TASHEND, Turkestan, March 12 -The following events occurred immediately previous and subsequent to the death of the Ameer, Shere Ali. The account is given by the Russian surgeon, Javorsky, the only European who witnessed them. The Ameer was not dead when the three pretenders to the Afghan throne sprang up in Tashkogurgan, among them Hamid, the nephew of Shere Ali, who was in communication with the English. Hamid's party, urged, no doubt, by English agente, began active operations on the evening before the Ameer's death. They were joined by Commandant Feis and the Governor of the town of Leinab, in spite of the ciforts made by two other pretenders-Ibrahim, eldest living son of the Ameer, and Ahmed Ali, grandson of Shere Ali, son of his cluest son, Lahomet, who died These latter proceeded to the in 1867. fortress of Pashtahaul where, however, they were dispoiled of everything by the commandant who had been gained over to Hamid's party. Hamid had provided for all eventualimountains, pursued all night by Gevernor Lienah. The Ameer died the following morn-

The Rev. Mr. Cook Brought to Task.

The "phenomenal" Cook has been making one of his dramatic assaults upon " the Italian priesthood" in the prelude of his last lecture. of life dancing joyfully to their cheeks and In it he accused them of being the authors of a concerted attack upon the American highschool system, and insinuated that Governor | cess to it. Robinson is nothing but a tool in the hands of Bishop McQuaid of Rochester. We are pleased to see that, spite of their admiration for Mr. Cook, there are still Bostonians who have not quite surrendered to him their common sense and practical judgement. The Congregationalist, for instance, puts a good deal of hard sense and plain fact on this subject into the paragraph which we subjoin .

"We think Mr. Cook mistaken in the fears of a Romish attack upon our highschool system, expressed by him in his lecture, the abstract which we publish to-day. We believe in watching the Romanists closely as to public school matters. But the chief opposition to high schools does not come from them, so much as from a source which he seems to have overlooked. His statement that high schools are supported by the rich is not strictly true. There are thousands of men, many of whom are just above poverty and all of whom are far below wealth, who have small homes, too often burdened with a mortgage, and little or no other property. These men are taxed to support high schools, and to pay their taxes in these days is hard. They work ten hours a day. They have no vacations except by intermitting work, and that means loss of wages for the time thus spent. They carn, all told, from seven to twelve hundred dollars a year. They see the high school teacher working, as they suppose, only five or six hours daily. They know that he has one or two recesses a year, and a long vaention in summer, while his salary of from twelve to twenty-five hundred dollars a year, goes on. Ignorantly, perhaps, yet not unnaturally, they regard this state of things as unjust. They do not see the value, moreover, of some features of the high school course, as usually pursued, as to which many wiser people are coming to be of their mind. It is from them that the opposition to high schools comes, and in most cases they are no more Romanists than Mr. Cook is. He must make sure of his facts if his logic is to stand."

The Q., M., O. & O. Railroad.

A Trip From Montreal to the Capital. this road, sometimes called the North Shore, will increase, the more especially as irrespective of the convenience, the route from institution are springing up all along the kind. line, and even a few handsome brick edifices are making an appearance, where a few years ago the song of the mud turtle was heard The satisfaction expressed by travellers at the way affairs are managed, are loud and universal, while the lades send forth a sigh effelief when their memory carries them back to the Grand Trunk monopoly and snow render it absolutely impossible, the ahead or behind time, and this very often at a sacrifice, for we understand Mr. Scott has given instructions to the effect that under no consideration, except that of safety, shall trains be delayed. The road is well ballasted, and the conductors seem to know their duties; they are civil and obliging, as, indeed, are the generality of the officials connected with it, which is strange, considering it has a semi-political character. There is very little of interest to be seen just now anywhere, the snow covers everything up, but when the summer draws on things will be different, and it will become a pleasure to look through the carriage windows and observe the beautiful village of St. Rose and its islands adjacent; St. Therese with its college: St. Scholastique and its picturesque hamlets and pretty churches; Lachute with rivers at its back and the farms scattered all over the country. An interesting place on the line is Calumet, opposite L'Orignal, where you cross over to get to the Caledonia Springs, a place of popular resort. Papineau village is also a pretty stopping place, but prettier still is I'lantaganet, five miles in rear, also famous for its springs and avenues of health. The next place of importance going to Ottawa is Thurse, a country village pure and simple, and Buckingham, three miles away, does not detract from its interest. The Laurentides, a range of hills from which Mount Royal might be stolen, so like is it to the poetic chain of Cana idian mountains, running as far as the Gatineau, and then stretching away towards the Maritime Provinces. They deserve all the praises heaped upon them so liberally by Canadian poets and lovers of fine scenery, for the eye is seldom tired examining their various beauties—more particularly toward the fall, when they present a gorgeous appearance. Geologists say the range is the most ancient in the world, though how they found it out is a mystery to non-scientific persons. It would not be safe to make the assertion in presence

