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The French Wedge. Look at the trunk of that noble maple

tree, just felled in the forest. The woodman, will he be able to split it? He will. He has a beetle made of a tough hickory knot and a handle of the same wood. He has also an iron wedge.

He inserts the wedge in an axe-mark and then by taps and blows he drives it home. The progress of the wedge is at times imperceptible but it at least never goes back, it often goes forward.

The woodman succeeds because of the greater cohesiveness of his iron wedge this is actually resented as something shows in locating the wedge-as far from a knot as possible and in the weakest part pass that she shall take her turn at war, of the trunk—and lastly by his persistent while other nations take theirs at the

Canada is that maple log, the French vote is that iron wedge, the hierarchy of Quebec is the woodman, and clerical influ ence over the habitants is the beetle by which the wedge is driven into the log.

Do you doubt it? Look at the events in Quebec. The clericals have their ends in view and they seek to attain them by hold. ing out to the French the hope of French dominion again on this continent.

But it will never be if we stick together. But when will that be? Now party spirit has run mad. Our people are split into factions. The conservatives will make improper alliances and grant improper concessions for temporary victory over the from the oil-smelling London clothed in grits. The grits, we are afraid, are ready to do the same. Sir John Macdonald could have snuffed Riel out, if at the beginning of his meetings and agi- Telegram : tation among the halfbreeds, he had ordered the mounted police to conduct him to the frontier and tell him that if caught on Canadian territory again that if caught on Canadian territory again that if caught on Canadian territory again the world. The i fluence of the journal has twant he pour the side of law and order. have been hard, perhaps, but it would have been sufficient. Now hundreds of lives are sacrificed, millions of dollars lost, the country retarded, and bad blood created. is And all because Sir John was afraid of the French vote.

Hasn't the time come for the vindication of Canada as an English speaking nationality? Quebec is a French province and we have agreed and are willing to leave it as such. But we want no more Quebecs-especially in the Northwest.

A War Against Commerce.

Supposing war to ensue, British and Russian soldiers are not likely to meet in conflict anywhere except on or near to the Indian frontier. That is, if Turkey keeps out of the fight, for if she were in it battles would be fought on Turkish ground, and possibly in Egypt. There would be no invasion of Russia by a British army, or of Britian by a Russian one.

But there would undoubtedly be nava warfare on the high seas, and that on the war now apparently impending are rather largest scale known since the days of Nelson. We may say-the longest ever known since the world began-for the fleets of the present day are of far more powerful armament than those of Nelson's time. This war, if it comes, will be the first decisive test of the efficiency of monster iron-clads and torpedo boats. For the Crimean battle there to take their chances. war was fought out on land mostly, and Nihilism, in the persons of many of its there were no conflicts of any account be. military devotees, is to be heavily bled, tween British and Russian ships. One the effect of which will be to reduce it to a daugerous customers to meet; but, as the strategy which absolute rulers have pracports open; there was really no naval war. The sultan of Turkey drew the janizaries fare to speak of. The wars in which into a trap and then had them the Russian consul the vessel departed France, Italy, Austria and Germany have shot down like dogs. Realizing that he with her lamps unlit. It is learned to day france, Italy, Austria and Germany have figured in our time were fought out on land, and not on the sea. During the former. The same thing was done also by remained almost entirely useless to her, just because there was no way of attacking and for the same reason the czar will what action on his part it would warrant. to meet any nearer home than some this is one who knows the inner secrets of where in Central Asia.

An Anglo-Russian war must be first and must be its most natural and distinguish-Herald has been favored with the informa- of life may turn up. that the Baitic Beet will, in case of war, on war. It insures their own personal come out and fight the English fleet in the open sea. He even put his finger on the chart and pointed out the spot where the saids of the most dangerous customers in chart and pointed out the spot where the sands of the most dangerous customers in

Stockholm and the island of Dago. great numbers of the Russian forces now soon be that the czar would have to face naval preparations being made. Now, we mation can be obtained by the St. Petera-burg correspondents of fereign papers, from the authorities. We are left to infer, bject is to frighten England into sur-

