As Advocated by Rev. R. F. Dixon, of Hamilton.

THE GREAT TEETOTAL CRAZE

Never has there been a word more grossly perverted in its meaning and more ruin ously misapplied than the word which at the present time is on everyone's lips-the its standard or established meaning. But temperance, according to the modern. [presumably] evil habit, and the quite pospleasure, a victim of overwork, even an habitual liar, an adulterer-in a word. guilty of the grossest intemperance in regard to everything under the sun, and yet. a sound temperance man.

I am not just at this moment concerned as to the lawfulness or healthfulness or otherwise of the use of alcoholic liquors; that for the moment is not the question. | cal Association?" What I wish to make plain now is the fact that the word temperance, as now employed by, I suppose, at least 95 per cent. of the people, is an ab urd and misleading misnomer, and so, as a protest against the prostitution and abuse of this noble word, I have headed this communication "the great teetotal (not temperance) craze." of argument, the utter sinfulness of the moderate use of alcoholic liquois and the however unconsciously or well meaningly

in its contracted, and illogical sense, has preservation of health and the warding off virtually blinded people to the evils of the of disease. other legion forms of intemperance [grant-] 3. Another evil feature of the tectotal that true temperance consists in modera- to a science? from one (so called) evil habit and giving easier than to control one's appe- I mustn't be allowed to shave! course, drunkenness, as an appreciably felt tite for food; put a rein upon Even were drunkards in an enormous evil, will die its own proper natural death.

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popular and all but universally received cants injurious? There has of late been far vantage the few. A clumsier or more whose motive power is the depriving Canadian meaning, is abstinence from one too general a disposition on the part childish method of securing a desired re- me of my liberty because someone has of those who have not bowed the sult could not be well imagined. It would proved himself its unworthy possessor: knee to the Baal of tectotalism to let be like ordaining that no man should walk which is built upon the "two blacks make sible [and indeed too frequent] ignoring of the question go by default and to al- the streets unless gagged and handcuffed a white' principle; which degrades and GRIP DECREASING IN LONDON. all other forms of intemperance. Thus, a low to go forth to the world un- because a small percentige of the people virtual'y deprives me of my manhood—is. man may be a glutton, a sluggard, a slave challenged, and tacitly accepted as an un- are addicted to theft and profanity. giously binding on meal, is the more ex- involves the manufacture of new sins and our forefathers accorded to that attempt t all events must bring the best results.

in the popular acceptance of the term, be markind? Is it conducive, for instance, to tyranny of popular fanaticism on the of a pharisa cal observance of certain inthat thing which is popularly supposed to subject. This is manifested by the un- tolerably burdensome outward rules of be the crowning desider tum of human worthy dodges and subterfuges, the sneak- conduct. lowing table, recently issued by the "In- numerable shams, evasions, equivocations, the right to do right involves the power ship canal will be open for general traffic commander takes his full share of vestigation Committee of the British Medi- distortions and suppressions of the truth to do wrong, and that the curtailment be- on Monday.

Habituelly temperate.... Careless drinkers..... Free drinkers.... 52.03 Decidedly temperate.... Total abstainers .....