of a Magillicuddy of the Recks. The phosphate mining district which the road traverses will also no doubt be a source of wealth and a point of interest, and in fact, right through into the wooden city of Hull, the sights to be seen are not easily forgotten. The only drawback observable is the terminus at Hull, which is over two miles from the business part of Ottawa, but this will, in a measure at least, be remedied, as the Government intend erecting a depot at Le Breton Flats. Even this is too far from the city proper, but half a loaf is better than no bread.

An Iowa horse has a nondescript gait. He simultaneously runs with his fore legs and trots with his hind legs, in a way that astonishes the turimen.

Domestic Reading.

Having been poor is no shame, but being ashamed of it is.

Whatever is obtained by deceit cheats no man so much as the getter. Truth will be our salvation, but it must be the whole truth-truth without com-

promise. The great see the world at one end by flattery, the little at the other end by neglect: the meanness which both discover is the same.

No Government can dispense with religious force. No government has been able to raise itself over the ruins of faith .- De Mun.

Duty though set about by thorns, may be made a staff, supporting even while it tortures. Cast it away, and like the prophet's wand, it changes to a snake.

Living and sleeping in a room in which the sun never enters is a slow form of suicide. A sun bath is the most refreshing They were compelled to fly to the and life-giving bath that can possibly be

Covet nothing, unless you want to increase the misery of your position; covetousness is the arch-enemy of contentment, and the begetter of unnecessary anguish.

Give your children plenty of out-door air let them sniff it until it sends the rosy current temples. Air is so cheap, and so good, and so necessary, that no child should be denied ac-

Schools without religion mean modern paganism, which turn out, I believe the Duke of Wellington said, "clever devils;" but I believe we shall find them rather to be divided into two classes, into stupid devils and intellectual malefactors, in proportion as passion or pride gain the mastery over the heart.— Archbishop Vanghan.

A full tount of Japanese type comprises sixty thousand characters, and when a compositor gets twenty-five or thirty wrong letters in a word, and the proofreader overlooks them, they are scarcely ever noticed by the reader. The printer's case is distributed all round a big room, and when he is at work, running from one box to another, he looks like a base-ball player making a run.

The dictionary of the Abneki Indian language, which is to be seen now in the Harvard College, was written 200 years ago by the distinguished Jesuit Missionary. Father Sebastien Rasles, who brought Christianity to the Indians of Maine. He was murdered by an English force in 1724, and fifty years ago Bishop Fenwick of Boston erected a mornment on the spot where he fell near Madison, on the Kennebec River.

A pestilence broke out in 1129, which in a short time swept of 14,000 persons, and in roughly over it as you can carelessly; then spite of all human efforts daily added to its take your paper (one end in each hand), and victims. At length, on November 26th, the shrine of St. Genevieve was carried in solemn procession through the city. That same day but three persons died, the rest recovered and no others were taken ill. This was but the first of a series of miraculous favours which the City of Paris has obtained through the relics of its patron saint.

AN EXEMPLER.-Everyone has a welcome for the person who has the good sense to take things quietly. The person who can go without her dinner and not advertise the fact; who can lose her purse and keep her temper; who makes light of a heavy weight, and that can wear a shoe that pinches without anyone being the wiser; who does not magnify the splinter in her finger into a stick of timber, nor the mete in her neighbour's As the spring approaches, the travel on eye into a beam; who swallows bitter his road sometimes called the North Shore, words without leaving the taste in other people's mouths; who can give up her own way without giving up the ghost; who can Montreal to Ottawa is remarkable for its have a thorn in the flesh and yet not prick splendid scenery, both by land and water. all her friends with it—such a one surely Fine wooden buildings in connection with the carries a passport into the good graces of man-

O'Leary Interviewed.

