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THE UNHAPPY TIMES.

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POINTLESS PUNISHMENTS

What to do with the drunkard is a uestion which is attracting attention many of the cities of Canada and the case with by far the greater part in many of the cities of Canada and the United States at the present time. In most cities, when an unfortunate is brought before a police court judge, charged with drunkenness is brought before a police court judge, the judge has no option but to impose a money fine or a term of imprisonment. This, of course, applies principally to men with when the court is convinced. with whom the court is convinced there is no merit in leniency. Conse-quently the "drunk" is either sent into quently the "drunk" is either sent into jail for ten days or a month, according to the gravity of the charge, or the circumstances surrounding his case, or ordered to pay a certain sum of money into the court.

In an effort to convict The Standard of an untruth in the statement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, during his term of office, did nothing to provide a remedy for the increasing cost of livery of the increasing cost of livery of the court.

issue, had the following editorial deal ing with this matter:

"Governor Foss reports that over ten thousand persons were imprisoned in the Bay State last year for debt—that is, because they were unable to pay the small fines imposed on them; and he opined that the total commitments, numbering something over twenty-seven thousand, must have brought financial disaster to fifty thousand persons, many of whom were innocent children. Two thirds of all commitments to penal institutions were made for drunkenness or in default of fines imposed for drunkenness.

"Now, what earthly good does anybody derive from putting a drunkard in jail? It would be far simpler, far less expensive to the state, and incomparably better for the culprit and the culprit's family if the court, instead of sending him to jail for a week or a fortnight, merely kicked him three times in the ribs. He might be lame for a day, yet he could return to work with only a small loss of time; and the magisterial assault on his ribs would have at least as much effect in experience and in the state is willing to accept a fair opportunity to earn the money and discharge the debt, Where a man's culpability is so light that the state is willing to accept a small sum of money in acquittance, imprisonment should be the very last resort.

"The truth is that at least two times out of three—as the Massa-

Diary of Events

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

Fifty-two years ago today war clouda hovered on the Canadian horizon, and on that date the British government sent troops to Canada as a precaution against possible aggressions of the United States. Three thousand troops in all were dispatched from the mother country to protect Canada. Happily they were not needed, and Canadian valor was quite sufficient to cope with the few aggressions during and following the civil war between the States. At the time the troops were dispatched, however, relations between Great Britain and the United States were very strained, and both countries were fortunate in possessing such fair-minded and able heads as Queen Victoria and Abraham Lincoln. The Trent afair was the cause of the trouble, Confederate envoys on the British steamship Trent having been taken off by the commander of a United States war vessel. Three days after the sending of troops to Canada, Mr. Seward, the American secretary of state, transmitted to Lord Lyons a reply to British demands in which he recognized the illegality of the seizure, and Mason and Sildell, the Confederate commissioners, were released.

THE PASSING DAY

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"Why is he so bitter at the girl he was only recently engaged to"
"Because when she sent the ring backs she labelled the box, 'Glass—with care'!"

"Ts a matter of fact," said Tr. Cum. humorist, therefore, was his picture depends on the signature of the old master."
"I must admit it."
"Well, my signature is just as valuable as his and it doesn't take me anything like as long to write a check as it took him to paint's picture."

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There were some twenty or thirty people waiting on the platform of the railway station for the "up" express and among them the great comediam who had just finished an engagement at the local music hall. The bookstall humorist, therefore, was having a great time running about the station selling papers; and dolog good business, too. Presently the comedian stopped him.

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| often happens that the wife or dau- | Sir Wilfrid Laurier, points out | will be a period of rejoicing for the | as one of the most important subjects, Mr. Newrich (reading a newspaper as one of the lads present headline)—"Japanese Turn Agnos- | 100 |
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