

Sir Robert Perks is announced to be leaving for Canada to take up the business of the Georgian Bay and Ottawa River Canal. This enterprise has not been nuthorized by Parliament, and the Government has given no sign that it is to be taken up. A survey has been made, and the report of the Government engineers has been received, showing that the cost for the least to solve the survey has been no sign that it is cost for the least to solve the survey has been to solve the survey has been to any one year and two months since Dr. Pugs-

has been received, showing that the cost for the least expensive plan proposed would be \$100,000,000. Re-membering that any of the larger public works recently undertaken by the federal Government have cost about double the estimate, we perceive that this canal will cost as much as a transcontinntal railway. So far as Sir Wilfrid may be committed to anything respecting this project, he is pledged not to take it up until the Transcontinental has been completed. This pledge ought to be good even when a by-election is impending at Ottawa. But the presence of Sir Robert Perks, as the

It will be two years and four months tomorrow since the Quebec bridge fell. The latest announcement concerning the new structure is that the engineers will b in a position to call for tenders for the superstructure ought to be good even when a by-election is impending at Ottawa. But the presence of Sir Robert Perks, as the chief promoter of the canal enterprise may make things run more smoothly in the campaign. Sir Robert has told his constituents that he cannot be a candidate in this election because the Georgian Bay Canal will occupy n about three months. Reports from the northwest show a great increase in the value of real estate. But Richibucto beats them all. Six hundred per cent gain in a few weeks makes the western real estate people envious. They are thinking of coming east to grow up with the country. the larger part of his time for several years to come Evidently he has been taking the matter seriously.

FOOLISH REPROACHES

The Darish court says that the United States Min first parts is to blame for the Cook tragedy. Mr. Egan says that he does not pretend to know about science, but he was informed that Dr. Cook had discovered the North Pole and so presented him to the king as alistinguished American. But this did not happen until the president had sent congratulations. All of which demand that Mr. Egan be recalled because of the part he took in hoaxing Donmark. Mr. Egan and he others knew Dr. Cook as one who had been on Arctic expeditions, and whose reputation was uncloud ed. When he returned from the Arctic regions saying that he had reached the Pole his word was accepted. No one is much to blame but Cook himself. It has were on the deferice. The statements of Namen Abrunsi, Greeley, Peary, Lockwood and Shackleton has been accepted without an inquest. Dr. Cook has Dr. Fred Cook has not only failed to gain new permanent honors out of his claim to have discovered the Pole, but has lost some titles that he had before He has been expelled from the Explorers' Club because of his faise pretence of having climbed Mt. McKinley.

The British free trade orators and pamphleteers who teach that Canadians under protection are paying ten pence for a bread-loaf that costs three pence in England may be telling the truth. There are camps in the Yukon where bread is quite dear.

Zelaya has escaped to Mexico where he may expect

the presence of the Bavarian court and leading German scientists. MARRIAGES. Clarke—Allingham. The marriage of Alleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Allingham, formerly of Woodstock, N. B., to Mr. Harry confinement coupled with his hysterical condition is thought to have caused the phenomenon. Williams still sticks to the story of human making him desperate and driving him to holding up the Bloom establishment. To the darger of both bride and the word that his hards and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room up his hands and retired to a back room the store after Bloom had left Williams to lowed him into the rear room and a fater fring three shots at him at short range, tried to beat Bloom to eath with a gas pipe. The police beit wat a differ fring three shots at him at short range, tried to a back room the y will reside.

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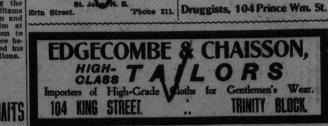
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OBITUARY M. A. James Horay. The death occurred on Christmas for ordings of Mr. James Murray, third the Mathematical Minister of the for ordings of Mr. James Minister of the murray of Closense Minister of the for ordings of Mr. James C. Mark for ordings vana, who was instructed to make a report on the Canadian colony at Ocean Beach, Cuba, writes the de-partment that it would be hard to conceive of a situation more hopeless and desperate than the one in which the Canadians located at Ocean Beach are placed. Recently the plantations have been swept by three successive hurricans which destroyed many of the fruit trees. Practically the only hope of the colonists lies in the pos-sibility of the plantations being pur-chased by an American syndicate. Reports as to the distress of these colonists who were induced to mi-grate to Cuba zhout two years ago have been received by the department for some months past. Their situaave been received by the departmen-or some months past. Their situa ion was made worse by a dispute rhich arose between two municipal lies as to which had the right to col-ect taxes and both levied on the un-timates who had the option of

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