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COMMENDABLE.

In reply to a question in the legislature relating to subscriptions for newspapers, Premier Ross said that it was desirable, he found, that public men concerned in framing laws for the welfare of the country should keep in touch with public opinion; newspapers led or directed public opinion, and in seeking to ascertain the requirements of the people much useful information was imparted by the press. Mr. Ross said he read all the large daily papers not only of Toronto but other provincial centres. He also familiarized himself with the topics discussed by the weekly press. A clerk in his department made clippings from a large number of the weekly newspapers; which kept the government in touch with matters of public interest discussed by another important section of the press. It was necessary also that the officials in the departments should have the use of newspapers. The provincial government does very little advertising in the newspapers, and the premier expressed the opinion that subscriptions to the newspapers for use in the departments involved but a small expenditure and was no more than the government should do for enterprises that contribute so largely to the welfare and progress of the people.

The policy of the government in respeck to subscribing to newspapers is in our opinion the correct one. As Mr. Ross says, if the ministers are to keep posted on public opinion in the country they can only do so through a study of the press of all shades of politics If they depended actogether on the Toronto papers to reflect the public pulse they would be woefully misled. While they may not feel inclined to be guided by newspapers of one party or the other, they may often get useful information, and practical hints for ceedings. beneficial legislation from both. If alleges, the money they cost is well spent. That the government uses disorimination in selecting its literature we know, because The Planet is on the subscription lists

INCREASED JURISDICTION IN COUNTY COURTS.

of county courts in the trial of suits

given the power to try ordinary commercial actions involving up to \$1,000, The limit of jurisdiction in that class of actions is at present \$600. In other classes of actions, with one or two unimportant exceptions, the limit will be \$400, that is to say, just double the present limit. The new law will, moreover, give the county courts jurisdiction in libel and slander actions, and in certain other classes of damage claims at pressent cognizable only in the high court. There would not appear to be any good reason in principle why, a liber action involving \$100 damages, or even involving substantial damages, should not be fried in the inferior court in the same manner as other damage actions now within the jurisdiction of that court. The amendment will make the law consistent by giving the county courts jurisdiction in all damage actions up to \$100. The effect will be to throw at large percentage of damage claims into the county courts, as, after the law has been changed, a plaintiff who brings such an action in the high court will run the risk, in case he does not succeed in recovering more than \$400, of having high court costs set off against

his verdict. While this change is undoubtedly one in the right direction, we think, as we said at first, the \$400 limit is too low. Still, the change is a substantial move in the right direction. It will lessen the cost of litigation, and inchase very considerably the prestige county courts.

important result, too, of the will be to relieve the high judges of a good dead of circuit and thus to give them times to overtake the arrears of appellate work at Osgoode Hall.

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There are some features of the gov ernment's anti-corfaption measure we like. It imposes severer penalties for becomes law the briber will think ing in his unual operations. It makes a very proper distinction between the poor devil who is tempted with a \$5 bill to sell his franchise, and the mis-

bill to sell his franchise, and the miserable scoundrel with plenty of money
who tempts him to commit a crime.
It hallows the English practice of allowing those bribed to throw the plant of the court and
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ment measure has some drawbacks . As made or reach the arch criminals who supply the corruption funds, nor is there any provision, either, to appoint officials in each riding whose duty it would be to watch for and prosecute transgressors of the law independent altogether of election protest pro-

Finally, we are surry to see the Ross government olinging to the numbered ballot. There can be no such thing as a secret ballot under such a system. It is used in no other country, and was undoubtedly devised and adopted by the Mowat government to be unfairly rew measure shows in putting down corruption, he might surely have think, have gone even further than he gone the whole way and raised the action, that if you go back to the proposes in increasing the jurisdiction provincial act beyond su-picion in time of Thates, 500 years before were doubled, it would serve to do which to intimidate license holders he days, or five years, or five thousand ought to have been willing to do away with it out of deference to the wishes by has but the Attorney-General of half the electorate, who believe it all this order of the solar system was is. If the rest of the civilized world where vote by billot exists can get along without this check, surely On-

tario ought to be able to do so. On the whole, the government goes further than we expected it enough. Its principal fault, however, is that no adequate provision is made to catch the criminals, who do the corrupting. If no protest is entered their liberty will not be in much danger. A private individual may undertake a prosecution for personal grounds, but the two great parties are usually satisfied to saw off their misdeeds as they do their protests, and cannot be relied upon to do much, as parties, for the vindication of the law

