The year just closing has been one of the most prosperous that Canada has known since the Crimean war. This pros-

perity has been due chiefly to the unpre

which has brought wealth not only to the Manitoba farmers, but also to the banks,

way and steamship lines. All evidences point to this as the beginning of a steady

ipward growth and not a mere transitory

The foregoing appears in the New York

all the wheat it required.

to furnish two-thirds of the Mother

Country's supply in 1903, and probably

orthwest farmers contend that their

during the last year and a third is seeking

more than 40 branches in the Northwest.

C. P. R., and General Manager Have, of

"In Canada everything points to

large increase both in outward and in-

special crops, because of the large de

was the most encouraging result of the past year from a railroad point of view

anything else, the continued prosperity of the community. We have been par-

ticularly pleased in this respect because

of the fact that last year we had large

increases during the summer and early fall months from the traffic produced by

the Buffa'o exposition, and we were apprehensive this year would show a large

in attraction; but, on the contrary, our

passenger earnings show an increase of \$332,255 from January 1 to November 30.

There is no apparent reason for our not expecting that the movement of high

So far as we may judge from this and

thought possible five years ago.

THE HYPOCRISY OF THE SUN.

more than three-fourths in 1904."

out-distance all competitors.

canvassing in Charlotte Co. Wm. Somerville, Queens Co. These gentlemen are authorized to receive payment for subscriptions for either Daily or Weekly Telegraph.

CANADA CONFIDENT, AND WITH

Those journals which formerly devotes tory were its affairs in anything like as

The Conservative Mail and Empire is quite frank about it. It says, in the course of an article reviewing the year:loath to venture here. We now receive

bors. In this very year they have parted with tens of thousands of their people who betook themselves to Canada."

itical purposes only. Liberal rule people give credit where it is due, and to have little difficulty in gaming control that is sufficient. Canada is confident, of the Liverpool market. However, the

for a highly profitable trade with Japan by its exhibits at the big exposition soon to be held at Osaka. Commissioner Hutchison and several assistants, who have push Canadian interests in the Mikado's To Sir William C. Van Horne, of the

The plan is to get trade, not immi- the Grand Trunk, the Post addressed grants. The Canadian building, which is series of questions as to the coming year. 100x75 feet, is to be finished in Canadian Sir William Van Horne says in reply:woods. Several carloads of exhibits will be shown there. Among them flour will. occupy a prominent place, and a bakery will be kept in operation daily, turning after that time, the crops will affect the out bread from the best brands of flour made in this country. The excellence of tent, but the railways of Canada are be our foodstuffs and manufactures will be demonstrated impressively. Toronto and sive exhibits of piping, bolts, nuts, rub ber goods and metallic roofing materials and the like. Spendid specimens of fruits and woods will be shown in conelderable variety, but not farm products, as the intention is not so much to prove to the Japs that Canada is a good land to live in as that it is a country whose manufactured products they must buy if they want the best for the money.

From Japan the Canadian commissioner will go to St. Louis to arrange for a building there during the great Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and thence to South Africa to do similar work in enlarging Canada's market.
There is no doubt as to the excellence

of the articles which we can make for class traffic to the interior will continu sale. Once they are compared with others as large the following year as has been the world's markets, the already great in the world's markets, the already great Already the effect of Canada's policy in pushing her trade vigorously is being felt. The country is taking a new position in the eyes of the world at large.

EDISON ON THE FUTURE.

Thomas A. Edison, "the Wizard," has kindly lifted the curtain which hides the future and allowed the world to have a medicine is played out. Surgery, diet, of the bogus Rothesay electoral list, which antiseptics are the vital things for the everybody knows was the result of He thinks the doctors may find and against the law. Fortunately the governbaffle the germ of old age. Anyway, he ment, at the instance of the Attorneyin bacteriology, the tons of medicine we and introducing legislation declaring the have taken was all a mistake. The doc- bogus list void, and providing for the tor of the future will not give any making of a new and proper list, prevented the guilty party from accomplish-

And there will be few more wars, he ing his design. te'ls us. The world is tending towards | The position of the Attorney-General peace-but the United States should have in this matter has been satisfactorily ex-The horse is to have a rest. He will be seen on the race course, perhaps, but he Sun again, for the hundredth time, con year. Mr. Edison's storage battery "has ishing the offenders. The Attorney-Gensolved the traction problem." Wireless eral has stated positively that he has telegraphy will be perfected for commercial purposes this year, or next.

We know little of electricity yet, "the We shall get it direct from coal. Lastly, Mr. Edison has not arranged for the because he can see no commercial use for give the names of the persons to whom in a hurry to get the work done. The venting the construction of lines in a thinks he could not do it if he tried, but

cheaper cost of production and their superior qualities of wheat give them an the lately imposed English duty and still chartered banks during 1902 established tance. In the North such reasoning is dence enough to hang a man legally, there seem to be greater than if he were

> lynched without trial. In two cases of note recently, it is nov known, the mob not only broke the law but killed innocent persons. In Pittsburgh, Kansas, after a negro was hanged by infuriated white men, they found it was his brother who had committed the offence and he had escaped. In South Carolina a golored man and woman wer accused of murdering a white farmer. Each said the other was guilty. White men shot both to death. Only one could have been guilty, but the white men excused themselves by saying that in a neighboring county a negro had been acquitted of murder, and that "something

And now comes Governor Boutwell, and tells an audience of negroes in Boston "Unless the freedom of the Philip-

tinued occupation of the Philippines, but to the negroes, will be repeated and enit seems impossible to check it since pubrave problem and it gets no better.