With regard to a probable war against ommerce there is one thing particularly to pe remembered. Among the people of continental Europe there has long prevailed an intense jealousy of England's commer-Leipsic, and in later times of Solferino, of eight in the morning. Koniggratz, and Sedan. But no battle field of the century bears

an English name; and while other nations have been fighting England has been making money. On the continent unfair, and not to be any longer continued. In the next war England must be made one of the principals, and thus bring it to money making. Many competent observers are agreed as to the prevalence of this celing over continental Europe. And right here, if we watch well the daily dications, we may find the origin of much of the sympathy that is being displayed with Russia rather than with

However, in both gold and iron England has immensely the advantage of Russia; and, if it be a game of destruction that must be played, she can stand it the longest. In such a war against commerce as seems now impending there will probably arise some commercial developments

that will astonish the world. Truly Good and Wholly Plous. Deacon Cameron has always been a truly good man—at least he came to Toronto sanctity, and ever since he has gone about among us doing all the good he can. The latest newspaper man to put on the spotless robes is John Ross Robertson of the

patches in the gratuitously distributed Telegram were pirated from the early Sua day morning edition of The World. The newsboys showed their appreciation

of the Telegram by taking them from the distributors and trying to sell them; the public showed their appreciation by paying five cents-for The World.

An Interior View of Russian Policy. A New York paper recently published an interview with Hartman, who is believed to be the real "head-centre" of the Nihilists. and some of this leader's views as to the startling, to say the least. He says for one thing that the czar and

his advisers want war as a means of getting rid of nihilists in the army. Regiments in which nihilism is known to prevail are to be sent as Uriah was by incident of the American war showed that spirit of tameness and submission during "monitors" of the Ericseon type would be many years to come. This is a kind of confederates were never able to keep their tised against their own soldiers before. Germany by sea. But the war we are not shoot down his janizaries and Mamethinking of will be fought out under quite other conditions, if it comes. Then, as we have said, unless Turkey takes a hand chances of being shot will be particularly in, the redcoats and Cossacks are not likely good. At all events the man who tells us

Russian methods and management. Another thing he tells us is one which it foremost a war against commerce; this may sur, use the general public to hear of. If Russia engages in foreign war, attacks ing characteristic. Every day's budget of upon the lives of the czar and the lives of ments understood this, and are preparing being. Russian nihilists will abstain from accordingly. On both sides ironclads and even appearing to fight against their counswift cruisers are being got ready, and the cable news shows that both the govern- his executive are to cease, for the time swift cruisers are being got ready, and the try. Now, supposing this to be true, and dockyards ring night and day. During that the czar knows it, what are we to been ordered to load in future until otherthe last few days the authorities at St. infer? Why, that he goes to war to save Petersburg have seemed particularly his own life, understanding that while war anxious to impress upon press cor- lasts he is safe against dynamite. The war tary council. It is believed it was resolved to concentrate an Indian force at Quetta respondents big ideas of Russia's must end some time, but ere that come naval power. He of the New York something to give him a still further lease

tion that the Baltic fleet counts 215 vessels,

There need be little doubt that Hartman
of which 33 are ironclads and 109 are torspeaks with a knowledge of interior facts pedo boats. In addition there are two in the Russian system. But if all this be large ironclads, each one a match for an indeed true how hopeless for the British immediate construction of forty gunboats immediate construction of forty gunboats immediate construction of forty gunboats on a new plan of naval architecture. The be ready for sea early in the summer. And czar and some of his admirers with him government has chartered the steamer be ready for sea early in the summer. And czar and some of his admirers with him a Russian admiral told the correspondent have most powerful motives for bringing

all Russia. In their eyes war may appear the only way of avoiding that last terrible Saturday's cables, it may have been beeved, consisted largely of statements or Moscow of former scenes in Constanguing from St. Petersburg, relative to tinople and Cairo. Without war it might being pushed forward, and the immense a military rebellion in his own capital naval preparations being made. Now, we which could only be quelled by shooting Further Particulars of the know that no Russian newspaper is allowed to publish news of this kind, except by express permission, and that no such infor things as they are in Russia which the nihitist leader gives us, and it is by no means unlikely to be a true one either. But yes terday, as it were, the czar was penned up therefore, that just now the government of in his palace as in a prison; now he is St. Petersburg has an object in circulating cheered by crowds when he appears at the big reports abroad; and, further, that the out that he has really been bent on war for

