have been more than ful-
he other hand the disappoint-
met with, has always been
ith reference to the American
the point is one that ought to
n until it be fully acknow-
why is the through traffic a
ast, it may be asked, more
the present time. Having
estion we propose to answer

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and general reduction in
Canadian lines have had to
and in this chiefly lies the
of diminished profits to the
of the first effects of the
of the panic in September
stop to a large extent the
grain towards the seaboard,
eason of the year when the
both by rail and water, should
its flood tide. In one way
d to promise increased traffic
ays, for the reason that the
part of the busiest two
the year on lake and canal,
fence of the Welland and the
ng the winter by rail. Why,
the railways profit by this
of freight, as expected? The
that they certainly profited
as getting the quantity of
concerned, but, unfor-
them, this does not tell
story. By the time that
to move East again in large
there was a reduction in freight
some general, and the rail-
doing more work, were do-
money. We may look upon
ing to some extent to a de-
on the part of the railway
d the "Grange" move-
demand for new transporta-
but it was in the main but a
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been going on since the
day of September last. What
the United States may be
ay surprise that instead of there
a natural fall of prices since
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demand for new railways,
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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

EUROPEAN.

Through the accounts from the various sources in Spain are very conflicting; there seems to be good reason to believe that the Republican forces have succeeded in raising the siege of Bilbao.

The competition between the steamship companies has already brought steerage fares from Liverpool to New York down to fifteen dollars—just half of the former rate. Now is the time for old country people in Canada to get their friends out.

Sir Robert Peel the Liberal Whip in the British Parliament has resigned, owing to ill health.

The Queen will probably visit Ireland with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh next autumn.

A letter from on board the rescued steamer Amerique, in Plymouth harbour, says that the scene on board directed great haste on the part of the crew. They left her, Sheet music was on the piano; all sorts of clothing, guide books, love letters, wills, newspapers, bibles, pop corn, trunks, and cards were mixed in promiscuous confusion in the state rooms.

The King and people of the Fiji Islands are unanimously in favour of their cession to Great Britain.

The Pope held a consistory recently, for the appointment of Bishops. Among the appointments were several for the Australian dioceses, and Bishop Grimont for the diocese of Hamilton, Canada.

The Czar on Monday received visits from Generals Von Moltke and Mantoeffel, Prince Gortschakoff held a conference with Prince Bismarck. The betrothal of the Russian Grand Duke Vlandimir and the Duchess Marie of Mecklenburg was promulgated on Sunday.

AMERICAN.

The Baltimore papers of last week published accounts of a shocking outrage perpetrated by two negroes on a negro boy. According to the boy's statement the two men, without provocation, scarred and branded his limbs in the most cruel manner with a red hot iron and afterwards poured spirits of turpentine over his naked body and lower limbs, and set him on fire. In this condition he escaped, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames in a stream. What manner he is scarcely able to tell.

New York ice dealers say that ice will be four times dearer this year than last.

The New York Masonic temple was formally opened last week.

Gen. Wm. Hall, a veteran of 1812, who commanded troops which suppressed the Astor Place riots, died on Sunday, aged seventy-eight.

A Petersburg, Va., dayfight states there is a great religious revival there among the coloured people, over five hundred being baptized by immersion in the Appomattox river on Sunday. An immense multitude witnessed the ceremony.

The steamship agents at New York estimate the falling off in travel already from thirty to fifty per cent., owing to the recent ocean disasters.

The appeals in the cases of the convicted Tammany ringsters, Tweed, Genet, and others, were called on Monday in the Supreme Court, general term, but after some discussion were held over for two weeks. The District Attorney intimated that he would move to dismiss the appeal.

CANADIAN.

The lighthouses on the St. Lawrence will henceforth be illuminated.

The steamship Nestorian brought out $45,000 in Canadian silver coin.

No direct evidence with regard to the suspected murder at Strathroy has yet been elicited.

The Government of Nova Scotia have now tramped up charges of forgery against Mr. Woodworth.

Farmers in Nova Scotia are out of fodder for their stock, owing to the backwardness of the season.

By the burning of O'Mee's lin's brewery and distillery at Halifax, on Monday night, damage amounting to $8,000 was done.

Mr. J. Bruce Wallace, an actor performing in from R. Battery Canadian Garrison Artillery, in which he says he enlisted as a gunner some two years ago.

