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ANDALOUS MISREPRESENTATION.

grieved by the misrepresentations ch appear in the Tory press day after with respect to the policy of the govnent. The plain truth, fully and franktold, would leave the opposition witha word to say. They must, therefore, ort, conceal or invent, in order to make anything like a case. Yet it is trying see the utter lack of candor and fair sm. The present government is not est men, faithfully and earnestly tryto do what they believe to be best for ada; but they are human, and they ke mistakes. To the extent that they short of perfection the opposition has margin for criticism, and fair minded will be apt to say that this affords eir opponents a sufficient latitude for all

sonable and useful fault finding. The reproach of the opposition lies ir wilful and flagrant departure from peror's measure for the doubling of the truth, and our morning contemporary,

act. The exception which may fairly nd he might have qualified this by the

he present government. Was that all of the land points to France and Russia; Russia pargain? Mr. Scott knows that in control Japan, and so on around the circle. ideration of this subsidy the C. P. R. igreed to reduce its tariff on grain by hree cents per bushel, which, on the crop vailable for export last year, represented t least \$900,000 in the pockets of the orthwest farmers. Nor was that all. The company also agreed to reduce its tariff on a great many other articles brought into the northwest, the value of which concession cannot be got at so accurately as in the case of grain. And berond this, the C. P. R. Company gave up to the dominion government 50,000 square acres of coal lands which it had obtained from the government of British Columbia, thus preventing a monopoly of fuel in that part of the country. There are qualifications and elements in the bargain of supreme importance, and it is sufficient to point them out to cast on the Sun the reproach of unpardonable misrepresentation in a matter which ought to have been

frankly stated. THE WINTER PORT BUSINESS.

have only begun to grow and that the limit of the export business which st. John's limit of the export business which st. John will do is far off. From five million to nine to seven million, from seven million from seven million from seven million from seven million to nine a similar claim against Turbusiness and of economically administer interests and of economically administer. Standard Oil Company has not got any

to ten and a half million are jumps. Symma is generally considered extrava- it has to deal with are more intricate and

west side and the Canadian Pacific. The Mr. Conant says: speech fails to disclose a reference to the elevator and wharves which the government beautiful to the significant that the ramincations of they will have accomplished all that the citizens can ask and more than they expect the significant that actual trouble with Turkey might cause uncasiness in the Salar late. most careful reading of Mayor Daniel's "It is significant that the ramifications of

to the elevator is ready for grain and the

GETTING WORSE AND WORSE.

ugural address.

paign the statements which appear in the Agent for the Daily and Tory press grow more and more reckless. kly Telegraph is now in it is the resort of a beaten enemy. Here

the uncompleted section must be added. The subsidies did not exceed \$450,000; so that after deducting this sum the owners can scarcely be said to have had returned to them the money they invested in the enterprise. It was a good road, the government did not pay for it what an independent line would have cost, and, therefore, on the whole the transaction was a good one. The real profit would have been made if the bargain which the Tories made in 1895 had been carried out. The knowledge that the policy of extending the Intercolonial to Montreal has given great prestige to the government is what inspires these persistent misrepresenta-

COMPLICATIONS IN GERMANY. The German Reichstag is displaying more

navy. As a writer in one of the literary

weeklies points out, there has been a distinct cooling towards the project since the fend nor justify such reprehensible tac- kind of "combine" necessary to pass it s. A case in point gives force to this has become evident. The government has ervation. In the correspondence of its had to offer to the Clericals, as the price it comes about, in keeping with the inexhtor from Ottawarchere, appears the follating exhibitions of art, against which all "A railway contract was made which artistic and literary Germany is up in A ranway contract was made which is the government \$11,000 a mile, after for their votes, a so-called "meat-inspectic same company had agreed to accept tion" law, designed really to shut out im-This refers to the Grow's Nest Pass con-portations. Over this the shipping and commercial interests are greatly excited. e taken to such a statement is that it Their wrath naturally passes over in some ally tells a part of, the truth, which is degree to the naval bill itself, ften the lowest farm of deceit. It is without which the offensive meaie that the late government agreed to sure now linked to it would ive a subsidy of the 30,000 per mile to not have been heard of. It is a curious instance of the way in which the exaltabuilding the Crow's Nest Pass line tion of war-power naturally draws other but was that all? Mr. Scott fails to add forms of barbarism along with it. But he important collateral fact that there Von Bulow points solemnly to the new ras also to be a loan of \$10,000 per mile, Imperalistic navy of the United States as orther admission that such loans are never have more battle-ships. The United States points to Germany's ambitious naval plans Then as to the \$11,000 per mile given by and to England's great armament; Eng-