New York, March 13, 1:30 p.m .- A reporter of the National Associated Press just had an interview with O'Leary. He was in good health, but seemed in a kind of dreamy state. He feels terribly cut up at being compelled to withdraw from the race. In regard to the four and a half terrible hours sojourn at being drugged he said:—"My regu-Prescott Junction, Except when heaps of lar attendants in all my contests in this have been Matthew punctuality is something wonderful, the trains being seldom more than half a minute either. They attended me in my two five hundred to the control of the co miles matches and also in my last race for the belt, and with Hughes. I did not engage Barney Asron, but my backer, Al. Smith, placed me in his charge. In my race with Hughes, Anron assisted Harding and Slattery and I had no reason to complain. When I met Campana, Aaron trained the latter against me. The report circulated about them drugging me is false. I understand my friends are threatening vengeance against them, but they are doing those gentlemen great injustice. My trainers would sooner lose their right hand than do me an injury. My failure I cannot explain. I was in splendid condition, as Harding, my of each field was treated with Paris green. I principal attendant, knows, and I told do not know how it was spread, or how heavy him to put up all the money he could get. I also gave him \$1,000 to take to the Herald office, to wager I could walk 540 miles in six days. After I went the first fifty miles I felt there was something the matter. I could not perspire, and was tired out. I walked the protection. In all these four cases the crop, last 170 miles on an empty stomach, and hardly knew what I was doing, as I felt so exhausted. I have made my last walk, for I am physically used up. All I want now is Harriman or Ennis to win the belt; if it goes to England I am afraid it will never be brought back.

"You will have to go for it again?" said the reporter. O'Leary smiled, and said :-"Well, I have come to the conclusion that no walker can beat a runner six days. In the last tournament all three runners, Corkey, Brown and Powell, won all the prizes. Since I walked and won the belt long distance walking and running has been patronized more, and henceforth I shall engage in no more contests in which both walking and running is allowed."

O'Leary's wife and two children are with him. While the reporter was present O'Leary received a harp of flowers three feet high, valued at \$200. O'Leary sent a note to the Judges that be will give either Harriman or Ennis \$1,000 if they beat Rowell and prevent the belt from going to England.

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AGRICULTURAL.

HOW TO FIGHT THE POTATO-BUG. Dr. Jabez Fisher on the Best Methods of Applying Paris Green.

The forthcoming report of the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture will contain a valuable paper by Dr. Jabez Fisher, of Fitchburg, Mass., on "The War With Insects." The paper is especially devoted to discussing the best method of fighting the potato-bug, and the essential parts of it are

as follows:--It is an insect that has brood after brood in the same season. As soon as the young have time to hatch, you will find them at all stages of development during the whole season. There is, in my view, but one remedy, and that is what some of you are afraid of; but you have to come to it,—l'aris green, arsenite of copper. I have tried two or three modes of applying Paris green, and have settled upon one. I think the best way is to use a hundred pounds of plaster (the finer ground the better) to one pound of Paris green. One pound is ample for one hundred pounds of plaster. I am not sure but that proportion of green is too much. Most of you have applied it very much stronger. The great point is to get a single particle of Paris green upon the potato leaf. Now, Paris green is an impalpable powder; it is exceedingly fine. It is necessary to apply but a single atom of it in one spot; but you want to apply it evenly over the whole foliage of the potato; and to do it, the best dilutent, the best thing to dilute it with, is plaster. I apply it by means of a dredging-box, after the form of the ordinary flour dredging-box, used in the kitchen. have one that holds about a quart, with a cover pierced with holes, which is on the end of a handle, about three feet long. All that is necessary, when it is filled, is to give a slight turn to the handle, and you can apply it to the potatoes as fast as you can walk beside a row. It is not necessary to cover the whole potato leaf with the green, but it is better to put it on pretty thoroughly. You will find that the green colors the plaster in this proportion,-one part to a hundred. It colors it quite distinctly, and you can see it on the potato-vine very readily. You do not want to put much on; it is a waste of the poison, and a waste of time to do so. All you want is the slightest possible dusting: nothing

more nor less than that.