It is often urged nowadays that the conensus of medical opinion is in favor of teetotalism. But this is far too readily assumed and accepted. Ten or twelve Even granting momentarily, for the sake vears ago there was no doubt a disposition young, except to make them distrust and sweepingly condemn the use under all circumstances of intoxicants. Doctors, like consequent bounden necessity for total all other classes of professional men, are common religion? Far less disastrous in its abstinence therefrom, the word would still affected by public opinion to an extent be incorrect and misleading. It is the little suspected, even by themselves. They duty of all men to totally abstain from moreover are governed by fashions and profane swearing, yet we don't call fads, just as other scientific men are, and the man who observes this rule a therefore they are liable to periodical temperance man. This is not a mere crazes and reactions, and so coasionally reputiously habitually indulging himself question of words or names, or mere to lose their heads. It is becoming every de-troy respect for the majesty of the law, as will be shown further on, it involves medical profession is waking up to the fact to make otherwise law abiding, law-reseveral vital principles whose violation, that under the pressure of public opinion, pursued, must sooner or later inevitably lightscriminate prescribing of intoxicants bring its own nemesis. Truth is too they rushed to the opposite and equally unsacred a thing to be trifled with; it cannot tenable extreme of denouncing their use be sacrificed in one essential iota with im- under all circumstances as a beverage. punity to the best and noblest cause, and Medical men of the highest standing, mediit will assert itself though smothered under cal associations in different parts of the it invites contempt for the law, it is a mountain piled on mountain. All the world, and recent medical writers, are adenthusiasm for bumanity, all the purest vocating the moderate use of stimulants. love for our fellow-men, all the high-souled It is a well known fact that the late Dr. determination to do battle unto the death Richardson, the celebrated teeto al advo with the wrong-in a word all that is ad- cate of my boybood, who e name is [or mirable and lovely in many individual used to be a "household word" among teetotal advocates, will not condene their the bretbren, radically charged his opinion habi ual, if unconscious, misuse of terms on the subject before his death, and reinand consequent confusing of the real points troduced into his family the moderate use at issue with its sure and ultimately disas-lof stimulants. Evidences, Therefore, are multiplying on all hands that the faculty I now preceed to specify some of the are coming back, if not to their old posievils consequent upon the growth of what | tion, yet to a middle one, while | is commonly called the "temperance" rejicting the old theory, prevalent in my movement, but which I think I have with boyhood, of stimulants being a sort of decent, respectable people deliberately and manifestly more correctness termed "the universal panacea for all the ills that flesh openly violating the law, what can we exis heir to, recognizes them in their proper 1. The use of the word "temperance" place and use, as invaluable aids to the

ing for the sake of argument that the craze is the reckless exaggeration indulged moderate use of liquor does merit the in by its advocates in the press and in the name of "intemperance"]. To ab- pulpit and on the platform. We are told, stain from the use of intoxicants, for instance, that a certain number of pernoisily denounce those who sons, equal to half the entire death rate, do not, has practically become die from the effects of immoderate drinkwith large numbers of people "the ing. But is it possible for anyone in bis whole duty of man," and as such senses to accept such a statement as that? covers a multitude of fac grosser and less Is it possible for any one who has had any excusable forms of intemperance. No one experience of life in Canada to believe that fore, in whatever form it may present itdreams of denying the term "intemper | more than, say, 5 per cent. of the entire | self, violating as it does a man's personal ance advocate" to a man, for instance, who death rate is due to excessive indulgence habitually eats, as so many do, about three in intoxicating liquors. As a clergytimes more than is necessary, not to men- man of some experience, and one tion those who are continually making the whose work has mainly laid among those most disgusting exhibitions of gluttony, classes said to be most addicted to excesor (to use a homely but express've Cana- sive drinking, I am not afraid to say that dianism) "hoggishness." I have in my the percentage of habitual drunkards in mind's eye to day a very prominent tem- Ontario is exceedingly low. In a town of perance advocate with whose eloquence several thousand inhabitants where I once many an Ontario church and hall has rang, resided all the habitual drunkards could who, in a small western town where he have been counted upon the fingers. I once resided, wes, from his enormous and | could at this moment give the names from ompiverous appetite, the terror of all memory. And if this town, and others in the housewives far and near — who, which I have lived, are any criterion, not can be found to advocate the re-creatment knowing him as a representative of one of our Anarchist, in the latest plots. Vanereni while passionately denouncing the dring- more on the outside than one per cent of can be found to advocate the re-enactment largest wholesale dry goods houses; after that ing of a thimbleful of ale, wine the general population are using intoxicator spirits, has frequently been known to ling liquors to an injurious extent, or at consume two or three poun is of butcher's least to the extent of interfering with the meat, with "trimmings," as Mr. Weller discharge of the every day duties of life. would say, at a meal, or clear a whole tea But, to judge from the slock statements of civilized Indian, who is supposed to be in table of knick-knacks. And to how many | teetotal advocates at least 50 per cent. of | a state of childhood, and who, therefore, so-called "temperance" advocates would the general population are, if not actual is non actionable and cannot purchase more a sinecure than that of president of any of this description more or less truly apply? drunkards, habitually using liquor to ex-liquor. Which reminds me of a good story our monetary institutions. There are many How many hundreds of these self-constil cess - Canadian society—a sort of pande told me by a friend of an observation make, correspondence with railways and other tuted teacuers of temperance, and them moviem of riot and drunkenness, and every made to him by an Indian of the Moravian corporations, and many other matters of more selves the most grossly and unrestrainedly other man you meet more or less of a sot. intemperate of mortals, gorging themselves | Any cause that requires to be bolstered up with unwholesome food, swillers of nervewith such wild, reckless misstatements can man same as Indian now."