CRITICISING THE COMMISSION.

for its slowness and lack of earnestness. The New York Times, ordinarily pushing the inquiry as rapidly to a conit refers. If the editor of the Sun has New York Commercial believes the com- south-castery direction toward the United

THE "ACQUISITION" OF NEWFOUND

feeling in Newfoundland for political abthe colony's authorized representatives He exaggerates the wrongs of the colon ists and their discontent, and proceeds to fairly gloat over the undeveloped re mine, the forest and the fisheries, all of which might he thinks he developed by American capital if the island were "ac quired" by the United States.

The author not only mistakes the senti ments of Newfoundland's people, but fails to consider the great strategic value of status be changed at all, it will naturally be joined to Canada.

will not please the people of the Ancient Colony, although the keen American ap dren's children. And the article will provide some amusement, which is not al-

THE CASE AGAINST THE GRAND TRUNK

It is expected that the Board of Trade pine Islands shall be assured there can sider the Grand Trunk's proposed line be neither power nor justice for you in to the Pacific. Probably the case against the projected line, rather than that for Canada line from Quebec to Port Simp son, has been prepared by the Quebec Board of Trade and is at hand in the form of resolutions recently adopted by

against the Grand Trunk's plan as outhined are that it is not the shortest pos following conditions should be re should be the shortest possible from clusion as they might do." The Times favorable grades and lower freight rates on grain; (2) that parliament impose con-No more medicine, no more war, no the knowledge which he pretends to mission has already enough information. States frontien as being likely to derest

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Men's Overcoats were	7	00.	Now	4	50	Men's Ulsters were - 5 00. Now 2 7	5
Men's Overcoats were						Men's Ulsters were - 8 00. Now 4 9	0
Men's Overcoats were						Men's Ulsters were - 10 00. Now 6 0	0
Men's Overcoats were					50	Men's Reefers were \$5 and \$6. Now 3 0	0

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that any new line, especially if aided by government should be so located as to penefit, as far as possible, all the provinces of the Dominion.

The Quebec board then asserts that the line proposed by the Grand Trunk does because: (1) the distance by the Grand Tennis from Portland to Port Simpson. via North Bay, will be about 3,600 miles, miles, while from Quebec to Vancouver by the C. P. R., is only 3.078 miles, and a direct line from Quebec city by the (2) that the proposed Grand Trunk line which is only 550 miles from New York, as compared with 333 miles to Montreal, port traffic and latterly its summer traffic to Portland, where it has elevators and termina's, there would be great danger that United States ports would get the Montreal and Quebec and the winter traffic by the Quebec bridge to St. John

and Halifax. tions, to the direction of the proposed line whose easterly end, it is held, will be ten decrees further south than the prairie district which it is desired to develop The Grand Trunk extension, it is asserted, would at its eastern end, run through Ontario only, while the Trans-Canada would traverse Quebec for 600 miles and shorten the line from ocean to ocean by 700 miles.

Quebec therefore urges parliament not to grant a charter to the Grand Trunk, held is the shortest and best route and "will give fair play to all the provinces, and will give excellent connections to Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax.'

case—the side against the Grand Trunk.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Montreal is to have a new hotel which

will cost \$1,500,000. Quite a tavern.

We have coal enough to get along with but now that the Scotch curlers are here we need some ice as we never needed it

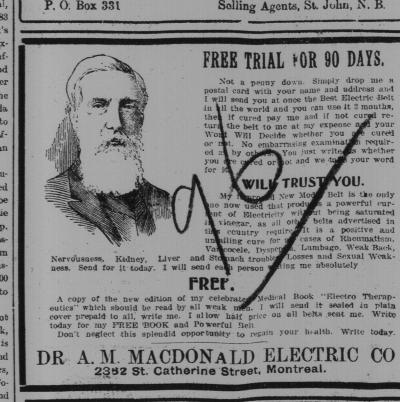
is said to have expressed the belief that didn't Mr. Hazen organize it during some

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he will be free in ten years. No one else of his visits to Charlotte if it was ready

Cook, the Halifax man who murdered hanged on Jan. 13, will be sent to prison for life instead: He is an old soldier, day and probably will make a short stop whom drink had reduced to a condition in Washington. bordering on imbecility, and a strong petition for clemency was sent to Ottawa-

Telegraph that the "main body" is in Charlotte, "ready to be organized for vic-

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is on his way home

The St. Croix Courier assures The Bone Cutters We have seen the last of Higgins. He tory when an opportunity arrives." Why tory when an opportunity arrives." Why