I will say a word about mixing. A grea

many people have trouble in mixing Paris green. They are terribly afraid of it; it is poison, and they do not like to handle it at all. The best way I have found is to take a large wrapping-paper (heavy brown paper). as large as you can conveniently handle. Your plaster should be sifted to get all the lumps out of it. Spread a layer of plaster on the paper, and then spread the green as thomove it from side to side with a alternate rising and falling motion, rolling the mixture from side to side until you cannot see a particle of plaster nor a particle of green. It does not take a great while to do it. You should not take too much at a time. The quantity will depend on the size of your paper. When it is perfectly homogeneous in color, then it is in a condition to use. The plaster will be washed off by the first rain, more or less; but the green is more persistent than most people suppose. Being a very fine, impalpable powder, it remains on the some what uneven surface of the foliage of the po tato; after the plaster is washed off, the green is still there, and will continue to kill the larva of the potato-bugs that eat it. The theory of its action is, that the larva eats the green, and it must eat it in order to produce any result. It does not hurt the larva to put Paris green upon him, it does not kill him: it must enter into his circulation to do that. One atom of the green, as I have said, will kill him, and is just as good as a pound. The same effect will be produced on any worm that eats leaves in the same way. The currentworm and the gooseberry-worm cat the leaf in the same way : their mouth takes both sides

the coat was; but one-half of cach field was treated with the green; the other half, in three cases, was protected by hand-picking; and, in the fourth case, the field was taken in round numbers (by estimate-it was not weighed), was double on the part where it was handpicked and treated with Gunion hens, what it was on the part treated with Paris green. I do not think the Paris green hurt the crop; I simply call it to your attention as a point to be looked after in the future. I do not believe it is possible for an insoluble powder like Paris green to have any detrimental influence on the growth of the potate. I believe Paris green has been tried in Michigan at the rate of 900 pounds to the acre without any detriment to the

Following the reading of the paper at the meeting of the State Board there was a general discussion of the question, the main points

which were as follows :-Question-There is an objection in very many sections of the State to the use of Paris green for almost any purpose; and there is an objection in many cases to the purchase of the Chairman. potatoes, if people know that Paris green has been used for the purpose of destroying the

bug. Dr. Fisher—I consider that prejudice entirely absurd. Question-How frequently do you find it

necessary to repeat the application? Dr. Fisher-As often as you find the bug; that is to say, you go over your field, and the next day, if you have effectually applied the within 48 hours every one will have dissappeared. If you have not put it on effectually, they will die, and it is only the next crop to which you are to apply it With regard to the use of children, if it is of any benefit to whose talk offended her.

the children, I should use them in that way. Put it is the most expensive mode possible to raise potatoes by hand-labor in picking the bugs. I have known many people who have tried it. They had a prejudice against Paris green, and they picked faithfully and effectually every bug they found during the season; but I never knew a person to continue it two seasons; the education of one year was sufficient. The labor is alteg ther too much. The game is not worth the powder that it costs.

Question-Is there any objection to using it in water? For two years I have simply put a teaspoonful of Paris green in a large watering-pot of water, and it has been per-fectly effectual, without injuring the potato.

Dr. Fisher-That might answer, if it did not require much labor to carry the water. It costs so much to dilute it and carry it through a field, that it seems to me that it is not profitable to do it. Another thing: the green is not soluble in water at all. It is only by keeping it constantly stirred that you can have and hold it reasonably well mixed with the water, and you never can be sure but what one leaf is going to get ten times as much as another; and then it is very difficult to apply it so that the greater part of your water will not go upon the ground. You cannot apply it in small enough quantities. It wants simply a spray, and you cannot readily apply it in that way. It is much easier to apply a small quantity in the dry form. There has been a machine gotten up to use as a sprinkler, costing some \$6, which it would be a benefit to the manufacturers, no doubt, if you would purchase, but it is a waste of money, in my view.