solemn chuckle, "Scott Act passed; white he strongest member in the Association forly man same as Indian now." destroying, stomach corroding green tea, possess little intrinsic worth or strength. man same as Indian now. home-made wine and "soft drinks;" wick- And all this sort of exaggeration, indulged edly and wantonly intemperate in their in as it is by public guides and teachers, years in this country there has been a language, venting unmeasured abuse upon transparently abourd as it nevertheless is, great improvement in regard to the general all who honestly differ from them, impart- and bearing its own refutation on its face, sobriefy of the community. Drunkenness cessor. Even the youngest member has at all ing vile motives to those guilty of the is bound to have a demoralizing effect is now becoming an exceptional thing, mortal sin of not seeing eye to eye with upon the general public, and especially the and is not one-quarter as prevalent as them, utterly devoid of that charity which young and unreflecting, in making it law"thinketh no evil," and in their ful or excusable to sacridee truth to make buted, among other cause, to the great afforded the information desired. As long as ment expressed its willingness to discuss affected. own turn eciminally intemperate in a point, and condoning any kind of safe increase in the use of ale and beer their dress, work or pleasure! This, I falsification for the purpose of helping on and light wine. To one person who kept maintain, is very largely the result of a "good cause." We hear a great deal these beverages in his house twenty years gallant craft. She will strike no hidden reef or the narrowing down and prostitution of about "Jesuitism" nowadays; but what of ago, at least a dozen do now. Spirit-

tion in all things, and not in abstaining 4. Prohibition is essentially unjust, and continue to decline until an habitual pposed to all principles of British justice. drunkard will become as much an object the rein to every other form of mental and It is punishing one man for the sin of an of pity and success as the lunatic of to-day, physical self-indulgence. In fact, now-a- other, the sober man for the drunkard, and, as such, will be treated medically. days in Canada moderation and true tem- Because my neighbor gets drunk, I, who The time will come when we will no more perance is like contentment—practically a can "use it without abusing," must be depunish the drunkard than to-day we pun"lost art." Those virtues which involve prived of my inalienable rights as a free- ish the pitiable victim of any other manual. the least self-sacrifice are always the most born Briton. Because my neighbor is a At present it is proposed to visit upon the popular. To abstain from liquor, for lunatic, therefore I must be put under beads of the 95 temperate men the sins of which we have no craving whatever; but restraint! Because someone buys a razor the 5 intemperate. In the meanwhile, if rather a strong repulsion, is inficitely and cuts his own or somebody else's throat, events are allowed to take their natural.

