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MR. ROBERTSON'S REPORT.

The report in which ex-Mayor Rob ertson explains the results of his visit to Great Britain tells its own story. It is not a florid statement, as such reports are apt to be, but sets forth in a plain and straightforward way what the city delegate sought to do. The first impression one gets is that Mr. Robertson did not give much of his time to the pomps and vanities of the world, but went rapidly and resolute-ly about his business. His mission was a rather general one. He was to furnish information about this port and this province where it would do most good. He was expected to interest the shipping men, commercial mer and the governing class on the trade and the facilities for trade, the industries and the opportunities for industry, and all the natural advantages and resources of this part of Canada. It is no reflection on the inhabitants of the mission field to say that they require such definite instruction. The traders and shipping men of the United Kingdom and the imperial rulers know their business as well as anybody, but they cannot derive a knowledge of all sorts of local matters out of their inner consciousness. How shall they learn unless they are taught and how shall they hear without a

Mr. Robertson addressed the cham bers of commerce of London, Liverpool, Bristol and Manchester, and had important interviews and conferences in Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin. He discussed a St. John graving dock in its imperial aspects with Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Goschen, conferred with Bristol shipping men about a line of steamships between that port and St. John, dealt with a leading paper making concern about the wood pulp industry of this province, and themes of mutual interest to ourselves

and the mother land. This is not the time to speculate as to what may come of it. The report is before the council, and one matter at least contained in it, calls for prompt attention. The intereviews between Mr. Robertson and two imper-ial ministers, the first lord of the admiralty, and the colonial secretary, is the first step in an enterprise which may prove to be of great importance. of a dry dock that was before the peo-ple of this time called for the expen-diture by the city of almost money enough to complete the whole work, while the dock itself would have been owned and controlled in New York. The city cannot now make any such investment as was then proposed, but it would regard with favor and assist in all practicable ways the construction of a graving dock in the mutual interest of the empire, the dominion, the city and province. Al question for the city to determine is whether it is worth while to go forward on the lines suggested by Mr. Goschen and take steps towards furnishing the admir-alty with plans and particulars.

The subject of the Bristol steam line will no doubt be referred to the department of trade and con hich in view of the failure for the time of the fast line service should be disposed to furnish a temporary sub-

The pulp making propositions, which it is understood were carried by Mr. Robertson much farther than his report indicates, are maters which con cern the city, but will claim the specia attention of private parties on this side of the water. One result of Mr. Robertson's visit has perhaps been a more prompt investment of British capital in local pulp enterprises. This is an industry that is sure of development forth by the right man to the proper audience. The Sun may be permitted to remark on first showing that the ex-mayor has performed his contract with his employers, the people of St.

THE COLONIES AND NAVAL DE-

The statement made by the first lord of the admiralty to the deputation which waited upon bim to discuss the relations of the colonies to the naval reserve, contains an important proposition. Mr. Goschen, speaks with official reserve, but he shows that the admiralty is quite willing to utilize colonial seamen and fishermen strengthen the imperial navy. He recognizes that the material is good and estimate on the service that such an enlistment would perform toward the unity of the empire. Mr. Goschen is

bury has no minister who is more sternly matter of fact than his first ord. So it is not surprising that Mr. Soschen broke in on the discussion of the deputation by asking for a statenent of their plans. As the explanaion in detail was not forthcoming, Mr. Goschen offered a plan of his own. Great Britain of naval reserve voluncolonies desire to contribute something in that form. The proposition is that ly. the admiralty will pay the retaining allowance of so many naval reserve men as the colonies will undertake to has much to commend it. It is more appropriate and tractical than the scheme of obtaining one or more war vessels from each colony. Under the a large sea-faring population could make a modest beginning at any time and go forward in that direction in-stead of giving its whole attention to great wars of the future. She may now have plenty of sailor men at home, but it is doubtful if they are as good material as could be drawn from the maritime colonies, and particularly from the natives of eastern coasts of Canada. We We have here plenty of young men who are willing to serve their apprenticeship, and equally ready to fight in a time of need. The boys who grew up on the Atlantic coast of Canada have contributed much to the strength of the United States navy, and they would greatly prefer service in the navy of their own empire. The British empire their own empire. The British empire league in Canada has already brought the matter before the Canadian govent. The result was a small vote at the last session, but so far as we ine may have some plan to propose next session. It is not logical that a country like Canada, which has the ocean nearly all round it, and several on the water than on land, ould in these days, when a navy is verything in defence, make all her war investments in land forces and have nothing to do with naval de-

