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### The Dominion Election Law.

A committee of the House of Commons, after hav ing had the subject under consideration during two sessions of Parliament, have reported a bill to amend the law respecting controverted elections. One is bound to believe that a committee includ ing gentlemen from both sides of the House of recognized ability and considerable Parliamentary ex perience have made an earnest effort to improve the law, and their recommendations are therefore entitled to the most respectful consideration. In some respects what they propose gives promise of use ful reform. Some of the delays which occurred in the trial of election petitions, which often made the whole system look ridiculous, will be prevented it the measure be adopted. For such contemplated improvements the committee deserve all praise But the fact remains that the amendments are all of a minor character, and that the chief evils which have existed under the present law are not likely to removed by the amendments. The people who supply funds to be used in corrupting electors will find no new provisions to check their operations.

The member elect who honestly endeavored to respect the law will be in a rather worse position than Now the petitioner is required to support his allegations by affidavit. The proposal i that the affidavit be abolished. If John Smith should write a letter to a friend accusing John Brown of wrong-doing, Brown, on learning of the fact, would have a remedy in the courts. But if Smith should make the allegations in the form of an election petition, there would be no remedy; ; e slander would be legalized. Petitions will continue to be prepared in connection with these transactions. Money deposited to support the groundless petitions will easily be withdrawn from the court.

It will be said, with some truth, that there is much The need of some better machinery was thors. thing of this is heard.

Our Canadian law on the subject is said to be dred million dollars. substantially the same as the English law. But the fruits of the law are not the same in both cases. 40.3.

### Canada's Shoe Industry.

Canada's shoe industry is very much in the limelight at the present time, due to the somewhat unsavory conduct of some of the manufacturers who managers of hotels, steamers, etc., desiring to cater be

371/2 per cent. ad valorem on other importations of taurants." These rates include the increases which went into force a few weeks ago.

r and manager to conduct the affairs of the that a British company or one formed es it continues to control its business from within the enemy country, and that a neutral npany having a branch or carrying on a business in an enemy country may, so far as that branch or

Natal, but had also for business purposes been registered in the Transvaal, had its mines situate and gistered in the Transvani, had its mines situate and
Speaking in Welsh at the end of an address, Mr.

Germany in time of peace established the greatest
prior to the Burn war carried on husiness in the
Lloyd George made use of an old Welsh legend to arms industry in the world. The British put their there, and extracted gold from there and sent the possible tasks to perform ere he could reach the degold to England or Europe. It had also a London gold to England or Europe. It had also a London sires of his heart. Amongst other things he had to office, and a London Committee of Management.

do was to recover every grain of seed that had been is not only unjust but inconsistent. Germany has sown in a large field, and bring it all in without one carried on a great trade in arms and munitions of war

And the demicile or nationality of a company does not depend upon the nationality of its corporaor to any peculiar indulgence by reason of the fact this country an alien."

Philadelphia, usually regarded as a slow-going Certain European geography cannot be taught in any better way.

Even the musical tastes of the soldiers have their mutations like the lines of trenches they hold. 'Tipmies, who are now singing "Dolly Gray," "John

Montreal stockbrokers are to be congratulated on the children.-Westminster Gazette. their decision to open the exchange for floor trad-They have had a weary eight months of it, but undoubtedly the worst is over. Their decision to extend the activities of the exchange will do much to restore confidence.

The German military expert, in his weekly review people is not the conquest of the world, but the pre- takin' anything fo' vo' run down condition?" servation of the German Empire. He concludes with the following significant sentence: "Our ob- night." ject must be to make certain of our national exist ence for the longest possible time.'

war in Europe, especially the submarine activity most" said Pat, "Sure, it was the large number of around Great Britain, will probably reduce ocean bullets flying around that didn't hit me. travelling to a minimum. A cut of fifteen dollars in Atlantic rates has probably been made in an efone regarded. Petitions will continue to be prepared in large number, to be traded off as refere. Judges will have to wink at the bargaine that will be made their innings carrying imprired to the companies will have to wink at the bargaine that will be made their innings carrying imprired to the companies will have been derived their innings carrying imprired to the companies will have been derived the war another of the dressed her husband's brother. "Do have another plies; consequently, the cane-sugar crop of the Mauritus that will be made their innings carrying imprired to the companies will have been derived the companies will have been derived the companies of the companies of the companies will have been derived the companies of the compa their innings carrying immigrants from war-wasted had two; but it's so good, I believe I will have an-Europe

The war letters from the "Canadian eye-witness good law already, and that if it is enforced there that have been published are quite picturesque in will be no need of amendment. But experience has character, and as pieces of war correspondence are shown that there is no sufficient provision for en. very creditable to the journalistic skill of their au-But they can hardly be classed as fresh news recognized by those who made much of the matter Would they not be quite as readable if forwarded several years ago, and assurances were given that under a postage stamp as under a heavy bill for there would be reform in this particular. Now no. cable tolls? The appropriation for our war service