the tongue, restrain habits of sloth- majority, say 87 per cent. of the popula- I have written the foregoing with a full fulness, moderate that "covetousness tion, prohibition would be grossly unjust, sense of my responsibilities as a minister of which is idolatry," which manifests for the State has no right to rob a man of Christ and a priest of the church of God, you vote against every other, because the 1893, says trade has been dull, but there itself in overwork, or, in the case of wo- his rights because others abuse them. It and, in the interests of what I believe to men, keep within bounds the all-absorbing would be doing evil that good might be the sacred cause of truth. Nothing passion for dress and jewellery and social come; it would be violating an eternal justifies the sacrifice of truth; the game is dissipation. As was well and wittily said principle of justice to meet an ex. never worth the candle. It is not worth for the Car Shops you have but this one sequences have been unusual. The first by the late Professor Jewett, of Oxford:— ceptional and accidental state of things, telling a lie to save ten thousand drunk"A man is just as likely to meet the devil But it is all the other way. The ards. All the eloquence that has been exat the kidney end of a roast of veal as in a temperate users of liquor are enormously pended, all the self stratford, and London, instead of received way securities, than which nothing more

word temperance. Temperance, we are number of people for giving full and unsured, and from very high authority, restrained swing to their appetites in By an exact reversal of the principle of the sacrifice of one particle of truth. Truth is "moderation in all things," and this is other respects. As a class, the most in-old and well-known proverb, we are asked outraged will, though it tarry long, take its temperate men are so-called temperance, to "venture a whale to catch a sprat," to revenge; and unless a cause is rock built

religion. It fee ers an edious hypocrisy of the Punians, whose degenerate succes-But is this strictly true? Is tectotalism in those who, feeling themselves sors these men of to-day are, to impose by onductive to the best physical interests of free to use simulants, fear the legal enactment upon the nation the voke existence, longevity? What says the folling triets, the lying excuses, the in-Average years. well with a certain class, and even gain a wrong, must have one of two evil effectsname of religion into contempt. What Temptation is the touchstone of all chareffect can this sort of thing have upon the acter. on the part of the medical profession to despise all those who are professionally en gaged in teaching and enforcing by their lives the great fundamental truths of our effects would be the spect cle of such an individual publicly intox cued than that of a man fiercely denouncing the most moderate or occasional indulgence in the "accursed thing," while privately and surcting citizens lawless and law-despair and in the rebound from their old course of lieg, was during the late reign of the Scott Art made abundantly and deplorably plain. Such an enactment simp'y puts a premium upon lawlessness; taking away a man's inalienable birthright and making its exercise a crime,

> standing provocation to lawiessness, a per petual challenge to his sense of personel freedom. Thus the law becomes an odious and contemptible thing, to break which were something less than blameworthy, i not a positive duty, or at all events, if not a duty, something devoid of the faintest suspicion of blame. Under such circumstances people, especially the young, become rapidly inoculated with a contempt for all law. If it be right, or at least not blameworthy, to break one law, it cannot be a deadly sin to break another. With the daily speciacle before their eyes of pect but that in their eves the law in general will lose all it sacredness, as something that for its own sake is unworthy of the smallest personal sacrifice, and only to be obeyed under compulsion or for some purely personal advantage? Hitherto Canadians have been favorably dis tinguished for their law-abiding disposition

and their general reverence for lawfully constituted authority. How long this would continue under the demoralizeffect of such an act is, judge from past experience, doubtful. Prohibition, therevery rights, suggests and invites its own violation, and is a standing incentive to a lawlessness that must ultimately spread and ! undermine and overthrow all reverence for took charge of the proceedings. Before prothe law in general. If, by interfering ceeding with the printed list, he proposed the nealth of Mr. R. C. Struthers. In doing so, he of my son, I make my law odious, or if by unmistakable manner manifested their appreciasubjecting him to absurd and childish re- last two years by returning him for a third term, strictions I invite and render excusable his and that by the largest vote and largest disobedience, I lay the axe with my own majority ever given to any former president. hand to the root of my au herity. So it is knowing Mr. Struthers for the last twenty-five with the State. It is hum listing to reflect vears have always been proud in knowing him that in this year of grace and enlighten-first as a commercial traveller for a small conof sumpluary laws; such laws as no doubt we were equally proud to know him as merchant are necessary in an imperfect state and banker, and now we are proud of him as

of civiliza ion; such laws, for instance, as dry have been found needful for the partially are proudest of all in knowing him as civilized Indian who is supposed to be in President of the Western Ontario Commercial Quoth the dusky son of the forest, with a with.

