a half-mile track for speeding purposes. The Fall fair

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will be held there hereafter for three

days immediately following the West-

ern Fair, London.

Unreasonable Demands. "If that train isn't out of the station in five minutes," he snarled, 'I'll blow

your head off." for the delay. The engine's broken in

"That doesn't concern me," said Villa part, many of whom were educated at coldly. "I'm not an engineer—I'm a Harvard and Oxford and the Sorbonne soldier. If that train doesn't move in and who are at home in the best of you'll lose for your cause all the sym-will never sit in the presidential chair, five minutes you'll be dead." The train moved.

The condition of the room in which disorder which marks the present came messenger boys. stage of the revolution. Lined against Much of the remark the Legislative Council, that the ladies in the Legislative Council, that they are as dull as ditchwater. All the life has gone out of the council.

The reason simply is that Delhi is remote from all the currents that are stirring the life of India so powerfully today. It lies in the past, and its indiance upon those who frequent it is

inhabitants former

faced little woman with a black shawl drawn over her head, peasant fashion It was Villa's wife. In strange contrast to her cheap garments were the splendid rings which blazed on every finger of both hands. Still, I believe that the Spanish jewelry shops in Chihuahua were remarkably well stocked. Senora Villa is wholly illiterate, I understand, and when her husband is in the field she lives in a little house in the Mexican quarter of El Paso. If may be, however, that another year will see the little peasant woman with liamond laden fingers and the frightned eyes mistress of the palace at

Educated Advisers. My conversation with Villa was con-

apultepec. Who knows

goings of officers and officials, for the commander in chief is still too new at the business to intrust any decisions, no matter how unimportant, to his subordinates. The thing that impress-"But, general," expostulated the subordinates. The thing that impress-trembling official, "I'm not responsible ed me most, I think, was the fashion in which his advisers—cultivated, educated, polished men for the most society of half the world's capitalsstood, hat in hand, awaiting the orders of this illiterate ex-bandit and at his Villa received me was indicative of the bidding pocketed their dignity and be-

Much of the remarkable loyalty.

Always grim and sullen, when angered by anything, no matter how trival, becomes as ferocious as a wild beast. He has about as much regard for human life as a tiger. Here is an incident to illustrate my point:

Surveying the Captives.

After a recent rebel victory in northern Chihuahua four-score or so federal prisoners were lined up in the plaza for Villa's inspection. The rebel commander, hands thrust into the pockets of his frayed sack coat, sombrero pulled over his eyes, strode forward and sureyed the cowering captives. "Viva Villa!" he snapped.

"Viva Villa! Viva Villa!" The shrill cheer, dominated, however, by an un-mistakable note of fear, ran down the "You dogs!" he snarled. "You shout

Viva Villa!' today because I happen to be on top, but if I lost a battle tomorrow you'd be shouting 'Viva Huerta!

Then, turning to the commander of the guard: "Take them out and shoot stantly interrupted by the comings and them-and mind that you waste no ammunition. We've none to spare."

They arranged the prisoners in groups of five, as clos 3 together as they could stand, and a soldier placed the muzzle of his Mauser against the breast of the foreman in each ground-and pulled the trigger. In this way one bullet did the work of five.

pathy that it has gained in the United States. The report of these wholesale executions are leaving a bad taste in the mouths of Americans."

Those that I have executed deserved all they got," said Villa, with a sudden hardening of the muscles about the "Some of them helped to bemouth. tray Madero; others were prisoners whom I had paroled and whom I had caught with arms in their hands. But that stage of the campaign is over now. Hereafter we shall conduct the war along more executions except in aggravated cases—I give you my word as patroit, to that."

sent to Villa by Felix Diaz was taken out of that very room where we sat and shot to death beneath the very window out of which I had been looking. It made a most unpleasant mess in the little garden.

As I rose to take my departure, Villa, though obviously in considerable pair

stood up and took my hand. "Good-by, general," I said. "Perhaps he next time we meet it will be in the ity of Mexico in the national palace. His eyes flamed. "In the City Mexico, perhaps," he answered, "if God let me live to reach there. But in the national palace—never. I have no wish to be president. Who am I to rule a country? I have no education for such a post. For eighteen years I was an outlaw with a price on my life. It was not until I was in prison in the capital, two years ago, that I taught myself to read and write. And my wife cannot read and write at all. am no politician. I am a fighting man. I am fighting to free my country from the rule of a despot and to avenge the murder of Madero, who believed in me and befriended me. And I shall never rest until I have settled that score." And, unless a knife or a bullet cuts

short his career, I don't believe that he will. Whether this former outlaw, who less than a year ago, slipped out of El Paso with a revolver in his belt and only time can tell. Far stranger things have happened below the Rio Grande, as those who are familiar with the history of Porfirio Diaz know. And Villa is but following the path that

'As I turned my horse's head toward the river and El Paso I caught a glimpse above the housetops of the great bronze statute of Juarez, the liberator, standing on his marble pedestal, looking southward over Mexico. And, as I rode back into civilization again, I wondered what that great patroit, were he alive again, would think about this bloody, bloody busi-Twenty-four hours later a messenger ness.

