

students who desire to obtain correct and reliable information in this direction, but who will meet certain disappointment if they purchase this book. It is noticeable that this book is being handled almost entirely outside the regular trade channels, but in cheap stores of various characters; and we have knowledge that one of the daily morning papers of Toronto is offering it as a premium, valuing it at about three dollars, as an inducement for subscriptions, although it is advertised at retail as low as \$1.57 per copy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE city council of Hamilton, Ont., have passed a resolution to the effect that all machinery, paint and tools used in any factory in the city of Hamilton be exempt from assessment for taxation.

OUR respected and candid contemporary, the *Iron Trade Review*, is requested to refer to our issue of May 2nd, wherein it will find editorial discussion of the "fruitful subject" to which it alludes in its issue of May 1st.

THE Russian Government has decided to advance very materially the duties on certain goods of foreign origin—agricultural implements among others. This is done to stop imports and to induce manufacturers from abroad to put up in Russian territory factories capable of supplying the home market until Russians can manufacture the goods they use without foreign assistance.

THE Dominion Minister of Militia will supply all the ammunition necessary to the Canadian Military League for the teams that are to engage in the forthcoming shooting matches under the auspices of the League. There is a maximum amount of Canadian individuality in the League, and as these shooting matches are for the education of Canadian marksmen in the use of the rifle, the Minister has done well in supplying them with the necessary ammunition.

IN the Philippine Islands, where earthquakes are more or less frequent and severe, the people have commenced putting up iron edifices to resist the seismic influences. The United States Consul there reports that in rebuilding a church, 162 feet long by 70 wide, at Manila, wrought and cast iron, securely bolted together, were the principal material used. The walls are of double plate iron with a space of thirty inches between the plates, and the elaborate architectural decorations are of cast iron. When finished the structure will weigh 1,600 tons and cost \$35,000.

WE have great respect for the candor and ability of the *Iron Trade Review*, but are surprised at its lack of accustomed thoroughness in pursuit of information in supposing that we had failed in that respect when stating that the manufacture of steel is not an industry carried on in Guelph, Ont. We again assert that there is no steel manufacturer whatever in that town. We are ready to admit, however, that there are manufacturers there who consume steel in their business, as there are in every city, town, village and cross-roads in Canada. But there is no manufacturer of steel in the Province of Ontario.

THE man who is shocked to death by electricity should be buried in a volt.—*Texas Siftings*. Yes; it would be an appropriate place for his last ohm.—*Toledo Blade*. Since he is sure to dynamo.—*New York World*. Wire you so certain? he might offer you resistance.—*Electro-Mechanic*. We intended to remark upon the shocking character of the above, but they came insulate that we were afraid they would hardly pass current.—*Builder and Woodworker*.—What bad attempts to telegraphic story.—*Builders' Exchange*. Watts the matter with the attempts? Coulomb off if you don't appreciate di-electric stories.—*Cincinnati Artisan*.

Our respected contemporaries are all wrong—cut out, as it were. Phonographic story, however grounded, could portray his excited feeling, alternating with such intensity twixt hope and fear.

THE recently elected Mayor of the town of Edgerton, Kansas, is Mrs. Maggie Kelly, the wife of a flour miller of that place. She is described as being an exceedingly handsome woman, less than thirty years old, who is largely endowed with good hard common sense, and she is proud of the distinction of having become a mother in the same week in which she was elected to office, taking more interest in the former event than in the latter. She is modest and retiring, and loves her own home more than public honors. She does not consider the performance of household duties as beneath the dignity of a lady, and impresses one with the conviction that she can manage as well the affairs of a city as she evidently does those of her own household. It is predicted that she will make a spanking good Mayor.

THE Washington House of Representatives has adopted a modified resolution upon the subject of closer commercial relations with Canada. It sensibly provides that whenever the Dominion expresses a desire to have unrestrained trade between the two countries, the United States will turn a listening ear and the President appoint commissioners to see about it. That's better. Let Canada take the initiative.—*St. Louis Stove and Hardware Reporter*.

Closer commercial relations between Canada and the United States would probably be a good thing—for the United States if it should be "unrestricted." But Canada will never give American manufacturers unrestricted access to the Canadian market. Canada has had upon her Statue books for years an open offer to the United States to exchange natural products free, but it has never yet been accepted. Canada will take no "initiative" in any other sort of Reciprocity.

THE Dominion Parliament have passed an Act authorizing the payment of a bounty of two dollars a ton on all pig iron manufactured in Canada from Canadian ore, on and after July 1, 1892, for five years. The present bounty is one dollar a ton. The production of pig iron in Canada last year was only about 30,000 tons; and the duty imposed upon imports of the article is only four dollars a ton. The consumption of imported iron and manufactures thereof in Canada amounts to about 300,000 tons a year, and there is no reason why all of this should not be manufactured in Canada, except that the duty is not high enough. If instead of granting a bonus of two dollars a ton the Government had increased the duty to that extent, it would not then have been as great as that imposed by the American tariff, but it would probably have incited the establishment of additional blast furnaces and