During my residence of over twenty the term "temperance." The masses have that "Jesuitism" that has reduced exagger- drinking to excess is consequently rapidly virtually forgotten or lost sight of the fact ation, distortion and downight falsideation dying out, and will, unless stimulated into drunk amidst appliance.

Mr. Struthers made a modest and characterrenewed activity, by unwise restrictions,

(so-called) is a convenient cleak to a large asked to deprive them of see ed motive that in many cases animates its ad-hundreds of her present population.

however victually fair, an essentially bad ellent way, the safe side, the course that the creation of what is practically a new during the Cromwellian regime on the part

> Be it remembered, in conclusion, that lemplayed by those who, wishing to stand lyond a certain point, of our liberty to do reputation for zeal and "soundness" in the either to rob a man of responsibility, and to personal total abstinence. Practices like automaton, or else to drive him into a the foregoing of which glaring instances state of rebellion against all forms of are almost weekly being blaz med forth in moral authority or restraint-to make him newspapers, are calculated to bring not a slave or a rebei. Virtue without the tr-day at the bishop's nouse Monaghan. only the teetotal cause, but the whole privilege of free choice is impossible. R. F. DIXON.

> > ENTERTAINED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Western Ontario Travellers Mave a Bolly Time at President Struthers'

As jolly a crowd as ever assembled in this city athered at the Lond n House last night in reponse to the invitation of President R. C. Struthers, of the Western Ontario Commercial Prayellers' Association. Every wholesale and bbbing house in the city was represented and by him from Americans. here were many there from outside. The Presient sat at the head of the tables, and the places honor at his right and left were occupied by Messrs. C. S. Hyman, John R. Minhinnick Masuret, John E. Richards, C. W. Leon-

The tables presented a very inviting appearance, especially to the Kuights of the Grip and runk, who are used to country hotel fare most the year, and they were done justice to. ter the good things were disposed of Mr. cruthers thanked all present for accepting his

"The Queen and members of the Royal amily" was rovally honored, the company singthe National Authem. The Governor-General and Lieutenant-Sovernors" came next, and in response Mr. Ashplant sung "Kule, Britannia," and for encore attle Sweetheart, Come and Kiss Me. 'The Dominion and Provincial Parliaments' ere teasted in an uproarious manner, and was upled with the name of Mr. C. S. Hyman Mr. Hyman got the "ooys" in good humor by lling a little story, and then asked them to representative institutions, and while we might all agree with what was done therein, yet must give the gentlemen who composed en credit for doing to the best of their philities what they could to further the best inests of our country--a country which was lessed with most of the good things that were oing and few of the misfortunes Mr. Hyman sided with a recital of his first business leal with Mr. Struthers, in which a \$4 horse and watch without works figured, and which amply proved that the members had made no e in election Mr. struthers as their chief Mr. John Dromgole sang in spiendid voice "The Euglishman," and, to pacify his Irish friends, "There's a Dear Spot in Ireland."
Messrs. R. Southam and D. J. Cowan thought a mistake had been made when their names were coupled with the health of the "Army and Navy," but Mr. John Cowan made a happy re-ply for them, in which he told how he was missing. transformed from a dude living on beefsteak, who were a red coat to eatch the admiring glances of the pretty girls, to a real soldier, with hard-tack and black tea for a diet, in 1885.

Canadian boys, though, made the best soldiers

Mr. Sippi's song was vociferously applauded. goods estab ishments - but to-night we complications to straighten out, investments to Province. Reserve at the passing of the Scott Act. or less importance the president has to deal Quarth the dustry son of the forest with a with. I, therefore, contend, and always that we should contended. president. He has brought moral, mental and executive qualities to bear upon the interests of our Association that has been greatly to its ad vantage; and his whole demeanor while president will stand as a beacon light to his suchow important the business he might be engaged on the bridge and Mr. Robinson at the wheel practical proposals." no adverse winds can retard the progress of our sunken rock, or become the prey of any rock-bound coast. Mr. Lind concluded with a kindly

reference to Mrs. Struthers, and the toast was "Our Railways" was responded to by Messrs. Batzaer, Houston, Stewart, Parker and Paul.

