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the empire would be dependent upon lines of communication owned by foreign the Canadian side. companies. We agree with the government that this argument is scarcely tentative-The present cables are owned to an equal, if not a greater, extent, by English capital ists as by American. Still we hold that there is enough Canadian business to warrant the establishment of an independent cable either in its entirety by the government or by private enterprise. The subsidizing business, however, can easily be everdone. There is no reason why the Canadian government should not take stock in a new cable on the same basis as England owns shares in the Suez canal. But It is not so much another and a direct line of communication that is required as unadulterated information for the Canadian press At present all our news from abroad re-States impression. In fact too much of it news interesting almost solely to our neighbors, and, to make matters worse, the very papers that ought to be foremost nancing the present system are those that encourage it the most. The Mail, for example, not only is not content to receive news that really reaches us in a certain shape via the cable, but each day it prints garbled despatches, concocted in New York especially for United States readers, which are abso-

wire from thence, seeing that they could Refore the news papers can expect the government to anything in the direction sugthe better carrying on of its own business.

lutely not worth the money they cost to

Since the present century has opened England has gone ahead in many things, butly one thing she has gone behind-the capacity for managing foreign afiairs. One hope remains, and perhaps only one The queen has long conducted a foreign

which they stand.

to say that, if suc

office of her own, quite independently of what goes on in Downing street. And the Prince of Wales, too, has for a number o years had his own private foreign office most probably in accord with the queen's we may suppose. The British people may some day learn that, for the correction of tremendous blunders made by parliament eaders, they are indebted to the crown.

A Chance for Mr. Meredith. For some peculiar reason Mr. Mowat

rovernment aro evidently going to allow the Niagara Falls railway bill to through the house. The only reason we can imagine is that pressure is being

The press of the dominion, an Ottawa brought to bear on the government by despatch says, has been urging upon the prominent supporters of theirs out of the government the advisability of subsidizing house, and who are really behind the a purely Canadian cable. The government fakirs who ask for incorporation. But nes to entertain such a proposition on what are Mr. Meredith and his follower the ground that the four cables now in ex doing? Here is a chance for them to the ground that the four capies now in ex-istence land upon British postessions; a prominent argument in favor of the new that has been denounced by every paper in scheme being that in the event of trouble the country. Give this company the between the United States and England, powers they ask, and there will be an end

he Canadian and. Montreal Star: The bill gives the company he right to disfigure the river bank by cou-tructing a railway on it to acquire lands practically to any extent and presumably for speculative purposes, to erect warehouses, speculative purposes, to erect warehouses, hotels and places of anusement. In fact all the and places of anusement meret toler and places of amusement. In fact all the abominations which have been merely tole ated in the past, are to be specially authoriz and assisted by legislative enactment.

Etching Exhibition.

It is a pleasure to note the growing the country ? popularity of the forthcoming exhibition of etchings opening to-morrow afternoon by the association of Canadian etchers in the rooms of the Ontario society of artists gray drab coat. There is more character There is every promise of a success that to the square inch in that coat than any will not only be encouraging to the energarment since Joseph's celebrated many getic promoters but gratitying to many colored coat. It has a character all i citizens interested in the progress of art culture in our city. The exhibition will own. It is cut differently, made differ. ently; and is generally different from any be opened by Lieutenant Governor Robin United States channels and bears a United son, after which addresses will be made by other. Its individuality is strongly Goldwin Smith and President Wilson of marked, and it asserts itself. The very way its tail flaps around Dunstan's legs is University college. It has taken over unique and singular. It is an essentia a year to collect the pictures, about 300 in number, the majority of which are the adjunct to the old miller, and partakes o work of several of the most celebrated his unbending nature. It has a starch/stiffetchers in Europe and America, so that ness and angularity of set and motion which this exhibition will be to the lovers of etching almost as rare a treat as could be obtained in cities of larger art reputation than our own. To add to the pleasures of the spectators it may be stated that the Ontario society of artists rooms and the approach thereto have been comfortably and attractively furnished for the occasion. There is a vacancy in the senate. The