Question-I would like to ask whether the potatoes absorb any of the Paris green as food

for the plant? Dr. Fisher-Potatoes, and all other plants, absorb their food entirely in a liquid form. Paris green does not and cannot exist in a liquid form. It is an insoluble powder absolutely. As an illustration of its perfect insolubility, I may here mention a fact that has just come to my notice. A quantity of green was put into a hogshead which was nearly filled with water, to be stirred up and used, as occasion required, for potato-bugs. A valuable heifer obtained access to it, and quenched her thirst in a liberal way. The herdsman was very much frightened in consequence, and employed some hurried remedies, which proved to be of no avail; for the reason that the heifer refused to acknowledge that she had done any wrong, and never gave the slightest indication that she was in the least degree affected by the poison. If she had stirred up the green, the result would, of course, have been different I think it is an advantage to apply the plaster perfectly. You want simply, as I said, what looks like a spray of plaster. The smallest particle of green to a potato-vine is amply sufficient for the business It will remain there three weeks, if there should be no rain. A slight rain removes but very little of the plaster : it takes a heavy rain to wash it all off. And the green is still more persistent than the plaster, and remains after the plaster is washed off. You cannot see it; but you know it to be

DISEASED CATTLE

there by its effects.

Lecture by Prof. McEachrau.

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The lecturer proceeded to review the question of our meat supply, and how we can increase our sales in foreign countries. He thought he would have no directly in convincing his auditance that the action of the Minister of Agriculture, in taking the steps he had done in the late cattle scare, placed the whole Dominion under an everlasting debt to him.

The bill of Great Britain for food supplies from foreign sources during 1878, as shown by the Imperial trade and navigation returns, includes the following items, which demonstrate what a vast demand there is there for commodities which Canada produces, and should stimulate every one having an interest in our country to devise means for securing a still greater share of this enormous and gradually increasing trade:—

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Imports.	1877.	1878.
Live cattle, sheep and pig	zs. £6,012,690	£7,454,812
Fresh meat	1.268,287	1,325,209
Poultry and game	320,047	402,051
Eggs	2,472,481	2,511,922
Potatoes	2,313,596	2,396,997
anned meats	1,638,909	1.3(3.511
Butter	9,538,305	9,940,412
Theese	4,763,053	1,939,009

in the same way; their mouth takes both sides of it, and wherever the green is, it will kill them the same as the potato-worm. You may say that it will not do to put Paris green upon the currant or gooseberry, because we are going to cat the fruit. I would not use it upon currants or gooseberries, except for the first crop of worms, which generally comes before the fruit has formed, or when it is very small; and ordinarily it will be washed off the smooth skin of the berry before any of the smooth skin of the berry before any of the fruit is eatable; or, if you should chance to eat any of it, the quantity would be so infinitesimal, in the way I advise its application, that no harm would be likely to arise in consequence. I should have no fear in applying it to the currant or the gooseberry early in the season, before the fruit has grown; but, after that, I should use something else.

I have one suggestion to make, I do not know that there is anything in it; I only throw it out as a suggestion. It has come to my knowledge this year, that in four distinct cases—in one of which there was a field of four acres, in two others a field of two acres, and, in a fourth, a field of one acre,—one-half of each field was the coat was; but one-half of each field was the coat was; but one-half of each field was the coat was; but one-half of each field was.

England States, parts of Maryland and Virginia.

Owing to the prevalence of rinderpest in Great Britain, it was considered advisable curing the summer of 1877 to prohibit the importation of cattle entirely; sheep and pigs were, however, permitted to enter; at my suggestion the quarantine was re-opened During this summer, a number of cattle were consigned to Quebec, but were not permitted to land, being sent back to Newfoundland, where they remained till the following summer. In 1878 the prohibitory order was removed, and the quarantine re-opened. We hear a great deal about protection. Truly, we needed a protective polic; in connection with our cattle interests, and on the occasion of the accession of the present Tovernment to with our cattle interests, and on the occasion of the accession of the present Covernment to power, almost as soon as they had been sworn, the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald and the Hon. Mr. Pope were in telegraphic communication with Sir John Rose on the subject in relation to the Duke of Richmond's bill, and the continued interest of both His Excellency the Governor-General and his Government is manifest in the position of things in this connection today. I can assure you everything that will ensure immunity of Canada from contagious diseases in stock will be done. The quarantine will be maintained in thorough efficiency. All our outgoing stock will be carefully inspected by qualified members of the vet-rinary profession before being shipped. All steambouts or ships qualified members of the vet-rinary profession before being shipped. All steamboats or ships carrying stock will be inspected before salling to prevent overcrowding, and to insure proper ventilation and cleanliness.

After a further explanation of the action of the Canadian Government, Prof McEachran concluded what was one of the most useful and interesting lectures delivered this winter.

A vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer by the Chairman.

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