AN UNSCRUPULOUS ORGAN.

"Anything to beat the Government" is Opposition. In order to make a point vantage, not only misstates facts and sup ready to sacrifice truth, principle and consistency. Two or three settlers in Saan- what it knows to be politically unsound ich are dissatisfied with the manner in and constitutionally wrong? which they have been treated in a road dispute, such as occurs in almost every ttlement in the Dominion, and they foolishly applied to the Lieutenant Governor for redress. Instead of discouraging such an application, as is the duty of every man who places any intelligent estimate on responsible government, the Times makes a mountain out of this mole-hill, treats it as if it were a great constitutional question, and leads its some explanation of marking and its object should be given in order to prevent mass purchasion. per to ask the Governor to interfere in a mere departmental matter of no general importance whatever. If the practice which the organ of the Opposition encourages should become general and if the courages should become general and if the in schools, they are now looked upon as Governor could be induced to act as it indispensable.

Many of my readers, on recalling their Many of my readers, the old but tries to make its readers believe he ought to act in this matter, the heads of departments would be transformed into mere clerks and responsible Government would dwindle into a figment. We wish that we could think that the organ of the Opposition is so ignorant of the principles of responsible government as to believe in the doctrine it lays down. This we are satisfied is not the case. We are forced to the conclusion that it deliberately approves of a practice which it knows is improper and dangerous, and which it would proper and dangerous, and which it would beld by each pupil for a given time, as a week, and at the end of the week, by emn in the severest and the most contemptuous terms if it were resorted to by its political opponents. A more flagrant example of unscrupulous journalism than this of which the Times has been guilty it would be impossible to adduce. The Times is careful to say very little

of the merits of the case of the Saanich interviewers. It suits its purpose in order to do all the injury it can to the Government to suppress the truth. It says nothing about the importance of the case which they had seen fit to submit to the Governor, of what had been done with regard to it by former Chief Commissioners, or even of its nature. It supilluding to the matter of complaint in terms that are both general and ambiguous. It says: "The grievances of these Saanich farmers have been laid be-Saanich farmers have been laid before the Chief Commissioner of
Lands and Works without result. The

ing deportment. If a pupil has not received reproof or punishment, he will be
entitled at the close of the day to a relantic Steamers Before Subsiroad boss has frequently been implored to do his duty but to please a political friend he has refused to act." It does about which the chief complaint is made was closed by Chief Commissioner Walkem formally on the 21st of October, 1881, and that each Chief Commissioner since, although repeatedly and urgently requested to reopen the road by the leading petitioner, has refused to accode to his request to reopen the road by the leading petitioner, has refused to accode to his request to which the matter. There have been Chief Commissioners of both political parties in office since the road which was closed and they all, no matter how much they may have differed on other subjects, agreed that it was not in the public interest to reopen the road which Mr. Walkem had closed. It is hard to see what the road boss had to do in the matter. It is certainly not in his power to open new roads. The second case is somewhat different. The main road in order to avoid a swamp was made to deviate alightly from the range line. Since then the owners of the land in the property of the teachers were to found some who, from inemet will be come to the property made to delive more to make out the second case is somewhat different. The main road in order to avoid a swamp was made to deviate alightly from the range line. Since then the owners of the land have drained the swamp and now one of the large fatiguing, from monthly examinations; and will others, to render the matter. It is certainly not in his power to open new roads. The second case is somewhat different. The main road in order to avoid a swamp was made to deviate alightly from the range line. Since then the owners of the land have drained the swamp and now one of the large fatiguing, from monthly examinations; and will others, to render the matter less fatiguing, from monthly examinations. In very many instances the matter less fatiguing, from monthly examinations. not tell its readers that the piece of road about which the chief complaint is made

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And that the suggestion should be made by a journal calling itself Liberal show hat those who inspire it are either den y ignorant or utterly unscrupulous. What confidence can the public have in a journal widently the motto of the organ of the which, to gain a small and temporary ad presses truth, but advocates what is dismetrically opposed to its principles, and

DAILY MARKING.

To THE EDITOR: -The question of daily marking in schools has been so frequently of late brought to the notice of the public through the press, and has been dealt with in such a fiercely denunciatory style in certain quarters, that those unacquaint ed with the subject may possibly be mis-

misapprehension.

At the outset, it is taken for granted

week, and at the end of the week, and at the short balancing his merits against his demerits an "order of merit" was determined for the following week. To do this, teachers were required to keep accounts, and thus the marking system was introduced.