wire from thence, seeing that they could be made up equally as well in the Pulp-tower itself, given only the proper facilities in the way of a well-stocked library and a Beaty is a very old politician. James Beaty is a very old politician. James Beaty is a very old politician. James Jam Beaty ought to get the va and Hazel Kirke. It is announced from England that with the confirmation from St. Petersburg of the Cladetone Committee contract in the second two plays, in both of which he has scored gested they must first show a disposition to help themselves by com-bining together for the formation of a matters stand now it looks to us very like sublime check for the dominion press to sublime check for the dominion press to Britain has made a show of firmness against rummaging around in the property room ask the government to give it means for Russia only to back down when the crucial of the old Walnut street theatre, Philatest has come. It is lucky for the czar

FINANCE AND TRADE. ountry, it may well be thought that it is ime to say 's word reminding reformers THURSDAY, March 19. and conservatives of the foundation on Oil opened in New York to-day at 824, losed 81% bid. Highest quotations 832, Two parties have position. It is the lowest 811.

A cable to Cox & Co. says Hudson Bay effort of each to stand well with the advanced to 18: 8d and Northwest Land country at large, and so obtain power. Now, there are two ways of being con-Co. declined to 37s 6d. The Grand Trunk has recovered \$54,000

Grand Haven, Mich., for bonds voted to the road years ago,

Now, there are two ways of being con-nected with a political party, and two methods of attempting to assist your party. One of these ways does great harm to your own party; the other does it good. If you can write a good article, speak a good speech, support some measure of general benefit, or, which is the same thing, support those who do these things —in fact, whatever you can do to increase the good feeling of the public at large in favor of your party, you are a good man to The transactions on the Toronto stock exchange were-Morning: Federal 105 at 452; Standard 10 at 112; Dominion telegraph 15 at 78; Northwest Land Co. 500 graph 15 at 78; Northwest Land Co. 500 at 38, 100 at 38½, 100 at 38¼, 100 at 38; London and Can. L. & A. 31, 1, 1 at 139½, 20 at 140. Afternoon: Western assurance 100, 100, 20 at 83Å, 20 at 83Å, 40, 20, 50 at 84; Northwest Land Co. 100, 200 at 38. The sales on the Montreal board were — Morning: Bank of Montreal 26 at 193Å; Montreal Tel. Go. xd. 125 at 119Å; Gas 25 at 184Å, 25 at 183Å. Afterhoon: Montreal 42 at 193Å, 35 at 194; Merchants 35 at 112Å; Gas 25 at 184Å. the good feeling of the public at large in favor of your party, you are a good man to have in a party. But, if yon are a man who is ready to do anything—to be a thick and thin apporter—you are an injury to your party. For the country is watching —the many independent voters—the large class of young men who have as yet joined neither party—and it is not too much to say that every incorrect act traced to the enthusiastic support of some "out and-out" partizan loses his party a hundred votes at one election or another. When we hear it said that persons would be unreliable jurymen in particular trials because they are strongly in favor of one party or another, that is to say, in fact, that they would commit perjury to give the impression that they are useful members of their party, it surely is time

1121; Gas 25 at 1841. Milmine Bodman & Co., of Chicago tele graphed Cox & Co., at the close of to-day's business: "The features of the day were business: "The features of the day were the raiding of provisions by the Armor ele-ment, thus demoralizing valves—the mar-ket closing unsettled at about bottom prices. The feeling in wheat seems stronger and on the continuous bad crop repo there is fair buying. We think roo give the impression that they are in time members of their party, it surely is time that if such individuals exist, their We think room traders are short of the genuine crop, which being scarce would have its effect quickly loss would benefit the party, whichever it be, that they have adopted. WARNING.