The other toasts honored were "Our Friends From Outside," "Officers of the W. O. C. I. A.," "The Press" and "The Ladies." The gathering broke up at a seasonable hour, course, drunkenness, as an appreciably felt all present having enjoyed themselves thorough-

Great Britain.

abouts-Everything Ready for the chills the spirit of enterprise. Opening of the Manchester Ship Canal-Over 200 Anarchists in Custody at Barcelona-Gladstone lowance-15 Persons Browned in the Zaider Zee During a Fog.

The Grip Subsiding. The influenza is decreasing in London. One hundred and forty-seven deaths from cause of testotalism, cannot see their way thus his manhood, reduce him to a mere the disease occurred during the past week. Death of a Bishop.

The Most Rev. James Donnelly, D. D., Catholic bishoo of Clogner, Ireland, died He was consecrated a bishop Feb. 25, 1865. Effteen Persons Browned.

Because He's 84.

were received by Mr. Gladstone from innumerable conspicuous Irishmen in Dublin, Cork, King ton and Liverpool. An excep ional number of messages was received ently to drive out this morning. His

Lobengula Located.

A desparch from Buluwayo, on Dec. 20, says:-Natives report that King Lobengula arrested at Romerautin, department of ard and Sam Monroe. Mr. Wm. Lind, one of the is near the junction of the Shangani and Loir et Cher, France, on the charge of befirst presidents of the Association, was in the Z mbesi Rivers, with a few mounted folling connected with the Orleans Anarchists. Merritt, George Lang, D. J. Batzner and lowers. He is under the close surveillance of the Company's men.

The Resolution's Peril.

A desputch says that when the warship storehouses. The storehouses are now Resolution, which a few days ago was so closely guarded. damaged by a storm in the Bay of Biscay vitation and immediately proceeded with the as to compel her to return to Queenstown. and heeled over, it was feared she would "turn turtle," as in the case of the recently lost watship Victoria, and sink, and everybody was ordered to save himself.

Discontent in Italy.

The Opposition newspapers at Rome hold that Italy is on the brink of an agrarian revolution that will have its origin in the movement of the Sicilian mber that the institutions just to assed were peasants that has already resulted in violent disturbances and loss of life in Sicily. The papers add that the popular discontent is not peculiar to Sicily, but is shared every where from Calabria to Piedmont.

Two Killed and Several Missing. The mangled bodies of two workmen were recovered this morning at the scene American Steamship Company. The men

Mutinous Dahomevans.

The Dabomeyans hired for the German officials in the Cameroons mulinied a few days ago, owing to the refusal of the officials to continue their brandy rations. The assistant toastmaster, Mr. Wm. Lind, then | They attacked the building occupied by the officials, and compelled the latter to flee. Assistance was procured from the with and cartailing the reasonable liberty said:-Our Association last Saturday in a most German gunboat Hyaene, and the building was recipiured after a fight with the Travellers' Association in Shaftsmutineers, during which five of the men bury Ha'l parlors this morning. The

from the Hyaene were wounded. The Barcelona Anarchists.

recently at Barcelona, made statements to the police implicating Vanereni, an Italian was arrested last night. The number of Anarchist prisoners is now well above 200. proprietor of one of our largest wholesale; The police have discovered in the Province of Barcelona thirty organized clubs of \$959.63. It had grown until now revolutionists and forty centres of Ana - it was \$223,179. Besides this, acci-Travel'ers' Association for the third time. The chist propaganda. From these centres the dental bonuses amounting to \$29,277 office of president of the Association was at leaders of the revolutionists have con rolled and mortuary benefits amounting to \$172,the Auarchist agitation throughout the 967 had been paid. The election of officers