Saturday's World. By reason of its compact form, the accur-acy of its account, and ease in handling The World of Saturday sold par excellence on cial success. Frenchmen, Germans and the street. Everybedy bought The World Russians have all felt sure over the fact and read it. They could not handle the that while within the century their respec- blanket sheets and they did not know tive countries have been the theatre of where to look for the news when they got devastating wars England has been exempt them. The World, however, told the from this calamity. There have been bat-tles of Borodino, of Jena, of Waterloo, of fifteen thousand Worlds were sold before

some time past?

his Indian mother, and these bad parts come out prominently in times of trouble-We want thoroughbreds in the Northwest, and to those who are trying to plant other races, other laws, other languages we say: Hands off.

-Headache is one of those distressing complaints that depends upon nervous irritation, bad circulation, or a disordered tate of the stomach, liver, bowels, etc.

The editor and proprietor of the Canada Presbyterian was cured after years of sufficiency with backets and new tentions.

fering with headache, and now testifies to the virtue of Burdock Blood Bitters. 246 RUSSIA AND ENGLAND. Ascendancy of the War Party in St. Po.

tersburg-The Attitude of Germany-

remainder of Eu ope would remain quiet-during the struggle if war occurs and that the war would end in two years through the exhaustion of Russia, and the fear of her statesmen that it might end in a state The Telegram has on three different oc-pasions in recent months issued Sunday papers which were sold at regular rates. It suddenly became pious, after the fulminations of Deacon Cameron against the Sunday papers, and now it poses as the champion of law and order.

It should be mentioned that the denather in the gratuitously distributed from securing any secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad. It is said the reports of secret service within the czar's dominions in the event of war, and all foreigners are prohibited from serving on any Russian railroad.

and Macedonia have alarmed the Russian government concerning the influence Mr. Gladstone's name exercises over the people in all the Bulgarian and Macedonian provinces formerly under a Turkish rule.

The revival by the Moscow Gazette of the question of cession of that portion of Russian Poland bounded on the east by the river Vistula and including the capital of Warsaw to Germany is looked upon as a strong bid for German support. In some quarters it is thought his has been agreed upon secretly with Bismarck as the price of active German aid in suppressing a possible Polish revolt or against England herself.

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British merchants fearing the transfer of the ocean carrying trade to the United States or another power in the event of war have organized a movement to influence the cabinet to undertake the issuing of war risks on shipping at rates that would prevent this.

It is estimated there will be a deficit in this year's budget after the issue of the war credit, amounting to \$65,000,000.

Vanity Fair does not believe Russia and England will come to blows over the Afghan question. That paper boldly declares the whole squabble is fictitious and insincers and has been got up to cover the retreat from the Soudan. Russia is hurriedly fortifying Kieff. It is stated there are 30,000 Russian troops there now.

A Scared Russian. Madrid, April 25 .- A Russian corvette anchored at Almeria last night and after the commander had a hasty interview with

Even More Strained. Lendon, April 25 .- A conference be tween Baron De Staal and Earl Granville to day is said to have further strained the relations between Russia and England.

A general increase in regimental officer in the Russian army has been ordered. A hundred studen's belonging to the

Lord Dufferin has held a prolonged mili-

The recall of the Duke of Connaught to

mla was due to the receipt of a telegram m England, indicating that the political outlook was extremely critical.

The British government has ordered the

BRAVERY OF THE TROOPS.

The Situation at Prince Albert - Jubilation at the Battleford Barracks -Weeping at Winnipeg - Severe Criticism of Gen. Middleton's Tactics. From Sunday's World. CLARKE'S CROSSING, N.W.T., April 25,

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Couriers this morning brought in additional details of yesterday's fight. In spite of the heavy storm the engagemet lasted with intermissions the whole day. When night came on the troops were terribly fatigued, but the excitement keep them up, until nature gave way and the namp became quiet about midnight.

Many are the stories told of hairbreadth iscapes, not the least remarkable of which iffteen thousand Worlds were sold before eight in the morning.

There is the morning.