Shorts are nervous. The closing was strong at 80 c for May. The shipping demand continues for low grades. Corn It Was Another Lottery Fraud. ption bids are firmer, closing at 812c Editor World : Can you tell your read rs anything of the St. Marys carriage A review of the porkpacking industry i

ers anything of the St. Mary Carling company? They were to have had a drawing on Jan. 26, and nothing has been heard of it since. Is Coanty Attorney Idington doing his duty in not inditing the whole crowd for attempt to defraud the country? A READER. Chicago for the year ending March 1 shows the number of hogs slaughtered for packing purposes was 4 228,000, the number of cattle slaughtered 1,270,000, seventy per cent. of which were required for the

Mr. Kumper, a large financial agent Couldock's Old Clothes. Mr. Rumper, a franco-German syndicate, is Montreal for the purpose of purchasing Ocarbate mines in Buckingham, gold From the New York St No one who has seen C. W. Couldock's phate mines in Junstan Kirke can fail to have noticed his mines in Beauce, and petroleum wells St. Maurice, Three Rivers.

Canadian Pacific railway traffic receipts Canadian Facino Failway trainc receipts for the week ending March 14 were \$90,000, compared with \$46,000 for the same period last year. The bank of Montreal has been a heavy

uyer of sterling to day, paying as high a t for it. It is said this is in connection the new loan to the government with which has been spoken of

Duncan McIntyre of Montreal has pur chased 400 additional shares of North Land company.

New York Markets. NEW YORK, March 18 .- Cotton steady, unchanged. Flour-Receipts 22,000 bbls.,

mmon grades firm, medium and choice heavy; sales 13,000 bbls.; unchanged. Rye flour and commeal unchanged. Wheat-Receipts 48,000 bush.; spot trifle better; Receipts 45,000 bush.; spot this being firm; sales 3,008,000 bush. future; 98,000 bush. spot; exports 14,000 bush.; No. 2 spring Sec. No. 2 red SS¹₂c March, S9c April, 90¹₂c May. No. 1 red state 96¹₂c, No. 1 white 90c. Rye, bushes and malt, unchanged. Corn-Ec. barley and mait unchanged. Corn-Re-ceipts 208,000 bush.; spot firm; options shade higher; sales 1,230,000 bush. future, Couldock has worn it No. 2 491c cash, 50c No. 2 4950 cash, 000 bush., higher; sales Oats-Receipts S9,000 bush., higher; sales 695,000 bush. future, 110,000 bush. spot; 695,000 bush. future, 10,000 bush. 3720 May, 695,000 bush. future, 110,000 bush. sper, No. 2 37½c to 37½c for cash, 37½c May, mixed western 37c to 38½c, white state 38½c to 41c. Hay and hops unchanged. Coffee fair; Rio dull at 8%c to 8%. Sugar, coffee fair; Rio dull at 8%c to 8%. Conce tair; his duit at of to by. Sugar, molasses, rice, petroleum, tallow and potatoes unchanged. Eggs lower, state 19c. Pork, beef, cut meats and middles unchanged. Lard lower at \$7.15 to \$7.17¹/₂. Butter and cheese dull and unchanged.



morning gloties, and paving a little tremulous pathway over the snow-white floor. Bees buzzed in the clover blossoms outside, and the robin redbreast, which had built its nest in the tall poplar tree near the kitchen window, was rehearsing for grand concert. Hannah's dark, piquant face was full of tion. and t Sh Hant on th "N blanc auth "Y went gage of yo own Fo and discontent as she mixed her pastry and rolled it out, working away as though her life depended upon her efforts. "I'm tired," she burst forth, impetuous ly, though whom she was addressing it was difficult to tell, for she was all alone in the great breezy kitchen-"tired of the drudgery and confinement! So little time for study and to write. Yet I know that if I had only the leisure I could make money enough, writing for story papers, to help father a great deal !" "Ha ! ha !" The laugh, which rang out sweet and silvery in the doorway, was sarcastic and tinging. Hannah closed the oven door on her pies with a bang, and turned to face the intr A lovely blonde vision greeted her eyes -a girl of 18, attired in floating white muslin, with cardinal ribbons, one mose rose in her braid of golden hair, and another fastening the lace at her white "Listen!" cried the merry voice. "Come, mamma, and hear Hannah, the kitchen-girl, lecture on a woman's rights, becom-ing an authoress and making money—actu ally a fortune—writing for the press! Oh, it's too fumny for anything! Hannah, the cook, an authoress !" Hannah Mead's alim figure was drawn up proudly to its full height, her clear eyes flashed, her red lips curled. "Kitchen girl, cook !" she repeated, "Belle West, who made a house-drudge "Belle West, who made a house-drudge of me but your own mother? I was happy here with pape, and never had to work until he, poor man, was foolish enough to take a second wife. On the day that he married your own mother, the widow West, and you and she came here to live, our servant was dismissed and I was installed in her place. The burden of the house, work is laid upon my shoulders that you may keep your hands white and pass your time angling for a rich husband." "Huah! How dare you speak to my daughter in that coarse manner?" A tall, angular woman, in a tawdry wrapper, sailed into the kitchen. "I'll teach you to air your insolence here !" And she struck the astonished girl And she struck the astonished girl a heavy blow upon the check. For a moment Hannah stood too bewil-dered to utter a word, the red blood crim-soning her check and marking the spot where her stepmother's insult had fallen. With the majesty of an outraged empress she turned to leave the room. "Mrs. Meade," she said, in a low, clear tone, which somehow made the trate step-mother pause, "I am going to leave this honse. First I shall see my father and tell him of this outrage, and then I am going away. You can procure another servant in my place, and your daughter will have no one to comment on her sternous effort to marry Mr. Rayner!"

