CANNOT BE ANSWERED.

The friends of the McBride government persist in calling attention to the acts. A few days ago a company of Kaien Island case, although it would Montreal "sports" were heavily fined appear the part of discretion for them for indulging in the cruel sport 'of to let the matter drop until they are forced by additional revelations and exposures to take cognizance of it. We have asked some questions which have not been, and cannot be, an- not endow chickens of pedigree and of swered. We repeat them, not in the the male sex with a weapon of offence hope that satisfactory replies will be for the purpose of furnishing a holiday given or attempted, but simply to direct attention anew to one of the most scandalous transactions of which there is any record in the history of Canadian affairs.

The government, through its organ in this city, claims that the method by which the ten thousand acres of land on Kaien Island was conveyed to the Grand Trunk Pacific at a cost to the company of one dollar an acre was the only means by which the deal could be carried out, owing to the experience of the railway officials with Eastern politicians. We ask whether the Chief Commissioner or the Premier ever attempted to deal directly with the officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company with reference to the question of land for terminal purposes? If neither the Premier nor the Chief Commissioner attempted to open direct pany, how do they know that Mr. Morse and his company were averse rons of amateur boxing nor the proto an open, honest and direct review of the situation as it affected the prowere not ready and willing to discuss and arrive at an arrangement which would have been profitable alike to the company and to the province, and which would have averted all the notoricty which is likely to be more or less prejudicial to the company's interests in this province as a business insitution?

Were the company not given to understand that Messrs. Anderson and Larsen were the accredited agents of the provincial government, empowered to enter into negotiations with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for the purpose of securing the terminus of the new line at Kaien Island?

Messrs. Anderson and Larsen being admittedly the agents of the government, why were they appointed as accredited agents, and why was such an extraordinary and unprecedented course taken in order to procure the location of the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at Kaien Island?

Were Messrs. Anderson and Larsen men of such standing and character in British Columbia, men who could be soon be out of vogue. depended upon to discharge the high

office of plenipotentiaries extraordinary for the people with an honest and We wonder what Mr. W. T. Stead, conscientious regard for the public the professed friend of the down-trodrights-gentlemen who would nobly den and the oppressed and the real and disinterestedly thrust aside any friend of the Czar of Russia, will think opportunities which appeared to pre- when he reads what Mark Twain, the sent themselves of turning their unique Grand Old Man of American literature, position to private advantage- has been saying about the Russian that they should have been entrusted monarchy and its doings. Some Mus- in British territory and other restricwith powers invariably and properly covitch refugees, recently arrived, vested in governments? Why were were holding a demonstration in New Messrs. Anderson and Larsen, above York to mark their disapproval of the all the reputable men of affairs in Bri- manner in which the affairs of their

hand of authority is laid upon him, IS ANXIOUS TO and he is haled before a judge or a magistrate and held to account for his cock-fighting. We have our doubts about the game being excessively cruel, because there is no doubt that BETWEEN CANADA game cocks delight in formen worthy of their steel spurs. But nature did Secretary Root Will Drop Tariff Questplace, consequently cock-fighting is a perversion of the natural order of things and ought to be put down.

A few weeks ago a young man was killed in a California prize ring. The

Washington, D. C., March 31 .- Convictim, on promise of reward, undervinced that reciprocity treaties with took to furnish amusement for a select. company by giving an exhibition of Great Britain for the establishment of close relations between the United Dispatches Received in London Prohuman combativeness, skill as a fighter, and endurance. He was com- States and Canada are out of the quespletely overcome by a stronger, health- tion at this time, Secretary of State ier or luckier antagonist. That was Root has determined to abandon the evident early in the combat, but the tariff question for the present, and is admirers of the "manly art" either did busying himself with other matters of not know this or they wanted the vital interest to the United States and "worth of their money" in sport. So Canada in the hope of settling points of

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the victim was encouraged to stand up difference which bade fair to be settled the Natal government, and the prominand submit to a beating which ended by the joint high commission when the in his death. A case of a similar char- Klondike gold rush caused the negoacter has been reported in Canada, tiations to be broken off suddenly.