MR. MULOCK AND THE MAIL SERVICE.

It is claimed on behalf of the postmaster general that he has almost the economist has built h examination shows that the economy did not take the form of a remarkable diminution of expenditure. The ment to \$3,665,000, and Mr. Mulock has been able to cut the outlay down to daily twelve mile each way service.

\$3,575,000. This is a saving of \$90,000, Mr. Mulock has seen an offer to do
the work for \$140, or 44 cents a round made. The remainder of the \$627,000 by which the balance has been improved is accounted for by an increase n the postal revenue from \$2,964,000 in 1895-1896 to \$3.501.000 in 1897-1898 A steady and regular increase in the

postal revenue has gone on ever since confederation. The gain of last year is abnormally large, but the extra part of it seems to have been made up by the large sale of jubilee stamps in addition to those used for postage. Mr. Mulock was not responsible for the Queen's jubilee, and the gain from and if they vote for it, the governthat source is not to be credited to ment will not give it. Sir Wilfrid put his schemes of economy.

reduction of expenditure by two and the end of it, while if they voted for a half per cent. His eulogists tell prohibition the government would us that \$103,936 a year has been saved take the matter into consideration. in re-letting contracts for the car- But the present issue is not what riage of mails. This is where the minister has got in his work.

So far as can be learned, no part of this saving has been made in dealings with the great railway and teamship corporations which have anies in 1897 received \$1,350,000 for earrying mails. Stage drivers, and other mail carriers by land got 347,000. Of the \$1,350,000 paid to railways, over \$600,000 went to the Candian Pacific system, besides some large amounts paid to water navigation companies under the same control. The Grand Trunk and allied lines got a little less, but gathered in nearly half a million. These two companies got a great deal more money for carrying mails by their regular trains than was paid to all the mail carriers on the post roads of the country, numbering between 6,000 and 7,000 mail contractors. Mr. Mulock does not interfere with the profits of the great railways. The savings of which he boasts are made of the pay of the mail drivers. The read postal routes in Canada have a mileage several times streater than the length of all the railways in the

minion, and for the work that they

pay of the country stage drivers and not the big railway companies that Mr. Mulock makes his saving. The railways have on the whole got bet-

ter terms than they had before. The Canadian Pacific Company gets \$130 per mile per annum for its To begin with, the first lord ex- through mail from Fairville to Van-plains that there is no shortage in couver, amounting to \$450,000 a year ouver, amounting to \$450,000 a year It is paid in addition for all the m teers who are willing to serve a month carried in its local trains, including with a battery and six months on a about seventy other services, which war ship. If the colonies are invited bring in from a few dollars to sums to furnish reserve men, it is not be- of over \$20,000 each. The Grand Trunk cause more are needed. But if the gets \$100 a mile for some of its services, with one lump sum of \$25,000 more toward the defence of the empire as a sort of extra, and a large numthe imperial government will accept it | ber of services at \$80 a mile annual-

These are among the services on which Mr. Mulock sees no chance to save. Let us now look at some on train at their own cost. This plan which he has made savings. The postmaster general went to the trouble of printing a book at the expense of the country to show what he had achieved by cancelling mail contracts and making others. A few samples of these economies in this province may be taken from his own story.