Perfection of Government has not been reached in Britain has fitted out a dummy fleet which has set England; but electoral corruption has been practice sail for the Kiel Canal, where the ships will be sunk, devout temperament and assisted at church service ally destroyed there, while it has been alllowed to thereby preventing the German warships from using flourish in Canada. The proposed amendments to the Canal. It is said that a number of old merchant in a loud voice of command, "Hymn number two been one failure of an old-time life insurance company the Canadian law, though not without merit, give ships have been fitted with dummy funnels, wooden little promise of the conditions that have been turrets, and guns and their holds filled with cement ditto sore distressed. to lower them in the water. This is also said to make them torpedo proof. If such a fleet can be sunk at the mouth of the Kiel Canal, it would do much towards rendering totally ineffective the Ger

supplied defective shoes to the Canadian soldiers. to the tourist business to give the visitors the food Canada annually consumes \$40,000,000 worth of of the country, rather than food brought from far boots, shoes and slippers, of which Canadian manuaway centres, which to a large extent makes a poor turned he, amidst the laughter of theb ystanders. facturers produce 89 per cent., the remaining 11 per imitation of the kind of meal that the tourist is cent being importations. According to the last cen- running away from. That a steamboat plying on our sus returns, there were 180 shoe manufacturing escalake waters, in which there is abundance of bass, intelligence of the black races in South Africa. His tablishments in Canada, of which 64 were in On-pickerel and trout, should supply its patrons with Lordship inherits his powers of oratory from his fatario and 96 in Quebec. The value of their output canned salmon from the Pacific coast, seems to the mous father, the "G. O. M.," and, like most public at that time was \$33,987,000, the capitalization was Star to be very ridiculous. "Nature," says the Star, speakers, he has had some funny experiences. placed at \$23,630,000, while employment was given "has given each resort its own distinctive character." o 16,150 people.

In the past fiscal year Canada exported \$116,710 wilderness worry their lives out trying to take all orators had been speaking very eloquently, worth of boots, shoes and slippers, most of which local color out of the meals they furnish—try to give Mr. Gladstone, as he then was, complimented the but the cooks on boats and in summer hotels in the dressing a meeting in Yorkshire at which some lady went to the United States; but in the same year im the tourists the very same kind of meals they would 'addes warmly on their remarks, and ended by sayported \$4,323,715 worth, of which the United States get in boarding houses in Phusburg or Denver," ing: "It always give the stern furnished \$3,632,000, Great Britain \$655,000, Ger- Even the humble blueberry finds a champion in the to listen to the ladies talking." many \$20,400, and France \$8,900 worth. There is a Star. "In the blueberry region this berry ought to The words had hardly left his mouth when duty of 25 per cent. ad valorem on British shoes, and be the local specialty in all kinds of hotels and res- deep male voice proceeded from the back of the hall

London, the goal of conquest of which the captain Companies in Time of War. of every Zeppelin, every U-boat and every other Teuton, has set his heart and eyes, is truly the hub of "Let go aft", The position of incorporated companies has not an empire whose centre for its very bigness never. Pitching when she meets the tides, been often passed upon by the Courts, but the best ceases to attract the attention of the lover of num- Sre for whom our cruisers keep authority holds that there is no reason why an bers. But which of the five or more Londons do you Lordly vigil in the deep. enemy shareholder should cease to be a member of the company. His rights are suspended during the war only, and the company must account to him whose population is diminishing. It has now less than for any dividends or share of assets. An enemy director is deemed to have resigned on the commence.

diocesan London, so to speak, over which the bishop Smudged and faint, be seen no more ment of the war, and must be re-elected. Where a company had only two directors, both Germans and 4.521,685 people in it against the total of 2.21,627 per. Where the friendly dock-lights burn. absent from England, the English Courts appointed sons in the bishopric. In the next outer limit, the Soon the cold stars, climbing high, criminal court district, there are 6,610,031 souls. That March across the empty sky. company till new directors could be appointed. The company till new directors could be appointed. The giving of notice of meetings to enemy shareholders would be waived. If the notice were required to be given by advertisement in a hostile newspaper, the rule of non-intercourse would make the giving such notice and paying the advertisement illegal. It has been decided that a British company or one formed makes four concentric Londons whose radius is teth-those rapidly growing suburban units whose location the inner London has not only overtaken but is help-ling to fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the suburban the fill and the suburban the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the white for the white for the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has an area of 699 square miles and a radius of the white for the white for the fill up with astonishing rapidity. Greater London has not only overtaken but is help-like the second has a second been decided that a British company or one formed in a neutral country may be an alien enemy if after war commences it continues to control its highests. Street Journal.

Street Journal.