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We don't want any haltbreeds as such in the Northwest. We don't want halfbreed settlements, halfbreed customs, halfbreed languages in the Northwest. We want the English tongue, English customs and English laws. The country is ours; we hold it; we intend to keep it. The halfbreed has all the bad traits of the mougrel; he takes the worse parts of his French father and his Indian mother, and these bad parts

Many are the stories told of halrbreadth escapes, not the least remarkable of which were those of Gen. Middleton, Capt. Wise, A.D.C., and Major Boulton. Had the shot that pierced Gen. Middleton's hat been an inch lower it would have lodged in his brain. As it was the right side of his head was grazed. Capt. Wise had two horses shot under him and received a slight ankle wound, which while it will inconvenience him some time in walking will probably not keep him out of the saddle, although it bled considerably and required considerable attention. Capt. Wise saw the man who shot him and no Wise saw the man who shot him and no ticed that he took calm and steady aim. but his shot failed to carry, or, as it was aimed high, the captain would have prob-ably been killed. Major Buchan also had a horse shot under him, and Major Boulton lost two horses, one being completely rid dled with buckshot. Major Boswell, commander of the 90th, was hit in the

The rebel fire was remarkably direct and deadly in effect. They saved their ammu-nition, and only fired when a good mark-presented itself. In fact had they been tiring at a target in a rifls competion their aim could scarcely have been more calm and deliberate. They covered a large extent of country and eleverly availed themselves of every possible means of cover, while our men fought largely from the open. They, however, stood up bravely and never wavered for an instant.

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rersburg—The Attitude of Germany—
Prespects of a Conflict at Sea—Mysterious Proceedings of a Muscovite
Man-of-War.

From Sunday's World.

London, April 25.—The Spectator says the present persistence with which the Russian papers urge the seizure of Heratis evidence that they have been inspired for the purpose of preparing the Russian public mind for theevent. The Spectator be lieves the seizure of Herat has already been ordered by the czar, and declares that the British troops will be powerless to prevent its capture, and that its security depended entirely upon the courage of the Afghans.

At first they exhibited a tendency to fire at random with bowed heads. But on the transport of the shad and my head down I should nave done honor to an army of veterans, they braced up straight and presented a front that would have done honor to an army of veterans, whose every day work was fighting. No one can now say our citizen soldiery can not fight. Gen. Middleton is very enthusiastic over their conduct. He acknowned to be a little dubious of their bearing under a well directed fine, but nis tears were speedily dispelled and he had been shown an engagement fought with as much skill and steadiness as he had ever seen. "Fighting an enemy in the courage of the Afghans.

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had ever seen. "Fighting an enemy in ambush," he said, "was the severest test of a soldier's bravery and the men had acquitted themselves remarkably well."
Gabriel Dumont commanded the rebels with extraordinary skill. The strength of the enemy is variously estimated at from 200 to 500, while Gen. Middleton's force at the opening comprised about 590, composed of the 90th, 316 strong, A battery 120 strong, C intantry 40, Major Boulion's cavalry 60, and 60 teameters. Towards the close of the conflict Lord Melgund's force on the west-side comprising the Win nipeg battery, 52 strong, and the Royal Grenadiers 260 strong, crossed over the river and continued the engagement, while the 90th battalion, who had to stand the fierceness of the first onslaught, took a fierceness of the first onslaught, took a well-earned rest in the rear.

Although the loss of Gen. Middleton was

heavy, the engagement is regarded as a complete defeat of the rebels, who, however, managed to conceal their losses by removing their dead and wounded from the scene. It is thought the artillery must have done effective and deadly service. Many horses were killed, One report states that 20 or 25 of the rebel force was slain. A number of horses and ponies were captured.

WINNIPEG, April 25 .- The Times thi afternoon publishes a sensational despatch received from Clarke's Crossing, the sub stance of which is as follows: "It is be received from Clarke's Crossing, the substance of which is as follows: "It is beyond doubt that the fight of yesterday was a reverse for General Middleton and that the volunteers were really forced to retreat. The rebels seem to have followed the troops to camp and defiantly await a renewal of hostilities which they are likely to receive with more vigor than before. The rebel loss, if any, is said to be very small. The place for fight was well chosen, giving the rebels great prestige over our men. The approaching scene is an open prairie, a mile in length, ending in a slightly inclined hill, running down into a coulse. The bluffs on each side are well wooded. On the north side of the ravine the rebels were entrenched in force, thence they poured a deadly fire upon the volunteers while the latter were unable to see the enemy, who were hidden behind trees and rooks, and from their place of ambush could pick out their men with the greatest accuracy.