even from Toronto, which claims to be A canvass of the senate persuaded communication with the officials of the the centre of all that is worthy of Secretary Root that reciprocity would Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Com- emulation in this highly civilized coun- not be considered at this session of congress. As the state department is try of ours. Neither the Toronto patunder obligations to secure concessions for Germany in return for the favor fessional pugilists of California intendshown the United States by permitting ed that any of the men who catered to this country to remain among the favvince and the railway company, and their highly rational forms of amuse- ored nations, Secretary Root feels that it would not be wise to undertake other ment should be killed. They simply tariff propositions at a time when hoped to see some of the contestants legislators seem so little inclined to "put to sleep"-that is pummelled into tariff changes. Moreover, the demand insensibility, which is a close enough for reciprocity between the United imitation of death by violence, or "mis-States and Canada does not exist to the degree that it did when the joint adventure." to satisfy their appetite high commission began the considerfor excitement of a certain kind. The ation of the subject in 1898. Canadians incidents mentioned, it will be conhave cooled in their ardor, and do not tended, were merely accidents, and show any great desire to have Ameriaccidents will happen in all exercises in can manufactured articles admitted at which manly young fellows contest for a low rate in exchange for Canadian

supremacy. Just so. But if ardent raw materials. It is believed that Secretary Root and youth is so carried away by a desire Governor-General Crey of Canada will to excel that it does not know the right make public some interesting plans for time to put a period to its gentle playthe settlement of differences between fulness, then we say, a Society for the Canada and the United States in their addresses at the Pilgrim's dinner in Frevention of Cruelty to Human Ani-New York to-night.

mals should be formed. Its represent-The preservation of Niagara Falls is atives should be present at all functions of a pugilistic character, as it appears the law cannot be so fashiondeveloped since 1898. Canada has shown a disposition to co-operate with the ed as to stop such entertainments, and United States in preventing the diveri' they acted as zealously as the representatives of the Society for the Prethe report of the international watervention of Cruelty to Animals do, rrize-fighting as a means of gain for lazy men and as a form of entertain-President Roosevelt has supplemented the efforts of the state department in keeper for Black. men for other kinds of men would this matter, and its early consideration may be expected.

TWAIN ON THE CZAR.

tish Columbia, and out of it, selected Fatherland are being conducted under dian coast to make a full investigation 25,675 tons; total for the year 313,365 tons.

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ed States and of Canada, mining rights of the subjects or citizens of each country within the territory of the other, the provisions of the agreement SETTLE DIFFERENCES of 1897 respecting naval vessels on the Great Lakes, provisions for the conveynce for trial or punishment of persons in the lawful custody of officers of one country through the territory of the other, reciprocity in wrecking and salvage rights.

After the aggravation of the Alaskan boundary dispute by the great gold finds in the disputed territory it became clear to the joint high commissloners that they could not settle the many questions entrusted to them. Secretary Hay negotiated a modus vivendi which prevented serious trouble over the disputed boundary and under which the two countries lived until the treaty of January 24th, 1903, created a mixed tribunal which settled the boundary.

THE NATAL SITUATION. testing Against the Action

of Lord Elgin.

London, March 31.-The storm aroused by the Natal affair has in no way subsided. The newspapers this morning are full of dispatches from the colonies protesting against the action of Lord Elgin and sympathizing with ent men connected with the colonies who have been interviewed all deprecate what they term the government's hasty and ill-advised action. Even the government's supporters appear to find themselves hard pressed to justify Lord

Elgin's action. FARRELL'S NEW POSITION.

Former Assistant to President of Great Northern Takes Post Under Harriman.

Seattle, Wn., March 31 .- The Post-Intelligencer to-day says that J. D. Farrell, former assistant to the president of the Great Northern railway and the president of the Great Northern Steamship Company, will affiliate with Harriman in a position analogous to the one held by him with the Great Northern. Official announcement has not yet been made, but it is expected

JEALOUS MAN'S ACT.

Murdered Upholster, Wounded Woman and Then Ended His Own Life.

New York March 31-In an insane fury caused by jealousy James Ahearn. 34 years old, a cabman, shot and instantly killed James Black, 54 years perhaps the most interesting of the new international problems which have East Sixty-Third street early to-day, probably fatally wounded Mary Woods, 30 years old. Black's housekeeper, and then put a bullet into his own brain. sion of the water from the falls and Ahearn died in a hospital two hours later. The woman is believed to be ways commission will doubtless form dying. Mary Woods formerly was the basis for a treaty to protect them. Ahearn's sweetheart. She left him only a short time ago to become house-

Special, \$4.75.

