HOW THE N. P. POSTERS IMMORALITY. Our contemporary the Globe has made a discovery. It finds that high tariffs are calculated to promote and generate immorality. It is pleasing to be able to agree with the Globe. This is a luxury which it does not often fall to our lot to enjoy. For a considerable time we have noticed a very decided change for the worse in the morais of a few at least in the community. Like our contemporary we have regretted this, deplored it in fact. We have even devoted siderable portions of our valuable space to trying to bring the erring ones. to a conscionsness of their guilt, and to endeavoring to place their moral turpitude faithfully and properly before them. Like our contemporary, too, we have discovered that the of this lamentable growth of immorality is to be found in the enactment or adoption of the present tariff. We repeat that it is a pleasure, an unwonted pleasure, all the more a pleasure because it is un wonted to find ourselves able to agree with

Undoubtedly the adoption of the present tariff has given rise to a very great deal of immorality. Examine for instance the columns of the Globe. See how it is force ed by this tariff to do violence to the truth, to garble, and falsify, and mistake the figures in the trade and navigation returns. See how it finds itself forced to tell the farmer that the N. P. has reduced the price of his oats and his wheat and to proclaim to the lumberman and the liveryman that it has raised the price of his oats, and to the Nova Scotian and New Brunswicker that it has raised the price of his wheat. See how it is compelled to outrage its conscience, its tender conscience, by declaring in one breath that the manufacturers are fattening at the expense of all other classes, and in the next that the same manufacturers are being ruined by hostile duties and by N. P. fostered

nordinate competition.

Yes, the horrid N. P. has utterly shatter. ed and destroyed the morals of the Globe editors, whose writings show that they have irrecoverably lost the chart by which truth can be distinguished from falsehood. No wonder our contemporary cries out in very bitterness of spirit that the tariff has been the means of promoting immorality. The Globe has our sympathy in its distress, but we confess we cannot so easily discover a remedy. The advance guard of the salvation army is in the city, however, perhaps diseased," and to point out to our contemporary a way of return to the path of moral rectitude which even the N. P. cannot pre-

GAMRETTA'S GAME. Only a short time ago the French people pronounced in favor of the republic by a large majority—a majority so large, in fact, that Monarchists, Bonapartists and Rouges were reduced to insignificance in the chambers. Gambetta, the popular idol, was quickly called upon to add official. responsibility to the power he had been unofficially wielding before, and became first minister. Now that a crisis has come, and he has tendered his resignation, people are puzzled to guess what his motive can be for forcing an issue at this time, and what his game really is. That he has a definite policy and a purpose in the course he has taken is not to be doubted. He had but to drop the project of scrutin de liste in order to be in harmony with the majority, but this he resolutely refused to do. For the present system of voting by small constituencies, each arrondissemen by itself, he insisted on substituting the scrutin de liste or voting by departments, for several members together; and, though he knew there was a majority against him he would not give away. In trying to get at the real meaning of the present crisis, Gambetta's character and his "record," as the Americans say, must be looked at. Unless the man has altogether changed of late, he is playing a particular game now - the game of forcing the moves on the board. It was by a "waiting game" that he worked himself up to his present position-a game played with great skill, and coolness, and caution He might have been premier long ere now, but he held back and waited, because in his view the time had not come. Now, strange as it appears, directly this cautious and waiting policy has brought him to the summit of power in the republic, he provokes a crisis and has to resign. Pending the fuller explanations which the cable is sure to pour in upon us within a day or two, or perhaps a few hours, we can but conjecture at present that the great French leader of to-day has some important design in hand which is yet to be developed.

NOTICE GIVEN.

