

successor, unanswerably proved on the floor of parliament. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie retired from the leadership of his own free will and ac-

cord, and that he announced to the House of Commons, and now that he is in his grave it would only be common discretion on the part of both friend and foe, 'to accept his word on that point, and cease all squabbling on the subject.

Unfortunately for inself the Montreal Herald has formulated an explantion of Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's retirement that is unfounded, and calculated to give pain to Mr. Mackenzie's legion of friends. It says that when Mr. Mackenzie retired he was physically and mentally incapable of continuing leader. Physically used up Mr. Mackenzie undoubtedly was. He worked far too hard in the service of his

A prohibition club for the province ha been formed, with Mrs. Jas. Cunningham of New Westminster president, and 160

to 12 1-2 cents, as the canners are afraid they will not get their cans full. .....

ly one-half of the total number of regu- tween them being that while the daily lar opium smokers in Bombay. Accord- use of champagne or other wines and ing to the theory of the anti-opium party spirits, malt liquors, etc., may prove de-99 per cent. of these should have been leterious, the smoking of the pure exdegraded and worthless, their natural aptract of Indian monopoly opium can, in petite destroyed, their digestive organs itself, never be injurious to health. not deranged, their circulation impeded, the even when indulged in, so far as the quality of their blood vitiated, their res- time and money wasted on it are conpiration obstructed, their spirits depress- cerned, to so-called excess." ed, their nervous system weakened and years' experience of opium smokers in

exhausted, and their body emaciated to this country convinces Sir George, a mere framework of bones. With the short, that the healthiest populations body killed and the will power weakened. Western India are those distinguished the affections, thoughts and desires of for their so-called excessive use of opi these 99 out of every 100 are, on this um. He has never once met with a authority, corrupted, and the ruin of the single native suffering or who had even whole man made complete. There are suffered from the habitual use of opium other not less confident charges made he has never known (apart from acci-

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the bitterness of the Tory Press. certain papers. The testimony was only repitition of what took place at the Mr. Liebes, of the North American board meetings. Vancouver, Aug. 17.-The Presbyter Commercial Co., which at present holds ians intend to open a Chinese mission the lease of the sealing privileges. in school here. Behring Sea, very graphically summed The appointment of a receiver for the up the effect of the award when he said: "We have the seals and England dyes the skins." It is quite likely that if all tract for which will be let soon. the influences back of those regulations

could be summed up, the solicitude of the English furriers for the preservation of Rev. T. Haddon secretary. the seal herds might be found not the least potent. During the discussion of

Northern Pacific, Mr. Barlow says, will not affect the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley railway, another clearing con-

The price of salmon has been put up

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE. The executive of the Victoria Lacrosse club met last evening and made final ar-rangements for the match and the other events that are to take place at Caledonia Park on Saturday. It was decided to en-gage the band of H. M. S. Royal Arthur-for the occasion. D. A. Smith, who is to contest with C. Biain for the one hundred yards championship of the province, arrived from Vancouver last evening, and is get-ting used to the track on which the race is to be run. Members of the Victoria and Vancouver clubs are practicing for the long throwing contest. The sports will be the most interesting held this season. They will commence a 2.30.

AN INTERMEDIATE MATCH

The Victoria Intermediates will go to Na-naimo on September 9th to play the Na-aimo team. This should be a close game. naimo team. This should be a close game, as the teams are evenly matched. The Victoria men are certainly more experi-enced, but the Nanaimo men are much heavier. With this match the Victorias will have a team in the field every Satur-day during the next month. The schedule is as follows:

country, so anxious was he that everything should be done decently and in or-Mentally worried he must have been, for his opponents treated him most shamefully.

They charged him with being a thief and in league with thieves. would be impossible to estimate how far They accused him of acting as agent of

a band of robbers of the Indians. in making the regulations so very strin-They charged him with having raised gent and so unjust to Canadian sealers. large sums as a corruption fund from

government timber licensees. accused They him of being implicated in an oil swindle.

