

and completing specimens and productions to be used by it for the purpose of increasing the export trade of the country. The gentlemen in whose hands the management of the Museum is, have the unbounded confidence of both the people and the Government and therefore have no difficulty in obtaining all the money required for successfully carrying on the enterprise.

A report will presently be made by the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives on the Naval Appropriation Bill, and in this report some provision will necessarily be included for the repair of the egregious blunder made by Congress at the last previous session in the matter of obtaining armor plate for our new warships. This blunder occurred in making such unintelligent regulations respecting the procurement of armor plate that no plate was obtainable and none has been obtainable from that time until this. A limitation was put on the price to be paid for the plate, which was below the market at that time, and this limitation was so binding that it was impossible to modify the regulations, and no contracts for the required material could be negotiated. As to the reasonableness of the price which, it is said, the House Committee intends to insert in the Appropriation Bill, it is to be observed that the figure is still a long way below the current market. The Japanese Government is paying in Europe \$700 per ton for armor plate, and \$600 per ton is the lowest figure quoted in foreign markets this year.—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

The leading article of Scribner's Magazine for March is H. J. Wingham's second article on the Boer war, this one dealing with the fights made by Lord Methune's division in its progress from the Orange river to the Modder river. Mr. Wingham describes three battles. His own photographs and his own maps make perfectly clear to the general reader what has heretofore appeared as merely fragments of news in the daily press. The third "Cromwell" article, by Theodore Roosevelt deals with the second Civil war. The chief battle described is Preston, and the most dramatic event is the death of the king. The author points out how the religious element entered into everything done by Cromwell, "mixing curiously with his hard common-sense and practical appreciation of worldly benefits." The illustrations are on an elaborate scale, and represent some of the very best work of English and of American artists.

Outing, the apostle of fresh air and sunshine, of healthful exercise and exhilarating sports, defies, in its March issue, the conventional aspects of winter and dispels its influence. Whilst other publications are rending the feelings with human slaughter in South Africa, it presents the peaceful landscape and the ways of "Big Game in Mataberland," its forests, its flora and its fauna, with illustrations that are a revelation. It describes "The Irish

Wolf Hound," destined to play a notable part in ridding the Northwest of a scourge, tells of the doughty deeds on track and field in "Wonderful Athletic Performances," gives a birds-eye view of "Match Day on the St. Andrew's Links of old Scotia," and takes its heroine in fiction through a Skiing adventure worthy of the title, "A Modern Cinderella."

In the Methodist Magazine and Review for March, Sir John G. Bourinot continues his very important papers on "Canada During the Victorian Era," with numerous engravings. Principal Caven has a well illustrated article on "The Sorrows of Armenia," and Dr. Hammell one on that strange character, "Barbo-Julie de Krudener." A graphic sketch is given of "Frederick the Noble," father of the present German Kaiser, with portrait. The Editor has an illustrated article on "Pompeii—the City of the Dead." The popular science paper is "Recent Discoveries as to Nebulae," by Dr. Dallinger.

"The Return of the Business Woman," by Edward Bok, "The Anecdotal Side of Mr. Beecher," "Collego Girls' Larks and Pranks," "The Modern Son and Daughter," "Where the Founder of the Kindergarten was Born," are among the notable features of the March Ladies' Home Journal. "The Autobiography of a Girl," and "The Theatre and Its People" are continued. Howard Chandler Christy contributes the first of his American girl series of drawings, showing her at church, and A. B. Frost humorously pictures "The Country Store as a Social Centre." An Easter solo and an anthem are timely; and the numerous articles on fashions in woman's wear will be a useful guide just at this time.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIAN TRADE.

The following enquiries have been received at the office of the High Commissioner of Canada in London, England.

NOTE—Those who may wish to correspond with any of these enquiries can obtain the names and addresses by applying to THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER, Toronto. No charge for giving information. When writing refer to the numerals opposite the enquiries.

139. Enquiry is made for names of firms in Canada manufacturing furniture for export, also for firms who manufacture tallow and grease for export.

140. An important London house doing a large commission business in Canadian products are desirous of corresponding with exporters of wood pulp, evaporated apples, tinned salmon, etc.

141. An enquiry comes from Denmark for the names of two or three good Canadian firms that would be likely to interest themselves in the introduction of modern high class dairy machinery and plant, cooling apparatus, etc.

142. An Ontario firm ask to be placed in communication with manufacturers and others requiring wooden handles for all kinds of hardware, etc.

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