MR. RAYNOR'S WIFE.

BY JOHN TURNER,

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One for Mr. Mowat. potentate.

Mr. Mowat has done the right thing at iast, with regard to the parliamentary buildings, though it might be gently intimated that a little sooner would have been no harm. A certain reproach to the province of Ontario is about to be wiped away, and we congratulate Mr. Mowat on the end of consideration and the beginning of

followers, especially the latter, in the un Mr. Meredith we cannot congratulate at wholesome, pest-ridden, tumble-down barall. He has gone wrong on this question, racks on Front street in order that the and that without any fair excuse, as far as we can see. Let us view his case as one good people of Toronto should not be of "a good man gone wrong" who may come right by and by.

The Other View of the Question.

In discussing probabilities of the for tunes of war between Great Britain and the Atlantic, has largely taken the view age of its convictions. It admires the Russia, the English press, on both sides of most favorable to Russia. Britain is com stand the Dublin council have taken in paratively defenceless, her army is num. bered by only so many thousands, whereas the czar has more than a million of men awakening echo in the majority of the under arms. It is high time that the other bosoms of the people, who placed the mem view were presented more than it has been. bers of the corporation in the position

The czar has a million and more of they occupy. The Echo says : The czar has a million and more of soldiers, no doubt, but where? They are all over his vast empire, here, there and wery much scattered. It is doubtful whether as much as a hundred thousand men could be brought together for a move-meat into Afghanistan; we may more pro-bably say that the resources of the Russian war office would be stretched to their ut-most to get fifty thousand soldiers within tetter direction and thousand in the resources of the Russian war office would be stretched to their ut-most to get fifty thousand soldiers within tetter direction and thousand is a state of the resources of the Russian tet sold to be the first time any English to the first time and thousand is a state of the stretched to their ut-most to get fifty thousand soldiers within tetter direction and the stretched to their ut-most to get fifty thousand soldiers within tetter direction and the stretched to their ut-most to get fifty thousand soldiers with the stretched to the stretched

crossing the Alps was but child's play com-pared with what crossing the great moun-wishes of their constituents. It might this means the fertile belt which borders this means the fertile belt which borders wishes of their constituents. It might the Mediterran will be considerably tain barrier of Asia would be. The Alpine probably have been better had the question summits are but little hills beside the tre. not come up at a'l, but as it is, no other

that Russia could possibly muster on the of the prince and princess may have a spot would have the ghost of a chance. tendency for good, but it will not be aided But the possible weak point on our side by insincere exhibitions of hospitality. remains. Our actual superiority in arms

may be "dished" through superior diplo macy. Time and again has it happened article on "Our duty to the red Indian." that British success in the field, and on It is to "evangelize him" and "not to de. the sea, has been thrown away, given away prad on the politicians to reform him." for nothing, at the council table. Russia,

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Editor World: When we observe the the defeated party in the Crimean war, same out victorious at the treaty of Paris. peculiar tenets of some partizans in this

delphia, he found a gray garb coat which hit his fancy at once as being the very thing. He took it and wore it, and it was that he is ruler of all the Russias instead thing. He took it and wore it, and it was a hit at once. When the engagement ended at the theatre Couldock told the of wielding the sceptre of an African The Presbyterian Reviews heads an ar-ticle "Our duty to the red Indian." Will our religious brother kindly give us some of the other colors of the aborigines? ended at the theatre Couldook told the manager replied that he did not care for it, only that he was responsible for properties in the inventory of the other colors of the aborigines?