THE CLAIM AGAINST TURKEY. Considerable public interest has been aroused by the talk of an ultimatum being served on Turkey by the United matter before, and there is even now a good deal of curiosity to learn what is the foundation of the prospective trouble. It is quite a simple matter, and bears a wholly commercial character. The claim arose American missions in Harpoot and Marash in 1895 by mob violence in which Turkish soldiers openly took part; and the Turkish government, after ineffectively trying to evade the responsibility, succeeded in compromising the claim of \$300,000 by offering to pay \$100,000 at once. Since then the United States government has made several attempts to collect the debt, but the Sultan has proved hard to move by arguments on this question, and the delicacy of the Eastern situation has The statement of exports furnished the made the use of force to collect so small recently designated as the best offering to

but have succeeded in showing the world overlooked, however, thinks Mr. Charles application of sound business principles, that this is the proper place for Canada's A. Conant, Washington correspondent of the absence of prejudice and the presence winterport and that we are the proper the New York Journal of Commerce, 18 of sterling honesty. If the council suc people to see that the business is done the fact that while the Sultan owes the ceeds in reforming the taxation system, in United States \$100,000, the United States obtaining more steamship berths on both The record of our efforts furnished the owes the Sultan no small debt of gratinew mayor with the brightest portion of tude for preserving peace in the Su'u Islhis speech, but it is rather surprising that ands; and trouble with the Sultan may he should have dealt entirely with the cost more than can be collected from him.

ment have about completed on this side of the cantilever bridge. Whether this is ment have about completed on this side of the cantilever bridge. Whether this is due to oversight, or partizanship the effect is the same, no credit is given the Liberal government.

However, this port can be congratulated upon having reached a point where neither oversight nor partizanship can keep it back. Held in check for many years by the hostility of some and the indifference of other Conservative crown ministers, the hostility of some and the indifference of other Conservative crown ministers, when the pressure was relieved and substantial aid given by the present government business bounded forward. The Liberal government has followed the subsidizing of steamship lines by the construction and probable that the United States will go to war with Turkey in any serious have been visible in North America, so that the coming eclipse will be invested with a peculiar degree of interest. The Mohammedan church is not paramount. It is not probable that the United States an opportunity of witnessing this phenomenon because its totality will be confined will go to war with Turkey in any serious

for the parent church at Constantinople." Under these circumstances it would wharf at the harbor head has assumed sufficient proportions to be recognized in an seem that the probability of another conflict between our belligerent neighbors and a European power is somewhat remote. We hope so at least. There is enough

SHORTER HOURS FOR SERVANTS. tic help is being further complicated by an will be visible is not so great in these agitation in favor of an eight-hour day days of rapid travel, so that any scientific "Mr. Blair has made a contract out of which a railway company would have made over a million and a quarter on an investment of a quarter on thirds of the profits going to one politician and capitalist, who had been useful to Mr. Tarte in financial transactions."

for servants. The movement has shown symptoms of breaking out generally for symptoms of breaking out gene This statement will not bear a moment's who has put her notions of reform into them, but in this case the eclipse will be lysis. The Drummond County Rail-practical shape. She employs two sets of visible from a number of well-peopled cities, \$2,200,000, to which the expenditure on and this action, as might be suspected, forts of civilization. There is no has led to a demand from the maids of that the eclipse of this month will attract The price paid for the road was \$1,600,000 other mistresses for a similar concession. a vast body of scientific persons from all Just what may come of this agitation one parts of the world and it will be observed can do no more than conjecture at this with greater accuracy and care than any stage, but it is safe to assume that whatever is possible by agreement in the homes of the wealthy the eight-hour day is whol ly impracticable among people of moderate circumstances. Where considerations of economy are of no account the new plan vant is employed, or two at most, a short day's service would never do.

