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The World.

Prince Albert Victor, heir presumptive to the British throne, attained his majority on Thursday, the 8th inst. The event was celebrated throughout England with public demonstrations.

Of making many books there is no end. The number published in England last year is said to have been 6,373—theological, 724; juvenile, 603; fiction, 408. Books on art and science show a great increase over 1883.

Some of the achievements of Mr. Stewart Cumberland in mind reading are extraordinary, if we may trust current reports. One of his latest exploits is said to have been to mark out on a map of Africa the exact route which Mr. Stanley, the explorer, had determined in his own mind to follow, on his next visit to the dark continent. In this he is said to have been perfectly successful, of course under the usual conditions in regard to contact, etc. with the subject of the experiment.

Fresh dynamite explosions continue to startle the people of England from week to week. The latest sensation is that caused by an attempt to blow up the railway tunnel, near the Gower street station. A happy but very remarkable circumstance in connection with all the attempts yet made, is the trifling amount of harm done compared with what may be supposed to have been the deadly designs and expectations of the perpetrators.

Should the recent discoveries of coal at Crowfoot Crossing and at other points in the Northwest Territories, fulfil the expectations raised, and especially should any of it prove a real anthracite, one of the hardest problems in regard to Canada's great western heritage will be solved. There is no doubt that in any case, the Rocky Mountains are a great storehouse of valuable mineral deposits of various kinds, whose discovery and development will be the work of decades, if not of centuries yet to come.

Madame Clovis Hugues, who deliberately shot and killed Mr. Morin, after fifteen months' premeditation, in revenge for alleged calumnies which he persisted in circulating, has been acquitted by a Parisian jury. Forge, member of the Chamber of Deputies, was so emphatic in his praise of the deed that the Judge rebuked him severely in open court. "Killing no murder," if done by a female hand and in retaliation for a certain class of offences, seems to be a part of the unwritten law of the two great republics.

The recent vote in favour of the abolition of tax exemptions in Toronto, probably indicates the beginning of a movement which will spread rapidly through the towns and cities of Canada. It is a movement in the direction of what is right and fair to all tax-paying citizens. The members of Churches and philanthropic societies should be the last to wish to shirk any of the burdens of citizenship. Nor is there any valid reason for exception in the case of Government properties and offices. All are benefitted by civic improvements; all share in the protection provided by city ratepayers, and all should be willing to bear their share of the burdens of citizenship.

The recent changes in the French war office are supposed to indicate the inauguration of a more vigorous Chinese policy. It is rumoured that France will even go through the formality of declaring war against the nation with whose forces her armies have been fighting for months past. Meanwhile telegrams from China dwell upon the difficulties which beset the French troops in consequence of sickness and inadequate transport facilities, and China is said to be active in adding recruits to her armies and strengthening her fortifications at all exposed points. Her military operations are said to be largely under the direction of German officers, numbers of whom, it is alleged, are still going thither under assumed names or in the guise of missionaries.