

A. PROGRESSIVE DEPARTMENT.

A great transformation has taken place in the Post Office Department since Sir William Mulock took charge. Saying nothing of the useful reforms he has made in various branches—the railway mail service, dead-letter office, money-order offices and so on—the financial results accomplished are exceedingly satisfactory.

In 1898 there was a deficit of nearly \$800,000. There had always been deficits, it was supposed they were inevitable. After Sir William had been in office two years, the balance on the wrong side was cut down to less than \$50,000, whereupon he felt justified in trying the experiment of lowering the postage rates.

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counseling resort to the knife. Some of the speakers almost went the length of denying the possibility of any danger of harm in this direction, but their view was strongly antagonized by others, and American Medicine quotes with approval the statement of one eminent authority, who said: "We have been living in an age of operations, and we have lost sight, in a large measure, of the importance of less violent methods."

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restricted some people were obliged to stand helplessly by and watch the rapid consumption of their property. There was hose there in abundance. Not a cupful of water could be obtained from the hydrants. In at least a score of cases it was observed that sparks which were fanned into tiny flames could have been quenched by a bucket or two of water.

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Canadians are not of the class which "runs the other cheek." They have not yet attained the high altruistic plane from which they can accept the attentions of their neighbors in the meek and lowly spirit of the national idealists. This it is that moves the New York Times to indulge in a few ironical remarks directed at its own and our people indiscriminately.

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THE BRITISH NAVY.

Lord Selborne Defends Outlay—Expenditure of Other Powers Must Be Considered. London, Aug. 9.—Replying to the criticism of the naval expenditure in the House of Lords to-day, Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, warmly defended the outlay.

ANOTHER STRIKE.

Six Hundred Employees of Chicago Clothing Manufacturers Quit Work. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 9.—Trimmers, cutters, bushmen and examiners employed by fourteen clothing manufacturers in Chicago, members of the National Clothing Exchange, struck to-day.

COMMONWEALTH CAPITAL.

Australian Representatives Vote in Favor of Dalgety, Previously Selected by Senators. Melbourne, Victoria, Aug. 9.—The location of the Federal capital, so long in discussion, is believed to have been finally settled by a vote to-day in the House of Representatives approving Dalgety, in the Bombala district.

HAS NOT REPLIED.

Sultan Expected to Answer United States Minister's Demand Before Arrival of Squadron. Constantinople, Aug. 8.—The American legation has not yet received a reply from the Sultan regarding the demand upon the Turkish government for the same favored treatment in the matter of schools, hospitals and charitable institutions accorded to other powers.

PAST SAILING.

Three-Master Schooner Traveled at Rate of 175 Knots a Day. New York, Aug. 10.—The Carabli, a three-masted schooner built at Shelburne, N. S., in 1901, reached the Empire state, above the Brooklyn bridge, on the Brooklyn side, yesterday, after a phenomenal passage of 12 days from Porto Gortes, Honduras, a distance of 2,100 miles, at the rate of 175 knots a day, says the World.

CHALLENGER WON.

Yachts Competing for the Seawanhaka Cup Have Two Races to Credit. Montreal, Aug. 9.—White Bear, the challenger for the Seawanhaka cup, won to-day's race of Lake St. Louis, defeating the "Noon." The yachts have now a look towards a single gun on Wednesday, which will be the deciding one.

CAPITALISTS PLEASED.

The Canadian West Exceeded Their Anticipations—Will Make Investments. Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—The European capitalists who arrived in Winnipeg a little more than two weeks ago to see for themselves the situation of the Canadian West, returned to New York, whence they will sail for Europe. They were: Joseph Bruner, of Brussels, Belgium; P. Y. West of Paris; and Edward Jacobs, of Antwerp, Belgium, and with them came M. Demme, of Paris and London.

TWO ASSASSINATIONS.

Head of Forest Department and Chief of Police Murdered at Nakhchivan, Russia. New York, Aug. 10.—A special cablegram to the Sun from Berlin says: "The Vossische Zeitung says that Dzugbenko, head of the forest department, and Chief of Police Kusnezoff have been murdered openly in the streets of Nakhchivan, Russia."

JEFFRIES AND MUNROE.

Final Installments of Forfeit Have Been Paid. San Francisco, Aug. 9.—The final installments of the forfeit of \$15,000 have been paid for the Jeffries-Munroe test, which is set for August 29th next. Jeffries has paid in \$5,000, Munroe \$5,000, and the Yosemite club, under whose auspices the battle will be fought, \$5,000.

ALLEGED TRAIN ROBBER.

Philippine, Mont., Aug. 9.—John Christie, partner of Geo. F. Hammond in the robbery of the North Coast limited, near Bear Mouth, has been held on \$30,000 bonds in lieu of which he was taken to jail. Christie's early life was spent in the vicinity of Toronto, Ont., but he has been in Montana and North Dakota for several years.

MISTAKEN FOR DEER.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 8.—Fred Hamblin, a resident of this city and a large timber owner, was shot and killed by his companion, Alvin Schoonover, while hunting near Forest Grove. Schoonover mistook his friend for a deer in the brush and fired, with fatal effect.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

London, Aug. 8.—The board of trade returns for July show a decrease in imports of \$28,483,500, principally in food stuffs \$18,298,445, and wool \$8,945,265; and a decrease in exports of \$5,460,000 mainly in iron, steel and manufactures thereof.

SIX F. BATEMAN DEAD.

London, Aug. 10.—Sir Frederick Bateman, M.P., born in 1824, died this morning at Norwich. He was a member of many societies, a consulting physician of the Norfolk and Norwich hospital, and author of numerous medical works.

ONE BARN DESTROYED.

London, Aug. 10.—Fire yesterday destroyed the street railway barn and adjoining property, to the extent of \$90,000. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

STRIKE EXTENDING.

Ice Drivers and Helpers' Union Establishes a Blockade in Chicago. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 9.—With an army of more than three hundred pickets the Ice Drivers and Helpers' Union to-day established a blockade of the retail and wholesale ice business of Chicago.

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THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Result of the Operations For the Past Year—Half-Yearly Dividends. Montreal, Aug. 8.—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Company to-day a dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock for the half year ended June 30th last, was declared. A dividend of three per cent. for the year ending June 30th last, was also declared on the common stock.

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ICE-PRESIDENT OF A BILL.

Accompanied by Other Government Officials—Arrived on Railroad. (From Monday's Daily News.) A prominent railroad man in the "big guns" in the business of Victoria a visit to the number of years. He is the vice-president of the Great Northern, that eminent industrialist known familiarly all over the province as "the big gun."

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