They charged him with plotting to rob the public purse for the benefit of his brothers.

Indeed, there was scarcely a crime in the calendar that was not laid to the charge of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie at one time or another during the campaign that preceded the defeat of his government in 1878. It was a campaign of calumny, and no disclaimer on the part of Mr. Mackenzie or his friends had any effect on the slanderers.

On a keen-minded, scrupulously honest man like Mr. Mackenzie-even his opponents give him that character now that he is in his grave-the persistent charges of rascality of the worst character naturally had a very bad effect. The mental worry undoubtedly caused physical weakness,

for we all know how soon injury to the mind reacts on the body and vice versa. Despite all this, however, Mr. Mackenzie never was mentally incapable for public duty. Even after paralysis had at-

tacked his body, and when he found it hard to articulate his thoughts, the aged statesman gave his friends many indications that his mental faculties were as clear and unimpaired as when he was able to take an active part in the management of public affairs. This we are in a position to state as a fact that cannot be gainsaid, and for this reason we are sorry to find our Montreal contemporary expressing itself in a manner that the evidence does not warrant, to the great delight of the men who were Mr. Mackenzie's most hitter enemies so long as he was able to thwart their designs on ago to witness an act of this kind. the public purse.

A STUPID METHOD.

The Single Tax, a monthly paper issued in this city, and one that might be read with profit by our councillors and legislators, refers to the eminently stupid method of selling lands for taxes in struggle began. vogue in this city, which it characterizes as a robbery. The best feature about the "robbery" is that it seldom does the the vellow-incket, for the worthy turned around and looked right at the contes "robber" any good. Says the Single Tax: ants. Then as quick as a flash he fler "The mode of auction is different to into the fray himself, and the spide that of movable things. If taxes to an amount of say \$50, including expenses, found that he had two enemies to dea with. The yellow-jacket seemed very are to be recovered, the land is put up, careful not to hurt the fly, and it was a not to the highest bidder, but to the one 'caution" the way he put it to the who will take the smallest portion of land for the sum required. At a for-mer sale a strip of land one inch wide of the fly and directed all his efforts to subduing the yellow-jacket. Then the battle began in earnest. Time and again a lot on Government street was taken. Many people wondered why anybody the spider sunk his fangs into the yellowjacket, and time and again was should wish to buy a strip of land so. narrow; but the secret was that the pur-chaser hoped, by paying in future the sword, the fly all the fime buzzing over taxes of the other part of the lot, to be- the heads of the two combatants. come entitled to a tax title." \* \* It would be preferable that the city should take possession of the land of de-linquent taxpayers, hold it a few years for the original owners, and then expro-

the question some English papers-nota-McTaggart who works on Nicon bly the London Spectator-contended as bridge on the C.P.R., was struck by a strongly as any American could that peltrain while on a railway velocinede near agic sealing meant the extermination of Harrison and had his leg broken in two the seals, and therefore the loss of busi-

Prince Yorihito attended a garden par ness to the English fur-handlers. It ty at St. James' church last night, He will go to Victoria this afternoon. this sort of talk influenced the arbitrators The German ship Sirene arrived to-day

at ten o'clock, 31 days from Yokohama DIGGING FOR TREASURE.

It is stated positively that the Cook \$1,750,000 of Chile's Money Buried street surface drain, instead of the Cook Near an Argentine Town.

street sewer is to be used for sewerage Advices from Panama give an account purposes. That is both an illegal and of buried treasure amounting to \$1,750,dangerous scheme, and the public should 000, which is now being searched for take steps to protect itself in the matnear La Plata in Argentina. When the ter. If it is intended that the drain civil war broke out in Chile President shall be used as a sewer it must be built Balmaceda, realizing the importance of as a sewer and treated as one all a navy in such a conflict, commissioned through. Otherwise let the people look Col. Pinto, one of his trusted friends, out for typhoid fever. to proceed to England and purchase a couple of fast cruisers, which were to

be manned by micked crews and sent to There is a very strong, and not alto-Valparaiso as fast as steam could carry gether foundationless suspicion abroad them. Pinto had bills of exchange on that contractors' interests have more several London banks to pay for the champions than the public interest at cruisers, and he lost no time in starting the council board. Some of the alderon his mission.