There is no doubt considerable force in the observation that shorter hours would in large measure solve the existing difficulty as to the supply of domestic servants. The reason why so many girls prefer to work in shops and factories, al though they receive less pay therefor, is because of the distinctly limited hours. Once the day's work is over the girl is at liberty, and this freedom to do as she likes although it may not always be for the best-is highly prized. It leads to a proferment that leaves our homes short of the help needed, and creates a surplus of labor, among the shops and factories. Thus orable law of supply and demand, that the wages of domestic servants are steadily on the ascendant while the pay of shop and factory girls is growing

Sentiment plays a part doubt true that the measure of freedom referred to has more to do with a girl's choice between domestic and other work than anything else.

Whatever may be the outcome of this new movement, it would seem that it is bound to receive considerable attention. The Chicago Journal recently published an editorial on the subject, which called forth a reply from "a servant girl." She

"Mrs. Blaine's system is but the starting point of what will eventually have to misleading. Here is a specimen from the become a law. In New Zealand the servant girl is protected by an eight hour a Mail and Empire: day law. As servants and an overworked sist on a ten-hour-a-day law for the do-

come to be the subject of legislation, it are done at Ottawa under the new Lib would be premature to express an opinion. eralism will be ready to believe. It will be seen, however, that the moment the lot of the domestic servant was made

in wages. Freedom under such circumcarry a heavy cost with it. Our own judgonly possible settlement in the court of common sense, and by that process of adjustment which finds its most natural exercise in the homes of sensible and sym-

THE NEW COUNCIL.

The men whom the citizens of St. John

SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH and a half million and from that amount ultimatum and the seizure of the port of has a heavy task for the problems which There would seem also to be two sides have confronted any of its numerous precreasing the city debt beyond a safe credit limit or the taxation beyond endurance,

eral government has followed the subsidizing of steamship lines by the construction of terminal facilities here and the extension of the Intercolonial into Montreal. It is true that the facilities have cut no figure as yet in the business of the port, but the elevator is ready for grain and the C. The track of the total eclipse will be the eclipse will vary from one minute and bloodshed going on in the world as it is. of the track to zero at the northern and The already difficult problem of domes-

THE WORLD'S CHARITY.

A great disaster like the Ottawa fire, although its consequences may be of the beneficial result, in the fact that it opens the heart of a charitable world and shows how much true generos ty there is in the breast of man. We do not know with certainty whether the modern man is of communication throughout the world state of despair that cannot fail to be We never know how strong is the union are so excellent that no sooner does a recognized by fair-minded men.

A BASELESS SLANDER.

The class of criticism which opposition journals are directing against the govern-

"If the Yukon deal had not been stopclass of women workers we do not expect ped by the Senate a lot of po ...cians anything from the servant-employing classes, from the club women, or from so ciety women. We do expect that the workingman or the labor organization of which he is a part will take it up and inlegislation through, and is making millions quence. That it has got its franchises for

The allusion to what might have been made out of the Yukon railway is simply an absurd slande. The very i de methe shop or factory girl that ness with which it is put forward shows moment there would begin a decline its real character. Who under heaven lands would have ever found an ounce of is nothing certain about the matter. It is all conjecture. Nabody can possibly know all conjecture. Nobody can possibly know his budget speech. The opposition

anything about it. And then as to the Standard Oil Company. This is one of the latest slanders developed by some of the more unscruppowers, has extended its business to Can- him.

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superior to the man of former days in ceived any franchises from the govern- cities of the dominion. The ruins had not goodness of heart, but there is no doubt ment. The assert one by the Mail and ceased to smoke before thousands of dol that the manifestations of benevolence and Empire in that regard are sheer invengenerosity are on a broader scale than tions. They are not only unfounded, but and clothing were on their way to the they were in ancient times. The means they are discreditable. They indicate a suffering from all parts of the country.

great disaster occur than all civilized men The enly legislation affecting the oil ina scale to be dealt with by local effort relates to the importation of oil in tanks. This action was taken directly at the incity has experienced this in connection stauce of the people of the maritime provwith its own great fire of twenty-three inces, upon whom the burden of the oil years ago, and Ottawa seems likely to be tax fell severely. The effect of this was dealt with quite as liberally as was St. distinctly on the side of lessening the cost, John. Already about \$400,000 is in sight and it is absurd to say that the result employment, a great deal of help is neces- a further step towards reducing the cost fact that the contributions to the Ottawa garded as an act of favoritism to the fire fund are already large should not de- Standard Company. It is quite the reter others from contributing freely for verse, and was bitterly opposed by that corporation. In short, the government oil consumers, and has neither directly nor indirectly done anything to help the

Standard Company. NOTES AND COMMEN TS.