BOUNDARY MINES. The joint high commission is not likely to be revived for the considera-Ore Shipments for the Week Amounted ion of Canadian and American affairs.

to 25,675 Tons. Negotiations will be conducted by Secretary Root and Sir Henry Mortimer Phoenix, March 31.-Three thousand Durand, the British ambassador, with tons more ore were shipped this week the co-operation of some representafrom Boundary mines than for the previtive of the Canadian government. Litous seven days, the figures for this week tle difficulty is expected in framing being as follows: Granby mines to Grantreaties. The refusal of Canadians to by smelter, 16,366 tons; Mother Lode to permit American fishermen to buy bait | B. C. Copper smelter, 4,300 tons; Brooklyn Stemwinder to Dominion Copper smelter, tions, regarded as unjust by fishermen 2925 tons: Bawhide to Dominion smelter from the United States, caused the 264 tons; Sunset to Dominion smelter, 960 state department to have the bureau of tons; Emma to Nelson and B. C. Copper fisheries to send the steamer Grampus smelters, 400 tons; Oro Denora to Granby into the waters along the east Canasmelter, 150 tons; total for the week,



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Two special lines of Light Fringes at \$1.00 and \$1.50 per dozen yards **Axminster Rugs** All colors.



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And, if it is a fact that Messrs. An- tive. The demonstrators asked Mark ileges in waters adjacent to the British derson and Larsen were acting for the Twain to say something appropriate to island which are assured of the laws thousand dollars in addition to the ten thousand dollars the government was to receive for the land? When the transformed and now that I have talked with you,

cific Railway Company is willing to ment by falsified promises, by lies, by protect the seals have proved inade pay Indians \$7.50 an acre for land con- treacheries and by the butcher knife, tiguous to Kaien Island, although the government meincine that the the second s government maintains that one dollar ous kin has been borne quite long an acre is a good price for land on the enough in Russia. I should think, and island, the point upon which one of it is to be hoped, that the roused na- retary Root are: Provisions for the the large cities of the Pacific Coast tion now rising in its strength will will in a few years be situated? There are many other extraordinary futures in connection with this inex- see the blessed day when czars and plicable deal or scandal that will re- grand dukes will be as scarce as I ceive attention in due time. But trust they are in heaven."

enough has been disclosed to warrant the assertion that an administration so lost to all sense of duty to the public, so shameless in its effrontery considering the nature of the revelations of which it has been the subject, would not have been permitted to remain in power in any other province of the Dominion for one day after the exposures had been made. We make this assertion advisedly, with a full knowledge of the responsibility that rests upon those in authority in submitting

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final judgment.

organize a Society for the Protection of the Human Race. If some thought-Cruelty to Animals threatens him, the | case is once made plain."

and set apart upon a pinnacle of re- the new form of government, called of the fishing industry. The bureau sponsibility as the agents of the gov- constitutional, which has veen vouch- has reported to Secretary Root and it ernment in this important matter? safed them by the "Great White This is one point that has never been Czar,' sometimes also called the "Little the source of the alleged wrongs sufexplained, but has invariably been Father," to distinguish him from the fered by New England fishermen who passed over in ministerial excuses for Great Father on High, of whom His visit Newfoundland, New Brunswick the peculiarities of the Kaien Island Majesty has the presumption to con- and Nova Scotian waters. It has alsider himself the earthly representa-

government, and not for themselves, the occasion. The years are accumu- of nations regardless of treaties. in the Kaien Island land transaction, lating upon the head of Mark, and he how can the fact be accounted for that is naturally not quite so active as he an instrument was executed under was a score or two-score years ago. States which demands settlement. which the Grand Trunk Pacific Rall- Therefore he addressed the meeting in Messrs. Anderson and Larsen forty of which we cordially agree, as follows: slaughter of seals in Behring sea. The sian revolution, of course. It goes

Why is it that the Grand Trunk Pa- I think and believe it will. Govern- States. The regulations then made to quate and their number has decreased rapidly. Other subjects considered by the joint high commission which will doubtless he taken up again by Secpromptly put an end to it and set up even of the white headed, may live to

Hongkong, it appears, is the largest shipping port in the world. Antwerp comes next, with New York, Hamburg, Cardiff and London following. This statement will correct some erroneous impressions, as neither Seattle, nor Vancouver is mentioned in the list. However, it is some satisfaction to know, as mere bigness is considered of such account, that the leading shipping port is still British.