Before Pinto could reach England and men at least appear to be, more consecure the cruisers, Balmaceda saw that cerned in the success of this or that ready cash would be a good thing to as tenderer for drainage work than in sesist him out of the country in case he curing the best possible results from was forced to leave. He telegraphed to Pinto to let the cruisers go and hurry the expenditure of the people's money. back to Valparaiso with the money as fast as he could. Pinto took the pre

The Spider and the Wasp. caution of exchanging the bills of ex-The act of taking a fellow's part on change into Bank of England notes, and helping to defend him is not confined to with the £350,000 safely stowed away in a steel box in his big trunk he started man. Nearly all of the lower animals on his trip back. have this particular instinct. But it is,

When the steamer reached Montevide I believe, an exceedingly rare occurrence the news of Balmaceda's downfall reachto find a creature of one order "pitching ed him, and he concluded that the Argentine Republic would be a more pleasant in," as the boys would say, and exerting place of residence, so he settled at La his efforts in behalf of a creature of an-Plata. When the excitement of war other order. It fell to my lot not long lied out Pinto prepared to visit Chile. He was afraid to take his money, so he Outside a grocery store there stood a buried it in the box. As soon as he sugar-barrel emptied of its contents. reached Valparaiso he was thrown into There was one particular fly near the prison and told that when he got ready bottom of the outside of the barrel, and to hand the money over to the govern ment he would be released, and not be right beside him stood a good-sized yelow-jacket. All of a sudden a great

Some of Pinto's friends, however, told gray spider hurried out of his web and him that as long as ne kept the money out of the hands of his enemies he was sped straight for the fly. In another moment the fly was in his grasp and a safe, but as soon as he turned it over to safe, but as soon as he turned it over to the government he would be taken out and shot as a traitor. Pinto is a native of Buenos Ayres, and he concluded to use part of the money in effecting his re-lease if possible. With this object in view he wrote to Mr. Parry, an Ameri-can, whose acquaintance he had made in La Plata, offering him one-fourth of the money if he would induce the Argentine Government to take up his case and de-The fly tried so hard to get away that must have attracted the attention of Government to take up his case and de mand his release. The location of the At last the spider released his hold on buried treasure was not given in the letter, but would be sent to Parry if he concluded to accept the proposition

Parry by accident lost the letter, and the finder soon made known the fact that the big fortune in Bank of England notes was buried somewhere near the town. The result is that about every man who an secure a spade is now out digging for the treasure.

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The collier Romulus, from Nanaimo for San Francisco with coal, passed down this merning.

as follows: SWIMMING.

## KEENLY CONTESTED RACE.

25-yard race for the cahmpionship the Law Society and a purse took place at the Y. M. C. A. swimming baths last evening. The contestants were D. M. Eberts, Q.C., M.P.P., and M. Cassidy, of the firm of Davie & Cassidy. Very little time was lost in starting, Cassidy getting the advantage of the start by several feet. Eberts, however, soon closed the distance, and it was a neck-and-neck race to the finish. The judge declared the race a flead heat. Both contestants are strong and fast swimmers, but Cassidy was in better con-dition than his opponent. What was to be done with the stakes was the subject of a long discussion, authorities being quoted by the yard. Neither cared to swim the race again. the La Law Society and a purse took place at Y. M. C. A. swimming baths last

YACHTING. TEDIOUS WORK.

TEDIOUS WORK. 'Loudon, Aug. 16.-The Royal Albert Yacht Club, of which the Duke of Edin-burgh is commodore, had a race to-day, open to yachts above the forty rating. The prize cup was valued at £90. Though the sun was shining the conditions were not favorable, the wind being light. The start was made from Southsea, where the club-house is located, and the distance to be sail-ed was 74 miles, the conditions being that the course should be gone over twice. The starters were: Britannia, rating 151, owner, the Prince of Wales; Navahoe, 161, Royal Phelps Carroll; Calluna, 171, P. Donaldson, and Satanita, 164, A. D. Clarke.