Gen. Middleton selected a good spot for his camp last night. It is on the south side of the ravine, about midway between the hattle field and the river. stance of which is as follows: "It is youd doubt that the fight of yesterday

side of the ravine, about midway between the battle field and the river. This leaves

length."
The above report of the result of the battle at Fish creek is not believed.
Capt. Clark, who led the sharpshooters into the fight, will not survive his wound, the bullet having lodged in the region of the heart.
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Riel is reported to have captured two messengers from Prince Albert.

Commissioner Wrigley from information received does not view the battle of Fish creek as a defeat but more of a drawn fight. Had it been otherwise the rebels would not have retired to Batoche.

The total casualties on the volunteer side in the engagement is put down at 12 killed and 50 wounded.

The governor general's body guard reached Qu'Appelle at noon yesterday and started immediately to the support of Gen.

Middleton.

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Latest despatches indicate that our troops captured ten ponies belonging to the rebels and 25 helfbreeds and Indians.

Gen. Middleton's Official Report.

Ottawa, April 25.—Gen. Middleton's report to Mr. Caron merely confirms the newspaper reports. The fight took place fifteen miles this side of Batouche's Crossing, and forty miles from Clark's Crossing. Five men were killed and thirty three wounded. The wounded are distributed among the various battalions that were engaged about in proportion to their strength. The volunteers behaved splendidly. Gen. Middleton got a bullet through his cap and both his aide-de-camps were wounded, Lieut. Wise having two horses shot under him. The rebels chose a strong position,

him what he worked at. "I'm a broa annual rifle association matches here last antumn. It is feared that the force encountered by General Middleton was not the main body of the rebels. The rebels seemed to have fought in regular Indian fashion, killing as many as they could, and then making off. maker," said he.
"Do you drink!"
"No!"

The Feeling at Winnipeg.

Winn 1926, April 25.—The news of the engagement with the rebels has created the greatest excitement, and there is danger now of the campaign becoming a war of vengeance. The greatest indignation is expressed, and Gen. Middleton is openly charged with want of caution. It is more than ever plain that it was the height of absurdity to send large bodies of infantry up to do the fighting that is required. Five hundred mounted men experienced in prairie life and good shots, would have cleared the rebels out in short order. The scouts have undoubtedly made good work and labored hard, but it is remarkable that Gen. Middleton should have been taken so completely by surprise, ashe undoubtedly was. There is the greatest sorrow here ove the victims, who were all popular and highly esteemed men. Orders have been received for the body guard and Quebec cavalry to push forward to Clarke's Crossing. Fears are entertained that the rebels will execute a flank movement and endeavor to out off the general's communications. It is certain that the rabels are in great straits for stores and it is thought their desperation will lead them to make a dash that if successful will be very disas.

Two of ever the beautiful seemery of the St. central prison !"
This is a terrible fact that the bro

in great strafts for stores and it is thought their desperation will lead them to make a dash that if successful will be very disastrous in effect. Having commenced the work of killing, it is expected the rebels will fight to the bitter end, as they will now expect no mercy if caught. What the result will be on the Indians who have so far remained quiet it is at present hard to say, but it is feared they will now throw in their lot with the rebels and that the campaign will be protracted all Two of which are passed on smooth waters, and amongst the beautiful scenery of the St. Paseengers can be booked by rail or b steamer to Quebec. Baggegechecked through Sailings from Quebec: Sarmatian, 9th May Polynesian, 16th May; Circassian, 23d May Parlsian, 30th May. the campaign will be protracted all through the summer and that its effects will take years to remedy.