Mr. Rabbon's tannery at Berthier-en-Haut was destroyed by fire on Monday morning. Loss, over $25,000.

The Corporation of London have had the Contractors locate in the centre of the town granted them by the Government for the purpose of a yard.

On Saturday night a barn near Woodstock was destroyed by fire with all its contents, consisting of the season's head of live stock. A man has been arrested on suspicion of having the incendiary who caused the damage, and other offences committed for trial on a charge of arson.

The statements in the papers that Mr. Edgar was the nominee of the South Oxford Reform Convention is false in every particular. The meeting adjourned without choosing him or any candidate. The report of the appointment of Bishops. Among the appointments were several for the Australian dioceses, and Bishop Grimont for the diocese of Hamilton, Canada.

A market swindler has been making a trip through Canada, selling "gold rings at very low prices. He explained that the firm he represented exercised much economy in their business; they could afford to sell cheap. He offered forty pounds of coffee for $2, stating that goods would be delivered within a week from the date of order, but the last he heard of the "Grange" move-ment was in advance. After making a great haul, he emigrated from the country.

A fire broke out in Strathroy on Monday in the drying kiln of Mr. S. Franks' tub factory. Fortunately the employes had left for the night, and the fire was discovered before it had made much progress. The engine was quickly on the ground, and extinguished the fire before much damage was done. The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace. The loss is slight.

Mr. D. W. Preston, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Simcoe, died at his residence in Windham on Monday morning, after a long and painful illness. He was an enlightened agriculturist, and as an active promoter all his life of general education. His death is a public loss.

The saw-mill near Comminsville owned by Mr. Edward Burns was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The cause of the fire is unknown. The premises were partly insured; the amount of loss not known.

FREDERICK THE GREAT.—Some curious extracts from the correspondence of Frederick the Great are published by the Wolfenbüttel Gazette. A Protestant having been refused by the Catholic Church to give while a religious procession was passing through the town, in honour of the Feast of the Virgin, the King wrote to the Bishop of the Cathedral as follows: "I have heard of the impudence of your people to refuse to genuflect when the procession passed your house. I order you not to insult any one belonging to a different religion, as I myself shall be compelled to put a stop to your insolence and the guilty will be severely punished." He was equally unsparing in his admonitions to the Protestant clergy. In a letter to the preacher at Stargard, who had violently denounced the members of other religions in his sermons, Frederick wrote: "If you do not put a bridle on your tongue, you will be censured." Referring to a work on the priesthood, in which the author opposed the notion that the clergy hold their office from God, the King declared that "the ideas of the clergy as to their divine mission are as irrational as that with which Kings are flattered, that they are the representatives of God upon earth." Even if