Says the New York Times, expresssuch matters to the constituencies for ing doubtless the views of nine-tenths of the people of the United States, notwithstanding the general opinion in OURSELVES. this country to the contrary: "There

are certain iniquities so humanly re-We believe it will be necessary one volting that they cut off the offender of these days for some tender-natured from business as well as from social and large-hearted lover of his kind to recognition, and make an end of his career, whether they are legally punishable or not. It is good that it should be so, and that men should be less or callous individual sins against warned that social penalties for crimes a horse, a cow, a dog, or even a against society may be as terrible as chicken, the sharp eye of a member any legal penalties could be, and far of the Society for the Prevention of more certain and effective, when the

The three district smelters have treated this week as follows: Granby smelter, is believed that this information will 17,887 tons; Dominion, Copper smelter, enable the United States to discover 4.468 tons: B. C. Copper smelter, 4.420 tors; total treatment for the week, 26,775 tons. Total for year to date, 326,716 tons.

ONE MILE RUN. ways been charged by American fishermen that they do not enjoy the priv-

Melvin M. Sheppard Covers Distance in Four Minutes 23 4-5 Seconds.

New York, March 31 .- The Tribun Seal fishing in Behring sea and the says: "Melvin M. Sheppard, of the North Pacific is another subject in dis- Irish-American Athletic Club, at the pute between Canada and the United annual games of the high school of commerce, held in the 22nd regiment armory last night, broke his own After the United States acquired Alway Company consented to pay to a communication, with the sentiments aska it attempted to prevent the world's record of four minutes 25 3-5 seconds for the one mile run. Shep-"My sympathies are with the Rus- seizure of British vessels by the United pard in the one mile invitation handi-States resulted in international en- cap race ran the distance from scratch in four minutes 23 4-5 seconds."

INSURANCE COMMISSION.

Two Days Will Complete Work at Ottawa-Sittings to Be Held in Other Cities.

Ottawa, March 30.-The insurance commission decided to-day that when to-day's meeting adjourned to stand

transit of merchandise in transportation to or from either country across adjourned until April 17th. It is exa republic in its place. Some of us, intermediate territory of the other pected that a couple of days will finish whether by land or water, transit of the work in Ottawa, and that sittings merchandise from one country to be will afterwards take place in Montreal delivered at points in the other beyond or Toronto, according to which insurthe frontier, alien labor laws applicable ance company it is intended to investito the subjects or citizens of the Unit- | gate first.



SCHOOL SHOES

We always did look after the wants of the children in the matter of Boots and Shoes; but we have made e extensive preparations for this season, and have better lines for them. We have found a manufacturer who has learned how to make Children's Shoes that possess both style and wear. As all mothers know, some school es look well but wear badly, while others wear well but are ugly and clumsy.

Style and wear as a combination in Children's Shoes is a new and important development. The prices are no higher than before.



Underhill, Miss Raeffe Miss Howell, A. Hicks, M. Floyd, R. V ney Talbot. -The sacred cantat ion," by the late Sir . be given by the choin cathedral on Palm S at the close of the even is the third occasion this large and excelle sented works of this occasion the choir w outside help, and the and bass will be en A. T. Goward and P. -The regular mee Templars of Tempera A. O. U. W. hall on Wallpapers last, and was well Thousands of rolls of Wallpapers were seven petition four initiations, seve

As department managers, We must judge our stock not on what we think of them ourselves, but by what the public thinks. It would be of little use to prepare a Wallpaper showing that tickled our own fancy if the public looked at it and passed on. It means something when our previous sales are beaten out of sight by our daily sales so far this season

5.000 Rolls of Bedroom Papers go on sale Tuesday at 5c. a single roll. You purchase Hall Papers, Drawing-room Papers, etc., last week at 5c. a roll, and you have the opportunity of purchasing Bedroom Papers at the same low price.

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Linen Rimmed, Muslin Tops, Baby Buggy Robes. Value Cushion Tops. Regular \$1.00 to \$1.50. TUESDAY50c. \$1.50. TUESDAY

speeches, songs and -John Merryman, on Friday fined F Police Magistrate H cruelty to animals. appeared for the Se vention of Cruelty prosecutors; and H. C., represented the man pleaded guilty. was gone into, but f It was stated that h rse to stand in t harnessed, for a w providing the anim water. One of the fi save the poor brute