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The above-mentioned plan of keeping a school record determined the diligence and progress of a pupil by his "place" in class, but the more modern system of registration (that used in our schools) is less laborious, better adapted to large classes, and gives not only the relative position of a pupil in his class, but sets a numerical value on each recitation in reference to a maximum standard of perfection. The number usually adopted as a standard is "5." Supposing the pupil to recite lessons in a subject daily, he will (if able to recite to the teacher's entire satisfaction) obtain 25 marks for that subject each week, or 100 every month—there being

week, or 100 every month—there being about twenty school days in the month. The principle of the system is not affected by the number of lessons given. This system is also available for record-

cord of "5."

At the end of each month, the mark obtained in deportment and in all sub-jects of study are added up and the sum placed under the heading "total." It is from this list of totals that an order of

of the Opposition prescribes for his Honor the Lieut.-Governor of this province. it has now come to be used as "s wise educational expedient."

ucational expedient."
In conclusion, I feel justified in saying that he who faithfully and intelligently uses a system of daily marking for a period of one or two years will find it to be such an aid both to himself and his pupils that he could not be induced to discard it.

Victoria, Feb. 16th, 1889. WESTMINSTER NEWS.

The Annexation of the Suburb of Sapperton
—Presentation to Mrs. W. H. Keary—Th
Quarantine at Bute Inlet to be Raised.

Westminster, Feb. 18.—At a special neeting of the city council on Friday, a etition from the majority of the rate-ayers of Sapperton was received asking lat suburb be annexed to Westminster. On motion the extension of the city limits to include Sapperton was incorpor-ated among the amendments asked to the

ated among the amendments asked to the city charter.

Mrs. W. H. Keary, organist at St. Peter's R. C. Cathedral, was presented yesterday afternoon with a gold watch and chain in appreciation of her services.

The Masonic ball on Wednesday evening promises to be one of the best ever held in the city. A large number are expected from Victoria and Vancouver to take part.

Since the police made their last haul in Chinatown the petty thieving, which had become so prevalent, has entirely ceased. The police report that the city is free from suspicious charactrs.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a Knights of Pythias Lodge in this city, is called for Monday even-

Mr. Tupper Introduces a Bill Respecting Unseaworthy and Undermanned Ships.

lantic Steamers Before Subsidizing Pacific Steamers.

Customs Officers Perquisites in Danger

made to deviate alightly from the range line. Since then the owners of the land have drained the swamp and now one of the settlers wants the Chief Commissioner to cut a road through the land that the enterprising and industrious owners have reclaimed. This the Commissioner has very properly refused to do. He has offered to give the persons who feel aggrieved all the road accommodation he can without infringing on the rights of others, but they are not satisfied with this. They are bound to have their own way no matter who suffers.

It is to be observed that the representatives of the district have not used their influence to get these petitioners what they wanted. If their requests were reasonable this would not be the case. A member is always ready to help a counstituent in the way of extending to him road accommodation. If he is a supporter he does this to retain his support, if for nothing else, and if he is an opponent he will help him if he possibly can with the hope of making a convert. So much is this the case that we have often heard the work of pupils and to assist the supporters of government complain—

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tion with some questionable financial transaction, was to-day debarred from the English courts in consequence of his having embezzled considerable sums of money belonging to his clients. It is hinted criminal proceedings will shortly be brought against Dodds, together with actions looking to the recovery of the abstracted funds. CABLE NEWS Read Upon the Re-ope

of Parliament Government will Ask for a Loan One Hundred Million Pounds to

The French Ministry Still Unforme M. Meline Unable to Construct a Cabinet.

Increase the Navy.

London, Feb. 17.-It is now admit persons in ministerial confidence that Queen's speech, which will be read in rliament next Thursday, will make esand recommend a conference between the accredited representatives of the interested governments for the purpose of settling the disputed questions. The chief clause of the speech, however, will be one requesting Parliament to grant funds without delay to increase the efficiency of the navy. Admiral Colomb has been selected as the member to second the adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and he will take occasion to impress upon the minds of his colheld in the city. A large number are to pected from Victoria and Vancouver to take part.

The smallpox quarantine at Bute Inlet will be raised on Wednesday, if no fresh cases have broken out.

(From the Columbian.)

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we regret to learn of the death of Mrs. S. G. Matthews (mother of Mrs. C. J. Robson of this city,) which occurred at home in Brantford, Ontario, on the 7th that the German government is dispote to suspend hostilities in Samoa during London, Feb. 18.—The Standard's Ber inst.

Dr. Fagan returned from Port Haney to day, and reports that all the diphtheria patients are convalescent, and there have been no fresh cases for two weeks. Only two houses are now quarantined.

There is a very healthy movement in the state of the belligerents' possessions be marked and respectively. ents' possessions be marked and respected. This cannot be done officially, however, because Germany regards Matsafa as a rebel leader and not as a king. The Frankfort Gazette suggests that all three governments interested should recall their present Samaan accepts.

less, endeavor to raise a debate on the subject, during which Mr. Balfour will be handled without gloves.