Their Ammunition Runs Out. CLARK'S CROSSING, April 25.—Shortly before 10 o'clock three companies of the Royal Grenadiers crossed the river and took up positions on the left centre, at the brow of the hill, overlooking the ravine. By this time the firing from the rebels was but feeble, seeming to indicate that their ammunition was running out. The fire of the skirmishers who were deployed in the companies in the centre and left centre was very effective. About this time a was very effective. About this time a house in the ravine was nearly demolished by shots from No. 4 gun of A battery.

At 6.50 the rebels had nearly all dispersed, some fifteen being all left in sight. The rest retired eastward and thencenorthward toward Batoche crossing. The column removed to the left point of the ravine and the camp was removed midway between

the camp was removed midway the battlefield and the river. the battlefield and the river.

More than twenty horses belonging to the rehels lie dead along the lower bank of Fig. crock.

The raids loss is thought to have been slight. About 7.30 the artillery fired a few shots to repel a threatened attack on the rear of the troops.

The troops remained under arms, and all supplies and troops have crossed to the

A Meeting That Was to Have Been Montreal, April 25.—Another meeting of sympathisers with Riel and the rebels was called for this evening in the centre portion of the city and some 800 people assembled, including many in favor of the government's policy who expressed themselves as determined to prevent the meeting being held. A large contingent of English-speaking young men attended, armed with clubs and bearing the union jack, who marched down singing patriotic songs and were well received by the greater portion of the crowd. The organizers of the meeting, all French-Canadian liberals, seeing the hostile demonstration hastily changed their miads and decided to postpone the meeting, giving as a reason the desire of the storckeepers in the vicinity who feared a breach of the peace. The announcement was received with loud cheers by the loyal portion of the crowd who burst out into "God Save the Queen." The principal organizer of meeting states that MONTREAL, April 25 .- Another meeti principal organizer of meeting states that in view of the news of the battle it had been decided to abandon the gathering as the public feeling hitherto somewhat dormant was aroused by the loss of life on

The committee of ladies interested i sending a car lead of supplies through to the Toronto volunteers now at the from will receive goods to morrow after 9 o'clock a.m. at No. 71 and 73 King acreet east instead of Shaftesbury hall as pre-viously stated. The committee are re-quested to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mrs. Patterson's, 422, Jarvis street, to

The Kind of Stuff that Passes Current. A Bismarck despatch of the 19th to the St. Paul Globe says: "Six mountain how-St. Paul Glebe says: "Six mountain howitzers passed west to-night via Northern Pacific railroad, for Helena, Montana, presumably for Battleford. Plummer and Linn, two prominent veterans, have been offered commissions as generals in the army of the Saskatchewan by Riel. It is reported that 500 cowboys started to join Riel over the border, as the Helena Herald says, every man going north has been for the last two weeks. It is reported that Alexander Lina, of the Clark's Fork mining district, raised and organized 250 men for Riel's assistance. Riel's assistance.

At Prince Albert.
The following letter from Peter Atkinson of Prince Albert was received by a relation in this city yesterday morning: We had to leave the house where we We had to leave the nouse where we were living only taking our bedding with us, and have fortified the Presbyterian church and manse with cordwood 8 feet high, and loopholed it so as the women and children can get inside and the men defend. We are all formed into companies and armed as well as possible for the last two weeks. We had a fight at Duck Lake and lost heavily, as our boys were determined to get at the rebels. We were mined to get at the rebels. We were outnumbered and had to fall back to Fort outnumbered and had to fall back to Fort Carleton, and the next night that place took fire and burned down about 12 o'clock p.m. We had a hard job to get out of the yard at Carleton as we had 70 teams and sleighs in the yard and had to pull down part of the stockade of cordwood to get out. We all got out and came here safely next day. We buried the dead of the Duck Lake fight, 9 of them in one grave in the English church cometery. Cannot

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The annual meeting of the Stockholders for the election of Directers for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, in this city, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the 27th day of May next. By order of the Board. R. H. BETHUNE,

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By order of the Board,
GEO. S. C. BETHUNE,
Sec. and Treas.

MR. WILTON'S OFFICE BOY. It was time for the office to close Robert Harvey, the office boy, still ered, though the bookkeeper told h could go home.

"You don't seem in any hurry this noon," said the bookkeeper. "Do you think I could see Mr.

before I go?"
"What is your errand?" asked the "I thought as I had been here a ye day, he might be willing to salary.