Mr. Meredith objects to new parliament buildings. With characteristic patriotism he is willing to sacrifice himself, and his

of the house, and he would have to answer for the coat. The actor looked over the list and saw that "one gray drab coat" was called for. He went to a second-hand clothing store, bought a cheap coat answering the description, and hung it up in the property room in the place of the other. He played in the coat through The Willow Copse, which had an immense run, as old theatre goers will remember, and also played it all through Hazel Kirke, and also played it all through thazel Kirke, and it appeared in several other plays where it good people of Porone should not be also played it also through finance with the second secon Mr. Meredith's magnanimity deserves a cou better return than we fear he will receive near

as leader of a forlorn hope. The Echo is a one cent London paper that is both well written and has the cour-age of its convictions. It admires the stand the Dublin council have taken in not deciding to give the prince of Wales a formal welcome that would not find an awakening echo in the majority of the

Wall it Make the Desert Bloom ? Can a desert be rendered fertile and fruitful by putting a portion of it under

water? On the supposition that such a desirable result is attainable, the French are about to carry out the long talked of scheme of flooding that part of the Sahara which is below sea-level, by means of a canal which will admit the waters of the Mediterranean to the depressed basins of the great African desert, which are imme

bably say that the resources of the Russian war office would be stretched to their ut-most to get fifty thousand soldiers within attacking distance of Herat. Now how is it on the British side? Let England be 'In conflict with some great down and one great defeat would be followed by an Irisa rising. It is said to be the first time any English paper has indulged in such plain talk and that it will take its place as good St. Patrick's day rhetoric. As a matter of fact the Echo's language is not only to the opint, but is pure commonsense that two hundred thousand troops up north to defend the Afghanistan mountain passes against the Russian invaders. In that difficult and debateable region, where head waters are found flowing one way to the north and another way to the south, there are several possible Thermopylas where three hundred men could "hold the fort" against ten thousand. Buonaparte's crossing the Alps was but child's play com-

the Mediterranean will be considerably widened, and France be repaid thereby for its gift of water to the desert. At any mendous sea of mountains which divides central from southern Asia. With the Afghans on our side, and the way always open for warlike supplies to be sent from Eagland to India, no army

Political Moral.

The Bride Must Have Been Lovely. He was a tame curate in the wild black country of Australia, and he was waiting in church to marry a couple of aborigines.

The Presbyterian Review has an able Enter one of them, the man, in a hurry and his working clothes, with his hands article on "Our duty to the red Indian." and face covered with antique dirt. "An 've kum to be wed." "You ?" responded the curate, aghast. "In thet garb. It is most improper-

Why, you are downright dirty." "Me dirty? Wait till you see her."

Chicago Markets.

CHICAGO, March 18 .- Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat active; shade higher; March closed at 741c, April 795c to 793c' May 7936, No. 2 spring 741c to 76gc. Corn firm; cash 37gc to 37gc, March closed at 37gc, April 37gc, May 41gc to 41gc. Oats firm; cash 27ge to 30gc, March and April firm; caah 27gc to 30gc, March and April 27go, May 314c. Rye and barley un-changed. Pork active; 30c to 40c lower; oash \$11 96 to \$12, April closed at \$11.95 to \$11.97f, May \$12 05 to \$12.07f. Lard shade essier; cash \$6 75, March \$6.75 to \$6.77f. April \$6.79f to \$6.80, May \$6.85 to \$6.87f. Boxed meats lower; shoulders \$4.50 to \$4 60. short ribs \$6 to \$6 05, short clear \$6 45 to \$6 50. Whisky firm. Receipts --Flour 26,000 buls, wheat 49,000 bush, rye corn 184,000 bush, oats 79.000 bush, rye 10,000 bush., barley 31,000 bush. Ship-ments-Flour 32,000 bbls, wheat 12,000

bush., corn 126,000 bush., oats 139,000 mah., rye 10,000 bush., barley 39,000 bush. Afternoon board—Wheat stronger; \$c te ½c higher; May closing at 80c to 803c. Coru ½c higher. Pork advanced 7½c to 10c.