London, Feb. 17.—The relations be LONDON, Feb. 17.—The relations between President Carnot and Lord Lytton, British ambassador to France, have become very much strained on a point of etiquette, upon the observance of which Madame Carnot has insisted. Lord Lytton refuses to yield the point, and a painful coolness between the President and the ambassador is the result.

London, Feb. 18.—Jem Smith and Charley Mitchell have aigned articles to box 10 rounds on April 1st, for \$200 s

Berlin, Feb. 17.—It is stated that the government is willing to settle the Samoan difficulty on the basis of joint English, American and German control of Samoa.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—M. Moline is experiencing considerable embarrassment in his
efforts to construct a cabinet. M. Waldec
Rousseau has refused to accept a portfolio,
and M. De Freycenet has only indefinitely promised to accept the ministry of
foreign affairs. M. Rouvier has agreed
to take the ministry of the interior, and
Senator Ernest Boulanger is mentioned

by an Explosion

Great Rowing Match. Great Rewing Match.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Efforts are being made to arrange a rowing match of the Thames between Australian, American and English crews of eight. Several of the leading English carsmen have signified their willingness to participate, and it is understood that correspondence has been opened with representative American and Australian scullers with a view to concluding terms. It is desired that the prizes shall be larger than any hitherto competed for in a similar contest.

London, Feb. 18.—It is announced that the Government will proceed immediately upon the reassembling of Parliament with bills providing for drainage and the granting of state aid to rail-ways in Ireland.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—It is reported the government will introduce a bill in the coming session of parliament for a loan of £100,000,000, for the purpose of increasing the navy. Twenty men of war, fifty cruisers and a number of torpedo boats will be built.

DUBLIN, Feb. 18.—In consequence of the trial of Wm. O'Brien at Trales to-day. the trial of Wm. O'Brien at Traise to-day, a large extra force of police and military was present, and people were strictly forbidden to assemble in any part of town upon any pretext. O'Brien was pale and somewhat emaciated. During the hearing Timothy Healy, counsel for O'Brien, called Col. Turner a sneak. The magistrate ordered Healy to retract his words, but he refused to do so, whereupon he was forcibly ejected from the room, and the court abruptly adjourned. More Arrests.

DUBLIN, Feb. 18.—Four more persons thave been arrested in connection with the murder of police inspector Martin at Gweedore. The police are in possession of the names of one hundred persons who were in the crowd at the time Martin was killed, and it is probable the whole of them will be averted.

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The Rumer of Stanley's Beath.

London, Feb. 18.—The evening papers here place no credit in the report published in the Paris Petit Journals, that Henry M. Stanley has been killed by natives in Africa.

Snow in Paris in April. The entries cleaning department soon had all their laborers on the spot, helping to clear away the ruins, and the work of rescue went on steadily all day and evening.

The first prize will represent a value of went on steadily all day and evening.

THE LATEST DETAILS.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Senator Tongeon is dead. He represented the department The French Cabinet.

Paris, Feb. 18.—M. De Freycinet has declined to accept a portfolio in Meline's new cabinet.

The Philipine Islands.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—The American minister and other foreign representatives here are trying to persuade the government to allow greater facilities for foreigners desiring to invest capital in land on the Philipine Islands and other Spanish papers oppose this idea, and highly approve of the government's measures encluding foreigners, which, they say enables Spain to avoid diplomatic confincts. The government has opened negotiations with Spain, which do not expire? until 1892, with a view of inducing them to assent to a modification of the treaties. This step has been taken in the hope that the government will thus be enabled to make concessions to the protectionists, who are pressing Prime Minister Sagasta to relieve the duties on foreign imports.

MUNICH, Feb. 18.—It has been proved beyond doubt that King Otto is hopelessly insane. His malady recently took a favorable turn, encouraging hope of his ultimate recovery, but he has relapsed into his former condition with symptoms of increasing mental derangement. The Philipine Islands

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Three-fourths of our people are troubled with Dyspepsia or Liver Complaint in some form or other, which by nature of the London, Feb. 18.—The Cologne Guestic, in an elaborate article on the white book recently issued, declares that the independent reports of the three German consults a Samoa, prove conclusively that the Samoan troubles were brought about by the illegal and overbearing existing of action of the stomach or fiver (upon which the intervention) of German, has really become the Americans there, and claims that the intervention of German, has really brought peace to the islands. The article characterisms the with book as bearing the window and a short in the Samoan prought and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in dependent of the resources of, and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent of the resources of, and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in the sequence of the security segment of the resources of, and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent of the resources of, and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent of the resources of, and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent of the resource of, and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent of the resource of and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent of the resource of and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent of the resource of, and a careful chronicler of all new enterprises of importance in depondent in the Samoan troubles were brought about by the illegal and correct on the second within the limits of Oregon, weakington, Montana, Habb, Erittan consults of the stomach or resource within the limits of Oregon, weakington, Montana, Habb, Erittan consults of the stomach or resource within the limits of the support of the stomach or resource within the limits of the support of the stomach or resource within the limits of the country of the support of the stomach or resource within the limits of the country of t

