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The World.

The extracts we have given in our miscellanea from a preliminary report in regard to Lake Mistassini will serve to introduce the fuller discoveries of the exploring party, which will probably be given to the public in a few weeks. Recent Quebec despatches say that the expedition has been heard from and that the survey of the lake and the geographical inspection of its surroundings will probably be completed in August. The explorers have little doubt that the lake is as large as Lake Ontario. The surrounding country promises great mineral wealth, though believed to be practically valueless for agricultural purposes.

A great experiment is about being tried in New York. The Legislature of the State has at last granted a charter to a company which proposes to place a tunnel under Broadway Arcade to hold all the pipe and wire service of the city, and also to form a means of subterranean travel. It is quite possible that in this way an end may some day come to the perpetual tearing up of pavements and digging of ditches in the streets of great cities.

The death of Victor Hugo is a great event in French politics as well as in literature. As an original and intensely realistic writer he has had few equals. He founded a school of fiction which was eminently his own. As a political writer it has been truthfully said that he was largely instrumental in creating in France the sentiment upon which the Republic rests. With his death one of the world's great literary lights has gone out. He died at a good old age having seen Paris celebrate with great enthusiasm his eighty-third birthday.

Hard must be the task of the Canadian who wishes to keep his mind informed and unbiassed in regard to public affairs in the Dominion, and who has to depend for his information upon any one of the party newspapers. The practice of giving only one side of a debate seems to be carried to a greater extreme than ever this session. The Parliamentary reports of either of the great dailies give no adequate idea of what is said by speakers on the opposite side. Grant that the speeches omitted are of no weight or force, their publication would but add to the effect of the able and vigorous efforts which are thought worthy of reproduction. What a pity that one of the great organs would not try the experiment of reporting both sides with equal fulness, just for the novelty of the thing.

The announcement that the Anglo-Russian dispute is practically settled by Russia's acceptance of England's counter-proposals is a great triumph for the Gladstone Ministry, and a matter for congratulation to all lovers of peace the world over. A war between these two great powers would have moved back the hands on the dial plate of civilization by half a century. The moral courage displayed by Gladstone in resisting the terrible pressure which has for weeks past threatened to crush him and his cabinet, is worthy of all praise. The grand old Christian statesman will be able now, it may be hoped, to lay down the great burden of the premiership with honor, and enjoy during his few remaining days the well earned rest for which he no doubt longs.

The School.

A subscriber urges with some force that it seems scarcely fair to print the competitive arithmetic papers in advance of the award being made, as later competitors might select from the earlier papers, and so gain a decided advantage. In reply we may say, that this can scarcely be done, as the papers are all endorsed with the date of their reception, and the examiners would be pretty sure to detect any such tactics in the later papers. It was stated, when the prizes were announced, that the papers might be published as received. Several correspondents have kindly pointed out errors in the published solutions of some of the questions. As before observed we have no right to revise the papers, but it will, of course, be the duty of the committee of award to take account of such errors.