"Charges of the most serious kind, reflecting on the honesty of ministers and of other officers, have been specifically made by members of parliament in their places in the house, and investigation has been

No charge has ever been made reflecting on the honesty of a minister, as our out of the people of Canada in con-e- contemporary very well knows. What good can come from saying there was?

the present government that they give favors to their friends. Of course they pense patronage to those who oppose them? That is neither human nature, not is it the practice of governments the world over. How many favors did Liberals get from the late government?

strong personal animus.

ulous Tory papers. It is expected to have vation that the stronger a man makes him-

"fine legislation through," nor has it 1e- mon and responsive sympathy among the

"Whatever doubt other members may

That's it. The Tories are unwilling that England shall get anything without pay-John. Already about \$400,000 is in sight and it is absult to say that be made for the lact that linguist as a relief fund for the benefit of the suf- has been to enable the Standard Company buys three times as much from us as we as a renet lund for the benefit of the sale has been to enable the beautiful do from her, and that our purchases from increased. Where so many people are ada. The recent action of the Privy Countries her last year were scarcely half what they rendered homeless and deprived of their cil in lowering the freight tariff on oil is were 27 years ago. According to Tory sarily required to refleve distress. The to consumers, and cannot possibly be re-

> become Conservative organizer for the the men had been granted the increased province of Quebec, some hoodlum seems pay demanded and will go back to work.
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> The ment had been granted the increased pay demanded and will go back to work. to be editing the Montreal Star. All editorial published in that paper on Tuesday they were employed in. Inquiries have been begins as follows:

near Retrenchment Dorp, which was once their stronghold, and trekked over Boodle

"Strength formerly laid" is good. Mr. notified from Ottawa, by the chief staff of Dalby ought to return at once and open officer, of the death in South Africa of

ASHORE NEAR AFRICA. A Maine Built Ship in Need of Assistance.

Lorenzo Marquez, May 3-The American ship Wm. H. Macy, Captain Groth, from Vancouver, is ashore at Cockburn Shoal. The British warship Forte has gone to her assistance.

The ship Wm. H. Macy is of 2,092 tons. at Rockport, Maine, in 1883. She is 254 feet 9 inches long; 43 feet 2 inches wide,

This Citizens Engaged in the Works of Charity.

Dorchester, May 3-A meeting of the its chief force in the fact that the company in question has large monopoly powers, has extended its business to Canthe sufferers of the India famine and Hull the Rustichuk district, where the peasand Ottawa fire. A meeting of the local ants have killed the mayor of one village.

PLUMBERS WILL WIN.

Two Halifax Employers Have Given In.

MEN ARE SCARCE.

The Master Plumbers Failed to Obtain Journeymen in St. John or in Toronto--Notified of a Death -- Commander Spain Fitting out the Fleet.

Halifax, May 3-(Special)-The plumb "The Liberals, like the Boers, are on plumbers could be imported, but it was "Some time ago they abandoned Pinis one who failed to pass a plumbing examination there, while from Toronto and
ciplefontein, and evacuated Economy Kop,
diplement of the pass are plumbing examination there, while from Toronto and
Montreal come word to the effect that Spruit to Dealvaal and Job-dal. In their hurried retreat Commandant Laurier carefully avoided the Ottawa Platform in which his strength formerly laid."

even if there were men wanting to come they would not for \$10 per week. It was stated today that a conference between the masters and the men might take place tomorrow afternoon.

Dalby ought to return at once and open of the benefit of his a class in grammar for the benefit of his death occurred on May 1, and was due to enteric fever. He was formerly in the 66th P. L. F. Steamer Dahome sails tomorrow for St.

John and will return here to sail for London, on the 10th.

Commander Spain is in the city looking after the fitting out of the fishery protection fleet. He goes to St. John tomorrow

Boy Kills His Sister.

Barrie, Ont., May 1-(Special)-A iboy fork in play here today. He said nothing of by the child's mother and the boy was ac-

Bulgarians Object to Taxation.

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 2-Demonstrations have occurred at Widin, Irnova and other

According to Salt Lake City figures, the number of Mormons now is existence is