The Venezuelan Boundary Dispute. Lord Rosebery, Secretary of State for J. Ocr. 442 votes; Directors, M. C. Ellis, Foreign Affairs, has answered the letter of the International Arbitration Association H. Cosbo, F. P. Hayes, Jno. Orr, E. E. concerning the dispute as to the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela. He says:-"The negotiations with the special Venezuelan envoy to England proved unsuccessful, as Venezuela insisted upon submitting to the arioitrators un- in existence for eighteen years. As the founded claims which would have been assets are estimated to exceed the liabiliutterly unfair to interests of British ties by several thousands it is thought that Guiana. Nevertheless the English Govern the creditors will not be materially

The Big Ship Canal.

Already several large steamers have en-I tered the Manchester canal in readiness to proceed to Manchester as soon as the canal is opened. The ships are bedecked with istic reply, and was voted a jolly good fellow.

Mr. Morrison sang "Scots Wha Hae" and "Mary of Argyle" in capital style.

The procession of vessels will be headed of the cinal. She was towed into the John Green favored with a couple of songs in canal pay £100 for the delay incurred by the bark, and for the expense of lowering her masts that she may pass under the bridges. Her captain will receive a gold watch as a memento for the occasion.

British Trade and Finance.

The London Standard, in a review of Vote for the Car Shops By-law, even if the trade and finance of Great Britain for others would not spoil by keeping. They have been exciting times in finance. Home can be voted on again, if necessary. But grown wheat, barley and oats are 2s to 4s 6d a quarter dearer. Bad financial opportunity. If they do not come to Lon- event of the year which struck home to the don, they will infallibly go to Sarria or stock market and damaged any chance of glass of whiskey." The fact of the mat- in the majority; they are at lesst ten to one been lavished upon the cause of "temper- Stratford, and London, instead of receive way securities, than which nothing more Carter's Little Liver are at lesst ten to one been lavished upon the cause of "temper- stratford, and London, instead of receive way securities, than which nothing more can get the cause of "temper- stratford, and London, instead of receive way securities, than which nothing more can get the cause of "temper- stratford, and London, instead of receive way securities, than which nothing more can get the can get the cause of "temper- stratford, and London, instead of receive way securities, than which nothing more can get the cause of "temper- stratford, and London, instead of receive way securities, than which nothing more can get the can get States for many years. The Standard de- pill a dose.

and charges as were brought out are enough to fill British investors with a deeprooted distrust of all railroad finance. Hardly had the hubbub connected with the Reading affair passed when the bank failures in Australia paralyzed the markets. The fresh perplexity followed over the silver question in India. The fall in the price of silver has not been so severe since the United States ceased its purchases, as had been anticipated. A recovery in the price is probable after a ime, owing to the fact that a number of mines ceased production. The business of the country has not given extended employment. The amount of capital that was asked for during the year has been unusually small Most of the money lost in the stock market was on United States railroad securities. After the smash in the Reading the members of temperate men are so-called temperance to "venture a whale to catch a spray, and tallow a cause, and tallow a cause, and tallow a cause, therefore, and tallow a cause of intoxi
the exchange loaded up, thinking prices would increase when
the Chicago fair opened. All these anticipations proved false, however. The fair came and went and no benefit resulted. and now prices are lower than ever. A prospect for the reduc ion of the duties under the McKinley act is hanging over the year, but not even the rise of three or man may be a glutton, a sluggard, a slave of same standard of stally on the Brink of an Agrarian wheat will cause trade to revive while unstandard of standard of

tails the incidents connected with the collapse and continues:- "Such revelation

Harcourt and His Leader.

A letter from Sir Wm. Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was read at a and the Duke of Edinburgh's Al- Liberal meeting held in Derby this evening to celebrate Mr. Gladstone's birthday. In this letter Sir William says:-"Those London, Dec. 29.—The Manchester who witness the manner in which our great the arduous labors of the day with resolute devotion to the people's causes are stimulated to fresh exertion, inspired by his example of undaunted courage. To serve with such a chief is in uself a great reward. I feel sure that the Liberal; will rally with fresh energy to a cause worthy of such a leader.'

