Fatal Accident at the Falls.

Niagara: Falls, Oat., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Milton Waters, a well-known young man residing in this town, met with a violent death on the cantilever bridge on Friday night Waters, who was employed by the Onedia Community Company, limited, on the American side, was coming home over the bridge as a train was passing over. He attempted to tump on, but was struck by a switch and thrown under the wheels. One arm and one leg were cut off. He also received severe cuts on his head. The accident happened on the American end of the bridge. Dr. Campbell, Dr. McCarthy, and Dr. Talbut attended to Waters, and dressed his injuries. He survived the shock and hemorrhage but an hour. Before he died he said he was solely responsible for the accident, as he did not notice the switch. The body was brought home iate to-night.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 15.—The following Australian advices were brought by the Miowera:—New Zealand was visited on Saturday and Sunday, August 17th and 18th, by severe earthquarkes, which did great damage at Taupo. The shocks lasted for several hours, gradually decreasing in severity. All the inhabitants camped out for the night, as falling chimneys and portions of houses rendered it unsafe to stay indoors.

Bault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 15—While testing the upper gates of the new locks by filling the pit with water, an upheaval of masonry of the mitroil took place, letting water in between the first and second courses of stone. The repairing of it will entail a heavy expense to the Government, as the top layer of masonry, timber work, and valves will have to be taken up and replaced.

metted \$25,236. This has been sent to England from year to year, less the cost of collection. It is significant that, of late years the amount realized has sensibly diminished. For 1835 the yoyalties amounted to \$1,235, whereas in 1891 they reached \$4,657. This fact is quoted by the opponents of Canadian control of copyright to prove that the protection afforded by this country is illusory. But the good faith of Canada is shown by the fact that it offered to give the British author a much better protection in the shape of stamp duties instead of the less effective means of collecting a royalty that now exists.

The Separate School difficulty here is giving rise to a discussion among Catholics on the educational facilities afforded to their children. The frankness with which the matter is being ventilated augurs well for reform. A leading Catholic in Saturday's Citizen lays the responsibility for the partial feiture of Ottawa's Separate schools upon the Christian Brothers rather than upon the system. He contends that throughout Ontario, where lay teachers are employed, the best results follow. It is pointed out that in the past the Brothers have ranked among the best educationists of the world, but of late years, in Ottawa at least, they have failen far behind in the race. The reason for this is that they have persistently refixed to adopt modern methods. Another reasons is that the moet successful teachers among the Brothers are taken to Montreal to give instruction in their college there, which has a first-class reputa-

Brothers are taken to Montreal to give instruction in their college there, which has a first-class reputation as a scholastic institution. The writer contends that as the clergy have not interfered in the present instance to prevent reform, they have thereby demonstrated that they are in favour of the best possible teaching that can be obtained. This practical admission on the part of the Church that the responsibility for the quality of the education supplied rests with the trustees must result in a larger demand for Catholic lay teachers, and as supply is governed by demand, we may look forward to a freer use of the Normal schools by Catholics who hope to become teachers, and a better understanding between the two communities in consequence of this comminging. Speaking at the Richmond Fair to the agriculturists of Carleton county on Friday, Sir Charles H. Tupper made a patriotic appeal to Canadians to have faith in their country, "This is a season," he said, "when for whatever cause you are met together, you must, as Canadian s, reflect upon national themes which suggest themselves, and which find a responsive echo in the breast of every man and child, It is a time auspicious in the history of this country, a time when we are filled with hope, filled, indeed, with pride. We have much to contemplate that should give us satisfaction. In all countries there are difficulties to everycome and difficulties to face, but I say with all sincerity, I say with profound conviction, that there are few people who bave successfully battled with the difficulties we have met, and are filled with stouter hearts to meet them in the future, than are the people of Canadia to a supposition in the latture than are the people of Canadia to a supposition in the latture than are the people of Canadia to a supposition in the latture than are the people of Canadia to a supposition of the supposition in the latture than are the people of Canadia to a supposition of the supposition in the latture than are the people of Canadia to a suppos

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"Yes, we see curious things once in a while," said a San Pedre fisherman. "A few days ago I made a trip over the Santa Catalina channel for a load of abalones that they pile up at the isthmus for me every few months, and when I got off there about ten miles I saw a big loon sting on what seemed like a par.

"But while I watched, it seemed to fall off, then circled around several times and alighted again, etaining its position with much difficulty.

"We slowly drifted until we were within fity feet of it, when I saw what the roost was—not a spar at all, but a big fab—one of those follows the Italians call the luna, because it is like the moon.

"The fish lay almost flat on the water, with one big fin sticking out, the other being under water, and the weight of the bird made it ils over to one side. As we neared it the bird rose up and flew away and the fish straightened up.

"I saw something about as curious last year," continued the fisherman. "In August the waters of the islands of here from San Clements up are filled with fish that are spawning. The water will then be covered in places with small birds that look like snips.

"On this trip I kept my eye out for whales. When about half way over, right in midehannel, I saw the spout of a hig gray whale and the next minute saw the back of the whale, shout twenty feet of it, black as ink, on the blue water. To my surprise it did not disappear and I soon concluded that the big creature was either asleep or lying on the surface sunning itself." "As we came nearer I saw at least-fifty little birds running about on its back.

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"They ran up and down just as they would on a beach, and it occurred to me that it was not an accident, but that there was some understanding between the whale and the birds; in other words, the whale hew that the birds were relieving him of many parasites that it could not get rid of in any other way and consequently submitted to their running over it.
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"On another occasion, as I was cruising down by Rhasenada, I ran into a little bay one day and saw what I supposed to be a log floating on the surface. On it were numerous birds, walking about, others apparently asleep. As we ran in nearer I saw that it was a big, sea turtle, asleep on the surface, and the birds had alighted upon its broad back as they would have done upon floating timber."

There are other sea jockeys than those mentioned. The writer some time ago caught a large hammerhead shark off Redondo beach. The big creature towed the boat about for nearly an hour, and when brought in sight of the boat it was seen to have several riders—Sh, almost pure black and a foot in length—which were attached to the shark.

They were clinging to the shark by a curious suckar on the back of the head that resembled the slats of a Venetian blind, and the succion was so powerful

THE BAFFLED BICYCLE





into the library and rest a bit while I take my packages and pocket-book upstairs, then I must run over to the butcher's for a minute."

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"An excuse, dear. I wanted to send in an advertisement at once; I didn't dare to call the police, and I knew he would never recognize me as Z 24,008 or some such number. When I got back I asked if he had rested well, and he said: "No, just after you left my brother Dan called me up by telephone and asked if you had lost your ring and pocket-book.""

"How on earth did Dan know?"

"Isaid. "Wh-at?" and he repeated it, adding proudly: I said that my wife was too careful to do such a thing; that she had just gone up to put her pocket-book away."

"When I caught my breath I asked why Dan had inquired and he said that a seetly-looking man was trying to sell him first a ring and then a pocket-book which looked just like mine and that he had detained him until he asked."

"And if you had only told your husband you would have gotten them."

"I know it. And one can't wear gloves at breakfast, you know; I am wondering what he will say when he finds out?"

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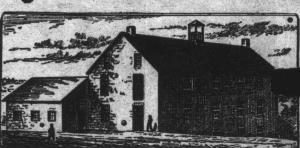
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