There was a mail driver w \$168 a year, or \$1.60 per round trip of 40 miles. Lest this man should get rich too fast Mr. Mulock cancelled his contract and made a new one by which he claims a saving of \$20.60 a year. Another case to which Mr. Mulock calls attention in his book, is one where a mail was carried three times a week 71-2 miles for the extravagant price of \$175, or \$1.12 per round trip of 15 miles. Mr. Mulock earns the gratitude of Canadians by reducing the pay to 82 cents per round trip. A third achievement of Mr. Mulock was the cancellation of a contract under which a rural monopolist was raking in \$65 a year for 156 trips ow nothing has been done towards of four miles and return, or 42 cents the purpose for which the vote was a trip. Mr. Mulock has concluded a made. Perhaps the minister of marbargain at 25 cents for each round Journey, and the late contractor been retired to live on his ill-gotton gains. But the postmaster | general eagle eye fell upon a North Shore country by claiming \$75 a year for making two journeys a day of 11-2 miles each way. This was nearly 12 cents for the three mile trip. The late president of the Farmer's Loan company made this legalized highwayma give up his plunder. His new contract allows the mail carrier the handsome ldy of \$47.50, or something less than 8 cents for each round journey! It is not only in this province that basis. The deficit of \$700,000 two years lock caught a man in the act of collecting \$1.40 a round trip for a route of 19.1-2 miles each way, or 26 miles in all. Mr. Mulock set himself to work to check this man's rapacity and has economy in management. A closer knocked off 25 cents a trip. Another examination shows that the economy in Western Nova Scotia, where he has beaten down the cost of a twice-a-day service of six miles each way to \$95 checks paid out of the parliamentary a year, or 15 tents for the round jour-appropriation amounted in the last ney. The minister explains that he doer of the house of Elisha. 10. And Elisha sent a mesenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the role of the late govern-rier who has the presumption to draw. Jordan seven times, and thy flesh rier who has the presamption to draw.

> se calses, taken from Mr. Muck's record, show how he econo-... If such an econor only muster up courage to take the big rallway men by the throat as the does the little mail carriers, he could sily save \$1,200,000 a year out of the \$1,550,000 paid for railway transportation. But one man cannot do every-

The Montreal Gazette is of opinion that if the people of Canada vote against prohibition, the government will not give them prohibition the case somewhat differently when The postmaster general is entitled he said that if the people voted to all the credit that belongs to the against prohibition, that would be the government will do. That is a question which the ministers alone can answer. The point to be decided is, what do the people want? It is for them to answer that plain ques

> The Monoton Transcript says the the return of the tory candidate i Northumberland in 1896. This boas 's commended to the attention of Mr Robinson, M. P., who has some reaso to think that he secured his own elec-

NO TRACE OF A BODY.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B. Aug. 10.-Th well at the Mowatt farm house was cleaned out today, but no trace was and of any body. This part of the sational stories, so persistently elt upon of late, will probably b mitted after this.

IT IS PONTHA. NOT PONSS. (Bangor Commercial)

tance: It is said that the na

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

LESSON VII .- Augu t 21,

GOLDET TEXT.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be nealed; save me, and I shall be saved.

The sec includes the story of the sealing of Naaman and the sin of Gehazi in connection with it (2 Kings 5: 1-27).

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—B. C. 890-884, common chron-logy, or 852-845, revised chronelogy. Places.-(1) Damascus, the capital of Syria. "The eye of the East," the oldest city in the world. "In more modern times it has been celebrated for its swords—'Damascus blades'— Samaria. The capital of the kingdom of Israel, about 110 miles distant in an air line. The probable residence

Rulers.-Jehoram, son of Ahab, king of Israel; Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah; Benhadad II., the king of Syria.

The Black Obelisk, discovered by

Mr. Layard at Nineveh, and placed in gates of one of Shalmaneser's palaces, discovered in 1878, and also sent to the British Museum, both contain ecords of wars of Assyria against

NAAMAN HEALED .- 2 Kings 5: 1-14 Read the chapter. Commit verses 13, 14.

1. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great because by him the Lord had given (a) deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he

was a leper.

2. And the Syrians had gone ou (b) by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid: and she waited or Naaman's wife.

Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he yould recover him of his leprosy. 4. And one went in and told ord, saying, Thus and thus said the naid that is of the land of Israel.

5. And the king of Syria said, Go

go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed and took with him ten talents and ten changes of raiment.

6. And he brought the letter to the

king of Israel saving Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayes recover him of his leprosy. 7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter that

this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore ... 8. And it was so, when Elisha, the man of God, had heard that the king of Israel, had rent his clothes, that

9. So Naaman came with his horses and with his (c) charlot, and stood

shall come again to thee, and thou 11. But, Naaman was wroth, went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to of the Lord, his God, and (d) strike

his hand the lener. nd over the place, and recover 12. Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned

and went away in a rage.

13. And his servants came near and spake unto him, and said. My father if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee Wash, and be clean 14. Then went he down, and dipped nimself seven times in Jordan, acording to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

REVISION CHANGES. Ver. 1. (a) Victory. Ver. 2. (b) In bands. Ver. 11. (d) Wave his hand.

LIGHT ON THE TEXT. II. Naaman. - "Pleasant to look mander in chief. By him . . erance unto Syria—Probably from

when there was no regular war.

5. A letter to the king of Israel. ng, of course, that such a would be under the king's ophet, would be under the king antrol or influence. Ten talents of liver.—About \$16,400. Six thousand eces of gold.—Worth about \$48,000, nauges of raiment.—Costly robes for

niles away. Jordan had no power to real; and thus while Naaman must show his faith by doing something, the healing would direct him to the true God. This plan would test not only his faith, but his obedience and

12. Abana and Pharpar.-The Abas, now called Barada, ran through low the city. Better than all the waters of Israel.—The Jordan was a uddy stream, running through a decrees, with no cities and few

GUIDING QUESTIONS.

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date. Point out the places on the

toin (v. 1).—Who was Naamar scribe his greatness and pro What one great trouble did he have? 34, 35; 2 Cor. 4: 17, 18; Heb. 12, 10). Describe the leprosy? In what respecks was it a type of sin? Should we be anxious to escape from sin as we would be, if lepers, to be cured of

II. A Little Girl Showing the Way (vs. 2-4).—In what way was a young Israelite girl brought into Damascus What nay she have known of Elisha? Thomas McElroy, Esq., of Portland, What did she do for Nasman? What died on the 9th inst. after a very What did she do for Naaman? What does she teach us as to the way in

which we may help others? III. Salvation, Sought. (vs. 5-7).— What did the king propose to Naaman? How long was the journey? What did he carry with him for a present? whom did he go first? How did the king receive the request? Do ple now sometimes seek salvation where it is not to be found? Give

V. Salvation Rejected (vs. 11, 12) How did Naaman receive the mes-sage? What had he expected? What about the Arana and Pharpar? Were the residence of his brother, Jarvis they better than thit Jordan? Why wilson of this city. He had been for could not Naaman be cured by their some time suffering from a disease of

What is salvation? How only can we be saved from our sins? (John 3: 16; Acts 4: 12). Why is the way so-plain and simple? Will any other plan succeed if we reject this?

Have we something to do in being

raved? What will be the effect on us if we believe and obey? (Psa. 51: 7, 8; 2 Cor. 5: 17; Rom. 12: 2; Isa. 1: 16, 17;

Dominion liner Scotsman on Thursday evening on behalf of the Liverpool Seamen's Orphanage and the Montreal Institute. The Rev. John de eyres of St. John, N. B., presided, and nong those who assisted in the en-rtainment were the Hons. Dudley and Archie Gordon, sons of Lord Aberdeen; the Rev. H. K. Sin Eveline, and Mr. and Mrs. Greenhields of Liverpool. The progra of the concert were specially illustrated by F. S. Coburn. The collection taken at the concert, together with that of the service, on the previous Sunday, amounted to \$80, the largest sum received as yet on this line.