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

A Five-Story Hotel Totally Demolished

And the Guests Buried in the Ruins-Nineteen
People Taken Out Dead, Ten Injured,
and Twenty Four More Yet in the
Debris.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 18.—The main portion of the Park Central Hotel, at High and Allyn streets, was demolished at five o'clock this morning by what is supposed to have been a boiler explosion, although it is not positively known what caused the shock. The building was levelled to the ground and the sleeping guests in the rooms in the upper floor dropped down in the midst of the debris, which immediately took fire. The firemen were unable to get at any of the victims until 9 o'clock, when several dead bodies were taken out, and shortly after that hour several of the injured were reached. The list of dead taken from the ruins up to 8 p.m. is as follows: D. H. Buell, jeweller, Hartford; George Laines, colored porter; J. G. Engler, drug clerk, Hartford; John W. Housman, traveller for the Revere Rubber Company of Boston; J. C. Hill, Buffalo, N. Y., commercial traveller; Louis H. Brenson, secretary of the Hartford Stove Company, wife and young daughter of the landlord; Willie Ketchum, aged 11, son of the landlord; Geo. W. Root, aged 60, of Brockport, N. Y., traveller for Waite, Williams & Co., of Boston; A. H. Tilletson, traveller for the Meryll Chemical Co., of Cincinnati; an unknown, 40 years old, brown hair, slightly bald, heavy moustache, light eyes; unknown man, 40 years, black hair, moustache and goatee, weight about 200 pounds; two more bodies, a man and a woman, were in sight, making a total of 16. List of the injured weight about 200 pounds; two more bodies, a man and a woman, were in sight, making a total of 16. List of the injured at the hospital: Helen Leport, New Britain; Rachael Cramer, Avon; Jacob B. Turpin, colored barber; W. M. Gay, Bayonne, N. J., a New York agent of the Higannum Manufacturing Co.; Henry Steffet, a Philadelphia commercial travellar. Wellington Katchum, preprietor

Antarctic Expedition

London, Feb. 17.—A wealthy Norwegian resident of New Zealand is now in Europe for the purpose of organizing a Norwegian Antarctic expedition.

Bill Australian government will grant a sufficient subsidy to the enterprise to fit out two steamers, and expects to raise the balance of the money necessary in the continental capitals. The object of the expedition to the Emperory busined the continental capitals.

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relieve them. The lower hoot of data to the Roots warehouse was converted into a temporary morgue, where the coroner, medical examiner and assistant physicians cared for the victims until the dead could be identified and the injured removed to the hopital. Most of the bodies bear comparatively few marks of hurns. Death in the discussion.

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HARTPORD, Count., Feb. 18.—Three more bodies have been recovered up to midnight. They are those of Max Galody, proprietor of the Hartford Herald, his wife, and Mrs. Andrew F. Whiting. Mrs. Whiting's body is burned to a crisp. The body of S. J. C. Pendleton, of In-The body of S. J. C. Pendleton, of Indianapolis, who was soliciting subscriptions for Hendrick's monument, is known to be in the ruins; also those of A. F. Whiting, actuary of the Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Co., Rev. Dr. L. Perrin and wife, and night clerk Ed. Perry. The cause of the disaster was undoubtedly the explosion of the boller in the basement. The engineer goes away at midnight, banking the fires. He has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter. His name is Alex. Thuer. It is conjectured that Gains, the porter, may have started the pumps and caused the explosion by turning cold water into an overheated boiler, but as he is dead no light is likely to be thrown on this sub-

AMERICAN NEWS.

The Soal Fisheries Bill. Washington, Feb. 18.—In the House to-day the bill to provide for the better protection of fur seals and salmon fisheries of Alaska passed its third reading, but was afterwards recommitted with instructions to the committee on fisheries to report back with amendment, reducing the term of lease from 20 to 10 years, and authorizing any person to bring suit against lessees to recover \$10 for every seal taken in excess of the number fixed by law.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Famine is prevailing in a portion of the interior of Russia. Many persons have died from starvation in the Government of Orenburg.

DOES IT PAX 7

New York, Feb. 18.—The task of selecting jurymen for the trial of ex Pressurer Thos. B. Kerr, of the Broad

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