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strenuous effort to marry Mr. Rayner!" "As if I ever tried," she began iudig. But Hannah did not wait to hear more ; she walked quietly from the room and

sought her father. ""Inere, mother," cried Belle, as soon as the two were slone; "see what you have the two were slone; "see what you have done. Hannah will go sway and you will have to get a servant, which will make an extra hole in our spending money; and I tell you I have to put fourth every effort if I ever expect to win Ernest Raynor." "You shall win him!" returned the mother decidedly. "He is rich, and there is not another such a party to be had. Do your best, Belle, and be glad that we are safely rid of that girl. To tell the truth I have fancied lately that Mr. Raynor ad-wired her."

nired her." Mother, you are mistaken ! What an

"No, I am sure I am correct. You ought to seem him look at her. Well, run and get your hat now; it is quite time for him to be here if he is coming to take you to

to be here if he is coming to take you to the pionic." Hardly had the two left the kitchen when a tall, graceful form arcse from a bench under the poplar tree, a man with a accornful look upon his handsome face. "By Jove !" he exclaimed, indignantly, "I know Belle West as she is at iast. So ahe's trying to catch my fortune? It's lucky that old Farmer Meade brought me out here where I might find a cool spot to smoke my cigar, while Miss Belle prepared for the pionic. I suppose I must make a markyr of myself and attend her, but thank heaven ! my eyes are open at last ! Poor little Hanash !" In the meantime Hannah had found her

little Hansah !" In the meantime Hannah had found her father and told him all, and that she was father and told him all, and that she was going away—going to earn her own living by writing for the press. Then she showed him the pretty little sketches which she had written from time to time, and the orisp bank notes which she had received as a compensation therefor, and which she had hidden carefully away for such an emergency as this. Her father saw that she was right, so he consented to let her go to the city of T—, some 20 miles dis tant, to the house of a distant relative, where, for a reasonable sum, she could where, for a reasonable sum, she could procure board, and be able to devote her me to the cultivation of the talent which

God had given her. Hannah packed her small wardrobe, and her father placed her on board the train, and like the herces of old, she went forth

and hise the heroes of old, she went forth "to seek her fortune." Time passed, and under the modest nom de plume of "Nemo," Hannah Meade was earning both fame and fortune. She was pleasantly situated in the town of T---, and her fasher came sometimes to see her, but the stepmother and sister did not dream that the poor kitchen girl and the begular worne authorese were one and the popular young authoress were one and the same person. Mr. Raynor still called or casionally upon Belle; yet, though he called still more frequently, when in T---upon the authoress. he never mentioned that fact to Belle West, and the name of

Hannah Meade never passed his lips. One evening he sat listening to Belle's silly no hings, for she was one of those women not infrequently encountered, who can express the least ideas with the most oan express the least ideas with the most words, when suddenly he turned his hand-some, dark eyes gravely upon her pretty, insipid face, "Miss Belle," he began earnestly, "I want to tell you something very near my

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She blushed, or tried it, and her head drooped, for she knew she was going to

propose. . Weat is it ?" she asked softly, wondering nearwhile if it would not be more silective for her to faint as soon as the

"I am sure an evolut not return you, "No,"he returned quietly, "she will not, I have already asked her to be my wife, and she consented. The lady is 'Nemo,' the famous young authoress." Belle came near fainting in earnest,

longed for words should be spoken. "I wanted to tell you," he repeated, "for you are a true friend to me, how dearly I you are a true friend to me, now dearly I love a certain young lady, whom I hope to make my wife." Belle laid her hand in his. "I am sure she would not refuse you,