The free trade organs do not make a very strong point when they blame the finance minister for having unsettled and disturbed the tea and coffee trade by announcing the probable repeal of the duties on these articles. He should not have dropped the slightest hint of the matter beforehand, they say, because the notice given has had what some people call a "paralyzing" effect on the trade. "Paralyzing" is an impressive word, and has rather a fear-inspiring sound : but when we go down to the bottom facts of this particular case we find that it means merely that retailers and the wholesalemen who stand next to them have ceased buying largely for future wants, and are now buying for immediate wants only. It is the importers and holders of large stocks who will likes to draw an aesthetic interior, so he draws my friend Brown's. Mr. Gilbert likes to fall in with a prevailing taste, so the draw in the stage in "Patience." stand it. But they are not likely to suffer stand it. But they are not likely to suffer signed the dragoons dresses in the lily scene so very much after all. We may ask what Mr. Gilbert himself, according to the playbill are the bondeds warehouses for what is | -need not pretend that he is not on

quite capable of making good use of them; eir custom is to pay duties and take out goods just as customers require, and not much faster. The quantity of tea in first or second hands, out of bond but still unsold, cannot be very large compared with the magnitude of the business regularly one, and it does look as if an attempt had been made to conjure up a mountain out of

Any impartial authority, pronouncing judgment without fear or favor, could not say otherwise than that the notice given now is much better for the trade generally than no notice at all would have been. Besides, what the finance minister announced as to the best dates cannot properly be called a surprise, except perhaps to the general public, who are not interested much beyond the difference on a week or a fortnight's supply of tea for the household. The large tea dealers are not such careless observers as to have left out of their minds altogether the chances of an early change. Ever since the session of 1879 the abolition of the tea duties has been talked of as a probable contingency whenever revenue requirements would permit.

But it seems that this is a kind of free But it seems that this is a kind of free trade to which people who call themselves free traders are determinedly opposed.

A WOOD RING. The Gooderhams control the Toronto and subsidy of \$105,000, and the municipalities along the line a bonus of \$370,000 toward

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Maurier and Mr. Chicert are Chy say, 'No in a good-natured way; they say, 'No in a good-natured

The plain public duty of the Gooderhams to keep out of the wood business themselves, put all the woodmen on an equal footing as to cars and rates, and let whoever wishes go up and buy for himself.

THE GERMANS IN CANADA.

The Evening Mail appears to have been ntering into a senseless attack upon the termans in Canada, thereby bringing down upon its head a torrent of not undeserved Teutonic indignation. The Germans are among the best citizens we have. They are court reports. If they are inclined to rationalism and socialism, as some people imagine, these tendencies do not seem to have any bad effect on their conduct as citizens, which is all we have to concern ourselves with. But it is remarkable that there is not a single German, either in the Toronto branch of the land league or the Secular society, which are the only organizations we have of a communistic or rationalistic Character—
if indeed it is a crime to be a family and a limited income; his son is radical. Perhaps it is because the Germans radical. Perhaps it is because the Germans king of Greece, one daughter is empress come here with an inherent love of freedom, Russia; a second will be queen of England have no quarrel with the nineteenth century. and no desire to return to the beauties of and no desire to return to the beauties of mediaval tyranny, that they have incurred of Norway and Sweden, as well as crown the displeasure of the Mail's donkey- princess of Denmark. engine.

THE GALT REFORMER, the Berlin Telegraph and the Toronto Telegram, are all in favor of a committee of the legislature to favor of a committee of the legislature to having sung a no-rent ballad. A sub-constable said that he heard the prisoner sing a ballad the last verse of which was as fol-

conducted weeklies in the province. It | I hear they have passed the coercion act, 'twas THE PORT HOPE NEWS is one of the best wisely adopts the plan of giving plenty of But save your cash and keep the peace local intelligence; the only way of getting You need not fear the county jail nor the ahead of the weeklies issued by the Globe and Mail.

THE CITY HALL.

To The World: A few days ago I noticed among your local items a statement that the mayor was considering plans for the better ventilating of the city hall, and later reports say that Dr. Oldright is officially reporting on the matter. Does this mean that for another century, at least, this western metropolis is to have no better and more imposing headquarters for its governmental business than the present decayed building by the water side? The fact is this building might be turned into a very good fish market, on its present appropriate site; but for a city hall it is a positive insult to the advancement and the progresinsult to the advancement and the progressive state of the city generally. Ottawa, which one of your contemporaries is fond of sneering at as a lumber village, has a princely city hall in its centre, besides a fine and commodious court-house, both of which put to shame the present mean buildings in Toronto, and so have other cities and towns of less note. Winnipeg will doubtless soon have fine city buildings worthy of her standing. Is Toronto to stand, meanwhile, contented with the present mean, dirty, and unhealthy buildings, to her disgrace and shame? QUERIST.