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Royal Phelps Carroll; Calluna, 171, P. Donaldson, and Satanita, 164, A. D. Clarke. When the starting gun was fired at 10 o'clock all the yachts were heading in fine shape up the line. The Britannia was the first to cross, followed by the Calluna, Nav-ahoe and Satanita in the order given. The yachts had to beat to the Na's lightship, and before it was reached the Navahoe had overtaken and passed the Calluna. The Britannia slowly increased the advantage she had gained at the start, and by the fine the first half of the first round had been sailed, she was two minutes and a half ahead of the Navahoe. The Prince of Wates' boat kept the lead throughout and the Satanita brought up the rear. The mark boat was passed in the following time: Britannia-11 hours, 35 minutes, 20 seconds; Calluna-11 hours, 35 minutes, 50 seconds; Calluna-11 hours, 50 min-utes, 55 seconds; and the Satanita-11 hours, 44 minutes, 46 seconds. Towards the finish the Calluna began to shorten the distance between herself and Navahoe, but shortly after she began to creep upon the American the wind died out and a drifting match followed. As there was danger of fouling each other, the race was stopped at the end of the first round, the cup going to the Britannia. The contest was finished as follows: Brit-mina, 3 hours 55 minutes; Colluna, 3 hours 57 minutes 45 seconds; Navahoe, 4 hours 4 minutes 32 seconds.

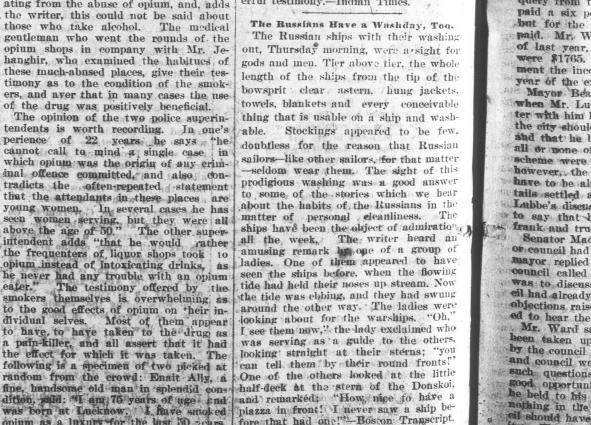
ASTOR CUP RACES.

race is six hours. Which and weather per-mitting, the race shall be salled on con-secutive days. Entries in writing received on board the flagship until 8 a.m. The course shall be from an imaginary line be-tween the flagship and Brentwood Reef lightship, to and around the float display-ing a large red flag, 15 miles to windward er to iceward and return, finishing over the line drawn for the start. The float must be left on the start of the float must be left on the start. The float must be left on the start of the float short distance beyond, displaying a large club signal. The compass of the course will be signalled before the preparatory signal to strat, which will be made at 11 o'clock. The America's Cup committee will be invited to use the flagship during the mees." dividual selves.