"I advise you not to ask," said the keeper, shrugging his shoulders. ness is only so so, and you are for not to be cut down." But Robert had a special reason for

ferring his request. His little siste sick and his mother, who derived son come from making vests for a city was unable to do as much as and the result was that they hard pressed for money to in a week the monthly rent came d sum to Robert and his mother. Mr Wilton eat in the count writing when Robert entered.

"What can I do for you, Rober asked.
"Mr. Wilton, it is a year to-day "Mr. Wilton, it is a year to-day a ntered your service."

The merchant began to frown.

h. anticipated what was coming, just been figuring up his profits years. They expected twenty the dollars, but still they were two to behind the profits of the previous This annoyed him, for he had contained to do better. expected to do better.
"What then?" he asked, curtly
"I thought you might be willin

"How much do I pay you now?"
"Three dollars and a half a weel
"A very fair salary for these timert. The fact is, business has fa and I have not done as well this youple of thousand dollars as I year." "Then you can't raise me?" as ert, in a tone of diseppointment.
"Certainly not. Most men are
down wages. I won't do that, bu

advance you. In another year, are favorable, I will pay you Another year! It was a long wait when money was needed Robert felt tha there was no m said, and he turned away slowly clouded with sadnesss. Mr. Willed him as he went out, and fel whine of regret.

"It wouldn't have cost me my him a dollar a week more—only him a dollar a week more—only the thought." Still I dollare," he thought, "Still I sider the principle of the the should be receive more when I

Mr. Wilton might have consist to him a small diminution of his come meant no loss of comfor luxury, while with Robert it different. He way not a hama, but he was disposed to tak view of whatever affected his ests. The sight of poverty an made him uncomfortable, and hamade it a practice of shutting it ignoring them. It did occur to ignoring them. It did occur Robert's family was probably not go very far; but, "of cou elf about how other people hould have my hands full if hat business."
Robert went home slowly.
have hurried if he had good

part, but his application had less. At last he reached the less. At last he reached the ling in the outskirts of the chis mother and sister lived.

opened the door for him. Sheadness of his look.

"You failed in your applicated anxiously.

"Yes, mother. Mr. Witt must wait another year. If he ded a dollar a week to my pay almost paid the rent."

Mrs. Harvey sighed.

"Well" she said, "there i

it. If Alice recovers her head o more work for the tailor, she takes up a great deal of "How is she, mother?"
"She feels a little better. asking for oranges, but I has spare, and the poor child "Mother," said Robert de

After supper I will go out as pick up a little money for "What extra work can ye my son?"
"I don't know, but I can
Robert did as he proposed
home after two hours unsuc
"Never mind, mother,"
try it again to morrow. If
won't raise my pay I will se or another I cant make up to a dollar a week."
"But it will be too

"But it will be too
Robert."
"The risk it, mother."
The next day was Saturd
to custom some of the busic
place closed their stores or
o'd ok in the afternoon,
clerks a little space for rec
It was in the winter a
boys congregated in large
pend not far from Rober
they had fine anort in they had fine sport in cured to Robert that he n ittle money by putting of ladies, or inexperienced sloclock he had carned ter way, and there seemed to doing anything more in "Why are you not sk said Charlie Davis, as he had seemed to said Charlie Davis, as he his skates.

"Because I have no sk
"You may use mine

nome to supper."
"Thank you, Charlie, "Thank you, Charlie,
"I think my skates wi
"Yes, our feet are abo
Most of the boys enjoy
so much that they deter supper, so that Robert's
pany when on Charlie's
swiftly over the ice.
We shan' have skat
Rob," said Fred Lathre

Rob," said Fred Lattrening to melt a'ready."
"You are right. I the last chance for the weather gets colder."
"The ice is quite thin eide of the pond, but there. Do you see that the scal skin cap?"
"Yes; what of him?"
"It is the son of your
words. He is an on
He parents idolize him

Clarence Wilon Was dent beys who ventur-ice. He was rash an only laughed when tol 'I only weigh eight

I guess the ice will be All at once Robert.
The ice is cracking A crowd of excited