The following expert judges have been elected for service, at Canada's International Sixth Annual fair, to be held in St. John, N. B., September 13th to 23rd, in the following departments: Horses, Dr. George M. Twitchell, Augusta. Maine; beef breeds of cattle, J. C. Sneil, Snelgrove, Ont.; dairy breeds of cattle, Robert Reesor, Locust Hill, Ont.; sheep and swine, J. C. Snell, Snelgrove, Ont.; poultry, Dr. Geo. M. Twitchell, Augusta, Maine; fruit, D. H. Knowlton, Farmington, Maine; dairy products, A. W. Wood-ard, Quebec; judges of grains, agricul-tural and horticultural products, hon-ey and apiarian supplies, flowers, will be announced later. The score card

DEATH OF DENNIS D. BURKE.

of Dennis D. Burke, one of the est known citizens of Amherst, which ook place at his daughter's home in hat town early in the day. For a man of his age Mr. Burke was active, but of late the weight of years began to tell and he retired from his duties as court orier to spend his days in leis-ure. He went to Chatham, some

nonths ago.

The deceased was born in Bandon, Ireland, about 1820. He learned the trade of a tailor, and early in life came to St. John. He visited several places, but came to Amherst some 50 years ago. Soon after he was appointed court crier for Cumberland, a position he held until a few months old and respected friend, Corm Growley. For many years Mr. B was county jailor. He had a fami four sons and three daughters, Ge who went west and was never h om; John, in California; Clifford, in

THE DEATH ROLL.

families of this city. Many friends will read of her death with regret. Her husband and two children, a son and a daughter, survive. The re-mains will be brought here for inter-

James McElroy, son of the lengthy illness. Deceased was engred in business in Woodstock for culte a long time but was attacked by serious illness twelve years ago, and came to St. John. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, whose friends will hear of his death with regret.

The death is announced of Ernest F. Peiler, who was for a long time in the music business in this city, and who removed to Hartford. an example.

IV. Salvation offered (ws. 8-10).—

What did Elisha do in this difficulty?

What did he receive the great general?

City. He was a German by birth. Why in this way? What remedy did Among the younger men his son, he prescribe? What reasons can you think of why the prophet made this the Bank of British North America, was well known

> James Wilson of Petersville, Queens the larynx and last week came to the John, is now a member of the staff of the geological survey of Canada. The daughters are Miss Wilson of Petersville, Mrs. George Emery of this city, and Mrs. R. A. Graham of Petersof the oldest residents of the parish. and always enjoyed the respect and

esteem of the community. son of Ottawa came to the city for the funeral.

On the 9th insta the sad intelli gence reached this city of the death A. M. Rowan of Main street. The deceased was a young man of about twenty-seven years of age, and for some years had occupied the position. Mr. Rowan, who served his time with George Waring, was a very popular officer on board the steamer. The few particlars at hand incidental to and as follows. While the vessel was at Newport News a number of the officers and friends visited Mr. Rowan's stateroom and found lying on the table a revolver. It was then the old a shot being fired, the bullet finding a lodging place in Mr. Rowan, who died in about ten hours, on Aug. 2rd. The funeral took place on Aug. 5th.

Many Guardian realers will regret to learn of the death Tuesday morning greatly respected, and was treasurer of the church for many years. His widow and family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereave-

The death occurred at Blissville, Sunbury Co., Tuesday night of Wm. E. Hoyt, one of the foremost men of the county. His demise occurred at at McAdam; Sherman Hoyt of city; Jacob Hoyt of Bilssville; R. J. Morgan of Old Town, Me; I Mersereau of Bilssville, and an matried daughter at McAdam. funeral will take place Friday me tog at 10 o'clock at Hoyt Station,

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