The Ouke's Income.

Mr. Gladstone has written an open letter oncerning the statement of several Conservative journals that he was responsible It is reported that fifteen persons were for the continuance of the £10,000 income drowned during a dense fog that prevailed drawn by Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburgover Amsterdam and the Zuider Zie yes- Gotha from the British Government. He terday. Investigation on the Scheidt was says the assertions in question are utterly impossible owing to the density of the fog. untrue, as not a member of the Cabinet objected to the arrangement as to the Congratulatory letters and despatches Duxe's income when it was under discus-

Cable Notes.

Prince Bismarck had recovered sufficidyspepsia and insomnia continue, although they have abated somewhat.

A schoolmaster named Huard has been

Over one hundred Socialists and Polish Icridentists have been arrested at Warsaw on the charge of setting fire to military

Workingmen who were engaged on the extension of the American quay at the Empress dock, Southampton, were driving a huge tubular pile yesterday when a cylinder exploded. The pile bounded into the air and fell on the SS. Paris, injuring her port side, smashing her cargo shoot and carrying away some of her rails.

TORONTO.

The Connolly-McGreevy Case Again - Meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association.

Toronto, Dec. 29.-The legal representaves of Messrs. Connolly and McGreevy. pursuant to notice served on the representatives of the crown, to-day finished taking the necessary steps for argument of at Southampton of an accident, through the famous case, which will be neld at which a number of men are believed to Osgoode Hall on January 18th. Mr. have lost their lives. The accident oc- Justice Rose at Ottawa signified curred at the wharf being built for the his willingness to "reserve the case on points of law," if desired by the defenwere engaged in sinking a cylinder, which dants. Messrs. A. B. Aylsworth and S. H. burst without warning. The number of Blake have, in consequence, fixed the fatalities is not known, several men being above date for the argument, which will be heard before the Chancery Divisional Court. Just what are the points of law has not yet been made known. The inference that the argument will bear beavily upon the admissibility of the historic evidence which the Parliamentary Commission contributed is not thought to be illogical.

President Van Norman opened the 21st annual meeting of the Commercial first business of the meeting was the appointment of D. P. Hayes, as Sogas, one of the Anarchists arrested recording secretary for the meeting. The annual address of the president, Mr. Van-Norman, was received with applause. The president draw attention to the growth and progress of the association. In 1875 the membership was 558, and there was now 3,600. In 1873 the surplus was resulted as follows: President, C. C. Van Norman, re-elected by acclamation; 1st C. E. Kyle, Ino. Burns, Juo. Muldrew, R. Starr, Geo West.

Messis. I. Suckling & Sons, music publishers, gave their affairs into the hands of E. R. C. Clarkson to-day for the purpose of liquidation. The firm have been

Died in the Street at Gencoe.

Glencoe, Ont., December 29.-A sad death took place on our streets at an early hour this morning. Mr. Alex. Campbell, of Mosa, known as "Duke of Argyle." came into town yesterday afternoon. Mr. Messrs. J. R. Minhinnick, C. W. Leonard and by the bark Sophie Wilhelmine, from M. Masuret did justice to the "Manufacturing Parsboro, N.S., lumber laden, which has ever he comes to this town. Yesterday been waiting for over a month the opening afternoon he became very drunk, and vandering about the streets, he thraw Batzler, Houston, Stewart, Parker and Paul, of the care each of whom made happy speccess, and Mr. | canal to day. The directors of the himself down on the edge of the road near Gordon's factory. It is supposed that he relled into a ditch near by containing about a foot of water. Here he was found this morning breathing his last. He was taken into Mr. Aldred's house, where everything was done to save him, but he expired shortly afterwards.

SHIPPING.

Date. Steamships. Reported at. From. Dec. 29.-Pomeranian.. Boston .. Vendaam ..... New York .. Rotterdam Ems..... ..... Bremen Rugia . .. Hamburg Germanie .... ....Liverpool

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