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WINNIPEG is a veritable journalistic cemetery. No fewer than 25 journals have been started and buried in that city within the last quarter of a century.

IN AN article in the North American Re view for February, the Hon. Roger Q. Mills makes a good point in favor of free dom to trade. He says that "when protection puts taxes upon the goods of the foreigner that prohibit them from coming here, he is rendered less able to take in exchange the surplus which we are ready and anxious to give." That is so. For what we sell we must take goods, and the more a Government hinders the interchange of com modities the greater loss the consumers sustain. Men cannot tax themselves rich, though a few may be benefited at the expense of the many. Canadian farmers and artisans see this demonstrated every day.

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HON. MR. DEWDNEY, Minister of the Interior, was compelled the other evening to say that the reforms which have for years en advocated in vain by the Hon. David Mills were in the right direction, and he promised to put them in force in the man agement of Northwest lands. If the advice of Hon. David Mills and his associates had been followed in Northwest affairs prior to 1885 the Northwest rebellion could have been averted. At the eleventh hour the Tory leaders become less mulish. We congratulate them. Let them continue to heed the counsels of such experienced statesmen as Mr. Mills, and they may in some measure atone for their past disastrous maladminis-tration of Northwest affairs.

THE London Times has paid \$25,000 to Mr. Parnell rather than risk a continuance of the libel suit founded on the "Parnellism and Crime" letters which were manufact tured out of whole cloth by Suicide Pigott sold to Mr. Houston, the Irish landlords apologist, and worked off on the great Lon don daily by that individual. This is a significant victory for the Irish leader, and a complete vindication of his career as a public man, The greatest in-terest has been taken in this suit, not alone because of the malignity with which Parnell was pursued by the enemies of Home Rule, but in consequence of the Tory leaders making common cause with their organ, and adopting the whole Lord Salisbury even went the length of granting the slanderers the assistance of the Irish detective department, the use of secret correspondence that had come into the hands of the Government, and the counsel of the Attorney-General, The money payment is a small matter to the though they may do as they please with Tory organ and to the Government which has been backing it compared with the discourse which will subject them to endless the same that the same credit and humiliation which attend the acknowledgment of their wrongdoing.

THE Dresden Times complains that the Ridgetown Plaindealer would like to make its readers believe that the power press of the Times had been seized by the Sheriff. For the information and gatification of the Plaindealer and its friends the Times says: A New York firm shipped us a press 25 per cent. less list price in accordance with a special arrangement made with the Minister of Customs, which arrangement was notknown to the authorities at Chatham or Windsor.

From which we gather that the Times has a friend at court in the person of the Minister of Customs, who is the sole judge of when goods are sold and imported in or under any unusual or peculiar manner or conditions and who for that reason may determine the value of said goods upon which the duty shall be computed and levicd. We rather think the Minister is able to justify himself under section 15 of the Customs Amendment Act of 1888. We freely admit that there was a special arrangement made by the Times, because had it been done in the usual official manner the authorities at Windson and Chatham would have been the medium through whom the honorable the Minister of Customs should have been apprised of the unusual or peculiar manner or conditions and through whom he should have given his decision. The Plaindealer will have this in mind when it requires a new power press, so that the transaction may not appear to be illegal and otherwise of a suspicious character, but have the seeming virtue of being duly authorized by the statute in such cases made and provided.

All the same, the Dresden paper's explanation is "queer," very "queer."

> RULE NOT WANTED. a Cabinet consists of weak men, they can be no effective or coherent policy,—[London

Now, what kind of a Cabinet could Mr. Meredith form if, by accident, he were to obtain power to-day? He would have to a condition that they required no improve-Toronto; Davy Creighton, the erstwhile gests. What is the logical outcome Owen Sound almanac man; Mr. Tooley of the reasoning in which the Hamilton

Ross, J. M. Gibson, A. S. Hardy, C. F. "school system" which it so highly praises his men of most mediocre talent play at governing the Province, and rule wires in the Ontario Legislature.

or the directors of 1889 may be relied on to chief of open-air aminements, enough interest in the maintenance of the collatory policy. Mr. Meredith favors rame, the money will be speedily subgame, the money will be speedily subscribed, and London will have a first-class team in the field. The money required to give the association a start should not all the views of the impracticable Opposition come from a few liberal citizens; that leader. is too much to ask. If a team is a benefit to the city no one interested in the keeping of London before the public should object nisgivings as to the future, and enable them to save the Tecumseh franchise, which will be forfeited if the guarantee is not put up within the next few days. From such a collapse the London Association will be a collapse the London Association will be saved if the friends of the game take the

THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING BUREAU. The Ottawa Government having gone into the printing business on its own acount is likely to experience something of he perils of that business. From all acounts the new Bureau is being run as a political machine, and naturally enough hose who can bring most influence to hear apon Senecal, the superintendent, and Chapleau, the Minister, are the ones who get most of the plums in the pudding. It is charged that the bureau has been managed from the first on partisan lines. Printers not friendly to the Government vere only taken on at all when urgency demanded their employment, and when busiess slackened they were the first to go. Perhaps this is not a cause of complaint inder the spoils system, and we do not hear that either Senecal or Chapleau are much censured for practicing this kind of discrimination. The loudest complaints ome from men who are their political supporters, and who charge that employes are not dealt with upon their merits but by favor. Poor sticks who hardly know how o hold a "stick" are given the best places and the highest rate of wages, while firstclass printers who are without political influence, or who are not personally acceptable to Mons. Senecal, have to take what chance gives them. These are a large najority of the whole, and they are naturally indignant at the systematic favoritism which distinguishes the management. Whether they are adequately paid for their services or not is not the important ques-tion, but are all paid according to their nerits? In a private office this may not be proper subject of grievance, for if an mployer choses out of his own means to pay one man a higher rate of wages than another he may say he has a right to do as he likes with his own. As a matter of fact, however, there are very few employers who will

make this invidious distinction; for although they may do as they please with requisitions for similar favors, and which will make a discontented man of every one to whom the favor is denied. But the Government is acting as a trustee for the public, and printers argue that as such it has no right to treat one man better than another, where claims and qualifications are equal. Members of the civil service may be treated that way with impunity, because they are not organized; but printers who have gone into the service of the Bureau have been for years organized in unions, and they are thoroughly schooled in what to do when injustice is attempted. The Government has had no experience hitherto in the management of organized labor, and Mr. Chapleau and Mr. Senecal have been managing the Bureau without considering the sensitive and dis-

strike may come upon them any day, as long as a policy of favoritism is kept up; and when it does come the Government will wish that it never went into the printing

business.

DR. RYERSON AND MR. ROSS. The Hamilton Spectator recently acknowled edged, in a temporary fit of candor, that Ontario has the best public schools in the world." To this statement the ADVERTISER raised no objection, but called attention to

it as a proof that the schools must be well nanaged by the much-maligned Hon. G. W. Ross, if the testimony of an avowed nemy was worth anything. In the answer which the Spectator now volunteers it takes nother tack. It says:

Our public school system is good, not because of Mr. Ross, but in spite of him.

The chief architect was the great Egerton Ryerson. The ship was built, rigged, launched and tested when Mr. Ross took hold of it; and he seems bent upon running it upon the rocks.

We have always recognized the signal ability with which Dr. Ryerson laid the public school foundations in this Province; but we have never conceded that the rever

fall back on one or more of the Clarkes in ment, as our Hamilton contemporary sugowen Sound almanac man; Mr. Tooley of the reasoning in th like Hon. Messrs. Mowat, G. W. and says it is not the "schools" but the

Fraser, Chas. Drury and A. M. Ross, for In only one material respect has the the purpose of letting Mr. Meredith and management of the "school system" by Mr. Ross been challenged by his Tory critics. He has been accused of not mov such manner as specially to benefit the Ottawa ringsters who pull the Opposition of the teaching of English in the schools of French-speaking districts. It would be sufficient reply to critics of that sort to say THE BASEBALL OUTLOOK.

Do the people of London wish a baseball team this year? They will have to decide began its crusade against him, as the in the affirmative within the next few days records of the Education Department show. If it is asked why was the Legislasell the assets and dispose of the reserved ture not called to act in the matter sooner, players as they may deem proper. The the explanation may no doubt be found in Citizens' Committee is at present soliciting Citizens Committee is at present soliciting usines for the bond guaranteeing a fund with which to begin the season, and upon their success or non-success will depend the inumediate future of the game in London. If leading citizens, who are anxious to keep if they saw anything wrong in the local the name of the Forest City before the world as a progressive town, not keep it to themselves. As soon as Mr. wholly given over to business, but Ross had his attention drawn to the condiready and willing to promote the tion of the schools he took action, and he chief of open-air amusements, take backed it up by a progressive though con-Mr. Meredith favors

By the way if the system inaugurated by Dr. Ryerson was so very perfect as the Spectator asserts, how came it that the to aid in perfecting the bond. Before the manner of conducting the schools in Frenchadjourned meeting enough money should be speaking districts, approved by him, led to guaranteed to relieve the directors from all all the trouble from which Mr. Meredith and his Tory followers now try to make political capital. Dr. Ryerson, chief of the Education Department, allowed teachers in French schools to substitute a saved if the friends of the game take the son sanctioned the use in these schools consideration.

son sanctioned the use in these schools of French books recommended by the dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church, described as "exclusively devoted to the teaching of the peculiar dogmas of that Church." He did not deem interfer-

desired reforms with ten times more celerity

ence needful when nearly all the pupils were Catholics. Now, the present Minister of Education, before any agitation had arisen on the subject, and as esult of his own investigations, decided that this system was wrong, and set about applying a remedy. We make no reflections on Dr. Ryerson's school manage nent. He did as well as he could, and no body objected to his system, though we in this later age, and with more experience,

believe it was a trifle lax. Is Mr. Ross to be blamed for putting the peg in? Is the action taken years ago by Mr. Ross more calculated to drive the ship of education on the rocks than the Ryerson system? We leave it to reasonable men t

NEW PUBLICATIONS. BABYLAND for February is full of pretty pictures and little yarns in prose and rhyme for the little ones. It is a wonderful five cents' worth. Fifty cents a year. D. Lothrop & Co., publishers, Boston.

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