by this strangely reckless party into dental or wilful causes) a single instance Victoria : August 26-Victoria v. Westmin-ster at Victoria; September 2-Victoria v. Vancouver at Vancouver; September 9-Victoria Intermediates v. Nanaimo at Na-naimo; September 16-Victoria v. Vancou-ver at Vancouver. testimony, any single case from which viction, based upon personal experience, is worth a wagonload of the reckless and and upon authority unscrupulous stuff as that to which anti- gainsaid, that in India as in China the opiumites are not ashamed to put their native population is nowhere so robust, names. The book furnishes a record industrious and thriving as in the prin of statements of these opium userscipal opium producing and opium statements taken in opium shops, taken suming provinces of the empire." at random, without any premeditated idea um, in brief, he describes as one of the of selecting evidence. What the men greatest gifts of Providence to the peosaid was taken down by an expert short. ple of the tropics; and not simply as hand writer in the presence of reputable soothing adjunct to the digestion of witnesses. The opium users were in alvegetarian diet, such as that used by the most every case strong, healthy, cheer-Hindoos, and a prophylactic against ma laria, through its specific action on the ful men, doing in most instances a hard day's work nearly every day of heir perspiration, the only secretion it stimulates; but above all, because its use, lives, and free from the mularial sillike that of tea, coffee and tobacco, anments so common in the squalid and filthier parts of the native town. Soveral ticipates and allays the natural thirst of of them averred that opium had sived them from falling a victim to a far worse thing-unhappily too prevalent in the the emotional people of Southern Asia land of the anti-opiumite-alcohol. It and Africa, except with the greatest cirwas within the experience of many of cumspection and carefulness. those who gave their testimony that that the habitual consumption of the opium acted as a prophylactic in dysentery, cholera, + rhenmatism, - unlarged and happiness of the people of the tropics, spleen and other distnessing complaints. Sir George would freely throw the manu-The climate, food and manner of life facture of it open to private enterprise make the use of opium beneficial to In- and put it into direct competition with dian people; a moderate consumption is ardent spirits, and in thirty years the

mankind for alcoholic stimulants, which certainly cannot be safely indulged in by drug is conducive to the health, wealth not at all harmful, but the contrary. country would be practically left untax-Opium is not intoxicating, and any ed. This powerful testimony, coming statements made to that effect show the simultaneously with Mr. Jehanghir's remarkable and valuable volume on ignorance of those making them. The mmediate influence of taking opium is subject, should not be without weighty soothing. The majority of opiumists influence upon the intelligent public known to the writer were married and opinion in England. But the book pos had children, thereby disproving the thesesses quite unique value, insomuch that it deals not with argument or opinion ory that opium of necessity causes sterbut with the actual personal history Turning to criminal statistics and luthe votaries of the drug, related in their own words and accompanied by a col natic asylums, during the past eight lection of photographs of opium consum years there has been no case of criminal ers, which constitute even still more pow offence or admission into asylums origin-

erful testimony .-- Indian Times. ating from the abuse of opium, and, adds the writer, this could not be said about The Russians Have a Washday, Too. those who take alcohol. The medical The Russian ships with their washing gentleman who went the rounds of the out, Thursday morning, were a sight for opium shops in company with Mr. Jehanghir, who examined the habitues of gods and men. Tier above tier, the whole these much-abused places, give their teslength of the ships from the tip of the timony as to the condition of the smokbowsprit clear astern, hung jackets. ers, and aver that in many cases the use towels, blankets and every conceivable f the drug was positively beneficial. The opinion of the two police superinthing that is usable on a ship and washtendents is worth recording. In one's able. Stockings appeared to be few, perience of 22 years he says "he doubtless for the reason that Russian cannot call to mind a single case in sailors-like other sailors, for that matter which opium was the origin of any crim--seldom wear them. The sight of this nal offence committed, and also conprodigious washing was a good answer radicts the often-repeated statement to some of the stories which we hear that the attendants in these places are about the habits of the Russians in the young women. In several cases he has seen women serving, but they were all above the age of 50." The other super-intendent adds "that he would rather all the week. The writer heard an ships have been the object of admiration amusing remark by one of a group of ladies. One of them appeared to have the frequenters of liquor shops took to opium instead of intoxicating drinks, as seen the ships before, when the flowing he never had any trouble with an opium eater." The testimony offered by the smokers themselves is overwhelming as around the other way. The ladies were the good effects of opium on their inlooking about for the warships. "Oh, Most of them appear to have to have taken to the drug as I see them now," the lady exclaimed who



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Bolton's Point, R.I., Aug. 17.-At 12.30 the preparatory signal was given from the fagship and at 12.33 they were sent away, opium as a luxury for the last 50 years. for that had one?"-Boston Transcript.

following is a specimen of two picked at