Mr. Bunthorne's Apology (From the Pall Mall Gaz The question is, are not all those pe

really and unconsciously doing a great really and unconsciously doing a great deal of harm? In pretending to laugh down myself, Cimabue Brown, the æsthetic ladies, and half a dozen more of us by name, are they not in fact, though not in intention, trying their best to crush a genuine and important artistic movement in the bud? So far as we ourselves are accessed by a supplementation of the supplementati concerned, I am quite sure not one of us cares a single jot about it. We are prepared to laugh as heartily at "Patience," to look as good-humored-ly at Mr. Du Maurier's clever caricatures in Punch, as any Philistine among them all. Nay, more than that; the plays and the pictures are really meant for us to enjoy, and not for the "many he-ded beast," which only knows us from he puts me upon the stage in "Patience." It is useless to deny it; the men who de-

is all good-natured chaff of a plaful susceptibilities; and if we alone, with a select body of friends, were permitted to see it by private-view ticket, no harm at all would be done in the long run. Of course if a man goes to a theatre and sees that the things we have been teaching him to admire are made the butt of some very eleves vidends. If he takes up. Punch and

clever ridicule; if he takes up Punch, and sees them invariably associated with the vagaties of impossible ladies and gentle men in ultra-classical or ultra-Florentine costumes, he naturally comes to the conclusion that the cultivated world only laugh at his would be teachers. We have been trying to make him understand the place of the early Italian masters in the history of art, and now he finds that an admiration for Botticelli or Fra Angelico is approximately and the state of the sta parently considered synonymous with harmless form of extreme lunacy. W have been trying to teach him that red, orange and sky-blue in large contrasted patches are not the best assorted colors for the internal decora-

tend to retard the progress of a salutary change, if not actually to turn the tide of public opinion. public opinion.

A little ridicule outweighs months

preaching. I know myself that there are several excellent people who on my recommendation furnished their rooms as though The Gooderhams control the Toronto and Nipissing railway, but they did not pay for it. The province of Ontario gave a subsidy of \$105,000, and the municipalities along the line a bonus of \$370,000 toward its construction. For assisting this road the people of Toronto were promised cheap cordwood.

Are they getting it?

In mendation furnished their rooms as though they were meant for rational beings to live in, and bought a little good pottery and harmless brica-brac of really pretty and unpretentious sorts to adorn them. But now, when they meet me they shake their now, when they meet me they shake their heads, and say, "Ah, Bunthorne, you asthetes are getting dreadfully laughed at now-a-days. Been to see 'Patience,' eh?' And when I go to their houses, I notice that the old blue and the Benares ware is pushed into a corner, while the great ormolu moninto a corner, while the great ormolu mon-strosity under a glass case is replaced in the centre of the mantelship, and in the centre of the mantelship, and the big vases with the wriggly gree handles are set up once more to mo guard over it on either side. It is no telling these good people that Mr. D Maurier and Mr. Gilbert are only jokin

> must necessarily accompany every great movement, one wouldn't really movement, one wouldn't really mind. (I suppose there are extravagances, though I confess I myself don't come across them.) But it is also in part crushing cut what is truly good and vital in the movement, at least with a large section of the people; and therefore it seems to me a real pity. We were in hopes that we were at last getting the thin end of the wedge into the compact mass of Philistinism; if we are laughed down now, the result must be that the difference in culture between the different strata of our population will be even great er than it is at present. And that surely eable, and temperate, and their would be an unmitigated evil, not to be compensated for even by the pleasure of laughing at a clever caricature of my humble personality for a couple of hours

THORNE.

to the lively accompaniment of Mr. Sullivan's animated music.—REGINALD BUN-

personality for a couple of ho

By all odds the most lucky of molern royal families is that of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, which furnished husbands for the queens of England and Portugal, and by other marriages has come to have a prince on the and but for Bismarck the third would be queen of Hanover, while his heir's wife,

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