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LEARNED persons are now calculating the amount of connection which existed between the recent earthquake and the eclipse of the sun which took place last Sunday.

The announcement made in the Imperial Parliament last night by the Postmaster-General to the effect that the establishment of a mail route "from Ireland by way of British North America and the far east," may mean via Queenstown or Lough Foyle.

The barracks in Paris known as "La France Nouvelle," and commemorating old times and the old regime were recently ordered to be renamed.

The Ottawa Free Press is horrified at the conduct of Mr. Baskerville, M.P.P., because he did not propose the health of the Queen at a private luncheon given to the Irish lacrosse team.

SOME time ago it was stated that an Italian had exhibited a method by means of which electric communication could be kept up between two points wholly unconnected.

The Toronto aldermen seem to have a very good opinion of themselves and to estimate their public worth at perhaps a higher rate of value than the citizens.

expenses, describing the change, and sent to each of them as an heirloom. In view of the uncertainty of mortal career, which ends sometimes disastrously, it would perhaps be well to leave this kind of commemoration to be put up by an admiring posterity.

The secret history of such affairs as are now in progress on the Balkans is never known until many years after their taking place. If the true inwardness of the present political game were known it would probably be amusing as showing the "ways that are dark" in diplomacy.

The sudden suppression of Sir Edward Thornton, British Minister at Constantinople, at the present juncture is very significant. Sir Edward Thornton is a good diplomatist, but his chief sphere of work has been in Western Europe, and much of it in the United States, where diplomacy, if it is called into play at all, does not require to rise above mediocrity, and where, if it does, is generally handed over to "high joints."

Extremes always meet and those ultra Unionists who contend in favor of what they term "Federation of the Empire" are perhaps unconsciously greatly aiding the cause of Home Rule for Ireland.

The completion of the great Cathedral of St. Peter is a work in which the whole Province is interested. But, naturally, the greatest amount of practical support must be looked for from the city, and therefore the plan of holding a gigantic bazaar in aid of the building is a very wise one.

The Halifax Chronicle announces that there are four hundred houses under sale for taxes in that city. It sums up the provincial position as follows, and it alludes very strongly to one grievous cause for complaint Nova Scotia has against the Dominion.

The unveiling of the statue of Joseph Brant on Monday will be an interesting event in a double sense. He certainly was a brave and faithful Indian, and bore, in his own way, no small part in the history of the country at a critical time.

vinces, this is the one that ought to be studied thickest with them. The hall has been set rolling at Three Rivers, but when we see to see in Montreal Quebec and elsewhere the effigies of those great men of old to whom Canada owes her present position.

The sea serpent has appeared again. This time he has turned up in the Hudson river, and his appearance was of the conventional order, with "devilish" eyes and the usual tendency to spout something dreadful. The very interesting and long telegraphic despatch on the subject says it looked like "shavings," but evidently it must have been sulphurous flames.

LORD SALISBURY is a distinguished scientist and especially an electrician. His ancestor was Prime Minister, or corresponding official, to Queen Elizabeth, and his mansion, Hatfield House, so often visited by that virago, is lighted on an electrical system of his own invention.

A RATHER funny quarrel, or as it is described "intercine dissension," has been taking place in the ranks of that abominable nuisance the Salvation Army.

In the history of missionary work there is no nobler record than that of the martyrs de Brebeuf, Lallemand and their companions. The terrible, but fascinating, story of their glorious deaths is one familiar to all and needs no recapitulation.

The rumor that a proclamation has been secretly circulated in the Punjab inciting the Sikhs to insurrection is highly probable in view of the recent vagaries of Dhaul Singh.

when he posed as an English "country gentleman" at Elvedon Hall. He has renounced Christianity and returned to the Prophet's faith, but in a modified form. He is in fact a "reformer" who would have delighted the heart of a Luther.

If imitation be the sincerest kind of flattery and Mr. Chagnon's tales of immorality in the Ottawa departments be true, then it would seem that there are those at Washington who desire to flatter us, or perhaps we ought to say our system of departmental economy.

PARNELL'S AMENDMENT.

The fate of Mr. Parnell's amendment in the House of Commons, last night, shows more conspicuously than ever that no real dependence can be placed on many of those who profess to be friends of Ireland at a pinch.

PARNELL'S AMENDMENT.

The rules of Parliament have become so fossilized by precedent piled on precedent that it is impossible for any government to ride rough shod over a minority of it is a determined one.

BULGARIA.

The "Bulgarian Atrocities" of which we used to hear so much seem to have been succeeded by Bulgarian political pantomimes.

his "affectionate and grateful" subjects, he immediately pens a letter, couched in terms of humble sarcasm to his persecutor, thanking him for his action, and promising "unalterable devotion."

MISREPRESENTATION.

The whole course of Canada goes to show that what she wants is a new treaty, by the terms of which the United States might pay a good round sum for the privilege of shipping men and landing cargoes in Canadian ports.

THE BROTHERS SQUABBLING.

The "County Master" of the Orangemen in Frontenac has a grievance. He and his friends imagined they had discovered a dreadful conspiracy aimed at their rights and liberties, and a blood or fire resolution was sent to the Minister of Justice stating that "the Government servants in the Kingston Penitentiary, who belong to the Orange order, had been forbidden by the department to wear their regalia, and march in procession," and three "being all sorts of evil things."

THE GRAND TRUNK.

Notwithstanding the systematic attacks upon the Grand Trunk and the organized attempts to decay it and injure its standing in England and its business here, it is able to announce a credit balance of £30,000 for the past fiscal half year.

of faith on the part of the public in submitting opposition, and in spite of other channels of competition, the road has stood firm, the result, as announced, is very gratifying. We have no doubt that the public will, with ourselves, hope that the present improvement will continue.

A HINT FOR THE BRITISH.

An American once undertook to govern Ireland well, and make it a peaceable and prosperous island by contract, if the British would let it out to him. How far this scheme would have succeeded we cannot say, but it is a pity that the Government cannot borrow a Prime Minister who is at present serving the Emperor of Austria and put the affairs of Ireland into his hands.

THE JURY SYSTEM IN PERIL.

That great "palladium of public liberty," the jury system, seems falling into a sad disrepute. While it is very properly made the subject of the severest criticism, eventually take place which show that only can a jury fail to protect, but that it also prove a channel of the gravest inquiry.