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A test case has been commenced in the Supreme Court at Montreal against the insurance combine on export cattle, an injunction having been applied for to restrain the combine from carrying on an insurance business, being common carriers.

Lord Preston, it is understood, will proceed direct to Ottawa on his arrival in Canada, and after inspecting Rideau Hall and pointing out any changes desired in the arrangements, will go away for summer sport while the changes are being made.

Tests made in various parts of the city of Kingston, by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, with a solar compass and an inclinometer, revealed remarkable variations in the dipping needle, indicating the existence of a large mass of magnetic rock or iron ore in the immediate vicinity.

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Fears are entertained of an Indian outbreak at Orléans, Dakota, and the residents and ranchmen are leaving the place.

The U. S. Consul-General at the Sandwich Islands says that large numbers of natives of leprosy tendencies emigrate to the States.

An Augusta despatch states that some person broke into Mr. Blaine's house, overhauled his private papers and abstracted some of them.

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