The manager of the Araprior & Parry Sound railway, in a letter to the Cutario, government states that walves are very numerous along the ine of the railway, and around Victoria Lake and elsewhere, and are killing off deer rapidly. Haurges the passage of the bill now before the legislature increasing the bounty for killing of wolves from \$10 to \$20 per head, as the present bounty is not sufficient to induce settlers to hunt

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LABORER WORTHY OF HIS HIRE.

Quebec Chronicle. The York Cotton Mills Co., of Yorkville,

South Carolina, has made an announcement that during this year three per cent. will be taken from the company's dividend and divided among the operatives. The president thinks that the employes should share in the results of the present good

> "THERE IS NO GOD." By Rev. S. Baring Gould.

Are you sure of that? Who then has made the heavens and the earth and man! Did all these things create sun and numerous planets; they are and distributed in a certain ratio of distance; they move round the sun with a certain velocity, always exactly proportionate to their distance from the sun; this noids good with regard to the nearest and the fartherest. They move in paths of the same form; they are ruled by the same laws of motion, they receive and emit light the Mowat government to be unfairly in the same way, the laws, which are the constant modes of planetary opwith the liquor vote. When Premier eration, are exceedingly intricate, yet Ross is willing to go as far as this they are uniform, and the same for one planet as for another, the same for a satellite as for a planet. They are perfectly kept, and so uniform in every particular. Even if Mr. Ross were honself convinced that this numbered ballot was not a club with

This is absurd. A man hight as solar deny the fact of the law of the solar system, or the existence of the sun, or of himself as to deny these facts, thus coordinated, indicate a mind, denote a plan, and serve a purpose calculated beforehand."

A story is told of a man of talent supping one evening with some athe ists. The philosophers spoke of their denial of the existence of God, but he remained silent. The clock struck when his opinion was asked. He contented himself with answering with pointing to the clock, and saying: "Clocks do not make themselves."

Another anecdote is related of the ready of a Christian lady to an un-The philosophers spoke of their repry of a Christian lady to an un-believer. He was laboring to per-suade her that everything in the created. "In that case," said she, "be good enough to tell me which originatod itself first-the hen that lays

egg, or the egg that produces the One anecdote more. Another lady was in society with a professed athe-ist, who talked much of his disbelief in God. As none agreed with him, he exclaimed, impatiently: "I could not have supposed that in a company of intellectual beings, I alone could have been found without belief in God." "Excuse me, sir," said the lady, "you are not alone; my cat and my dog, lying yonder on the rug share in you ignorance, only they, poor beasts, have the wit not to boast of it."

Horses Say "Neigh!" at Electrical Oats. Horses will not eat electrical oats. What are electrical oats They are one of the products of this electrical age. When stables are lighted by electricity it some times happens that the insulation on the exposed wires wear off and the current finds its way to the manger. Now only two other conditions are necessary to produce electrical oats. The oats must be in the manger and the manger must be of iron. Given these two conditions and the moistening of the oats by the saliva of the horse and the oats will be charged so heavily with electricity that the horse will throw up his head with a snort of alarm and refuse to eat more. If more oats are poured in as long as they remain dry there will be no current. But moisture is a good conduc-tor, and when the feed begins to get damp the current is established. This of course, applies to any kind of horse feed, but the phenomenon was discovered in a German stable when oats were fed to the horses. The curious behavior of the animais was investigated by a man who thrust his hand into the oats to see what was the mat-ter. He felt a tinging sensation and, looking for the cause, found it in the poorly insulated electric light wire overhead.

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