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

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capital, but at the same time reduce the rate of taxation on imported articles one-half, from 15½ to 10½ per cent., which they did in three years including the present. He would ask if a Government that stood in that position was not in a position to carry on the public services of the country, not only in a generous manner but to lavishly expend the public funds in the construction of the various public works needed in the various Provinces. What was the hon. gentleman's opposition? He, who denounced the late Government as unworthy of the confidence of the country, the Government which had made those expenditures, while they had abundant means after defraying the local exigencies, while they had a surplus of $4,000,000 left in the Exchequer, and with the same breath for a vote of a large sum of money for current expenditure when his predecessor, when he denounced, had never asked for. The Finance Minister was on the horns of a dilemma, and he attempted to escape from it by the most transparent one, that of a Finance Minister ever made. Here was a Government which, when it found a surplus of $4,000,000 left in the Exchequer, instead of reducing the taxation of the country, instead of taking off the duties on the necessaries of life, the subject of the taxation of spirits opened a wide field. The hon. gentleman had said he had reached a point where he could not increase the taxation upon spirits. He (Dr. Tupper) wished to draw attention to the fact whether he might not be successful in gaining largely increased duties upon spirits. This experiment had been tried everywhere where revenues had been raised, and with the same result. There was a point in reference to the revenue on spirits and tobacco that filled the country with vice. When they reached that point they would demoralize the country and fill it with illicit distillers and give a premium to smuggling. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick there were difficulties for the landing of small craft for hundreds of miles along the coast, where revenue officers were not to be found, and the moment they gave a sufficient premium to induce men to take the risk, that moment the law would be disregarded and smuggling increase. He desired to ask the Finance Minister whether it was not likely, in getting a revenue from increased duties upon spirits, he would have to expend a large sum in protecting the long frontier line between Canada and the United States, where the facilities for the distillers to excise on whiskey was 75 cents in gold per gallon here, and but 70 in greenbacks in the United States, and where the distillers depended largely upon American grown corn for their supply? He (Dr. Tupper) would not be surprised if the increased taxation in this respect would fail to obtain the desired end. He would ask the hon. gentleman if such a measure for the prevention of the adulteration of liquors, and there never was a time when such a measure was of so much importance. The moment the price of spirits was raised, that moment would be a premium to the invention of men to produce a substitute for it, and he had no doubt how delicious. Therefore it was necessary that the bill should be considered most carefully all speed, for the effect of adulterated liquors upon the health of our people would be most disastrous. The hon. gentleman, in introducing his Budget, claimed that in reference to the spirit duties, he had stated that he was going to raise a revenue in a way that would not fall hard on him. He (Dr. Tupper) had never in his sections to protect the masses of the people, and to obtain his increased revenue by levying taxes upon the articles used by the rich; but now that the hon. gentleman was in power he had not only to grapple with the critical financial position of the country, but he found that the great organs which supported the Government, the *Globe* and the *Montreal Herald* on the one hand, and the *Montreal Herald* and *Gazette* on the other, had opened their columns to those who had been in favour of free trade to the Finance Minister as was never given to any Finance Minister before. Who could read the statements, practically in favour of free trade, showing the utter inability of the country to bear the taxation that had been so readily put his hand to, without feeling that the Finance Minister of the Parliament of Canada was placing himself in a position? The following appeared in the *Globe* of April 20:

"THE DUTY OF WINE.—Whether this duty may not afford consumption so as to do again more than it would be in the last of a year subject to my bill friend the Minister of Public Works to hold his constituents in this state of things, or to ask him to stop works already commenced and to put a reduced sum in the estimates for them, but I do not see how additional wages are to be paid, which has (Mr. Cartwright) was implied? Besides this $271,000 required for new works $260,000 was to be paid for. It would be necessary to complete them, so there was an expenditure over half a million of dollars introduced into the budget by the economical Finance Minister who looked with dread and indignation on the expenditure of public moneys, pulling down the financial prospects, and demanded three millions of additional taxation from the people. Yet he came there with a half million additional expenditure for a class of works that he and his colleagues had continuously denounced for years. They found that the hon. gentleman had incurred responsibilities connected with the Government in all to the extent of $18,000,000. They had also increased the public debt of the country some $5,000,000 more than another one and a half millions. He did not intend to follow, during the hon. gentleman's able speech of the Finance Minister. He had, however, to reiterate that he distinctly attempted to escape from the dilemma in which he found himself. He maintained that it was not necessary to impose a single dollar of additional taxation on the people. With regard to the present financial scheme, he desired to make a suggestion, if it were not too late, and he was sincere when he said that the hon. gentleman had admitted, though not in his place, that he had misunderstood the true resources of the country. He (Dr. Tupper) was encouraged by this to venture another suggestion, and that was that, instead of borrowing money to carry on the public works chargeable to income, say hon. friend the Minister of Public Works estimates that he will require no less than $2,630,000. The estimates of last year were $1,370,000, which is larger than Mr. Tilley's, which was $2,660,000; but I call the attention of the Committee to those items of the estimates, because they will find that in the particulars, which he told them that he was going into the market of the financial world to borrow money, to the effect of the same. He would have to borrow nearly fifteen millions this year, and he would ask him whether his position was right in borrowing money to carry on work he delivered in this House, and which, considering the existing circumstances and the state of the country and the state of the revenue, it was not criminal for a Finance Minister upon whose words depended the credit of the country to have put into the estimates of the Government a total of $2,630,000 for public works, when he knew that he could not expend more than half that sum at the hands of the House. (Hear, hear.) Was it honest, was it straightforward, was it consistent with the position of the Finance Minister of the Parliament of Canada, to pay a sinking fund on the one hand, and the Minister of Public Works to borrow money to carry on public works in some cases half completed and in the others not commenced, and if those items are struck off, as they must be, does not lie with any honorable friend; the fault lies with the Government which rendered it necessary that he should demand this