### INSURANCE LIGHTENS THE LOAD.

One could easily bear to be poor; and could bear When the waters known of old enemy country may, so lar as to take fire wife and children down with him into Death in dreadful shape may hold, though its own character remains neutral. Whether poverty, so long as he could be with them to help When the mine's black treachery company registered in an enemy country, but have carry the load, and carry the largest part of it himself; but to go off to his eternal rest, and to leave (Lest the people wait in vain ry, should at common law be treated as a them to go down into poverty and to fight the wolf For their cattle and their grain), from the door-what prospect more terrible than this Since Thy name is mercy, then, A gold mining company which was registered in to look forward to ?-Lyman Abbott.

### PARABLE OF THE ANT.

missing. By sunset he came to an ant hill and won not only in time of peace but in time of war. The all the hearts and enlisted the sympathies of the in- best customer of the Bethlehem Steel corporation bedoes not depend upon the nationality of its corporators or shareholders. In the Driefontein case Lord
Machanghton said, "I do not think (the plaintif corporation) can be entitled to any exceptional favour

and as the sun was setting over the western skies a

lame ant hobbled along with that grain along. Some of lame ant hobbied along with that grain also. Some of ties, though Bethlehem guns are now mowing down us have youth and vigour and suppleness of limb, English, French, and Germans in Flanders. that the bulk of its shareholders were of European (i.e., British or neutral) nationality. If all its members had been subjects of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a corporation itself would have been none the less a thus help her in this terrible hour to win the desired that the bulk of its shareholders were of European (i.e., British or neutral) nationality. If all its members had been subjects of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown, the corporation itself would have been none the less a look of the British Crown foreign corporation, and none the less in regard to of her heart."

### CHILD LABOR AND THE WAR.

and non-progressive place, is up-to-date in one re-The government is being asked to relax the educaspect. That city is to teach geography by moving working in the fields. Much as we dislike this idea, we might not be able to oppose it if the war produced a real scarcity of what, from the national point of view, is essential labor. But if the circumstances are as Trustram Eve describes them, if the law of supperary" is now said to be out of date with the Tomthe existing laborers' wages, if, that is to say, there Brown's Body," and sometimes "Dixie," all of them is no stringency and no scarcity of labor in the country at the present time, then there could be no excuse giving the farmers additional power to call or

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* "A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN

He-"Er-er-I took a couple o' chickens las'

An Irishman invalided home from the war was by one of his relatives what struck him most The slogan "See America first!" combined with the about the battles he took part in, "What struck me

> It was at the dinner table, and the hostess ad-Frank. "She said you'd make a pig of yourself!"

The order had been given to the soldiers at the attacked them. One day a Cameren Highlander saw a sheep near him and he bayoneted it. Unfortuntely, just then an officer appeared. The soldier hesitation stabbed the sheep again, crying, "Ye divil, ye'd bite me, would ye!" The officer pass

Economizing words becomes second nature to chos continually engaged in telephoning and making long It is reported from a number of sources that Great lists. The London Christian Life tells of a warrant officer of the ordnance department who was of a On one occasion, announcing the hymn, he read out double O seven-'Art thou weary; ditto languid; which has been conducted on the legal reserve basis,

> An Irishman was chatting with a few friends in oming along shouted to him:

Pat, is that yersilf. An' how might ye be?" Pat turned round with a merry twinkle in his eve "Very well, thanks," said he. "And how might you

Englishman-"Oh, just about half right." Pat-"That's good, Faith, you're mending, boy," re-

In his early days as a public man he was once ad-

and proclaimed in broad Yorkshire dialect: "Eh. lad. thou'st no' wed yet, I see!"

(Westminster Gazette.)

Lord of light and darkness, then Stretch Thy wing o'er merchantmen!

Lord, be kind to merchantmen

### THE COMMERCE IN ARMS.

prist to the Business and evidence that it in-tended to continue its business there during the war. It was decided that the company retained its service. Some can render one service, some another, to supply themselves with arms by trade. This was some here, and some there, and some there, and some there, and some there is not one who tionals' right is to trade with both belligerents if they with a British suspect to The Driefontein Consolidated Gold Mines was inorperated according to the laws of the Transval, the old Welsh legends there is a story of a man who tablished relations, giving unexpected affirmative aid and carried on business there. It had gold mines was faced with a series of what appeared to be im-

ed with the German made Mauser

Germany has benefited by this industry and com merce without protest, for it was acting within its international rights. Now that it is suffering from the exercise of these rights by others it is too late to complain, to ask different conduct in others, and to nourish hostility against those who are only fol lowing its example.

We are under no obligations to Germany to stop the emport of war munitions to England and France.-Chicago Tribune.

### LEIPZIG FAIR.

Perhaps there is no better index of the state of trade nd industry in Germany than the Leipzig Fair the past it has been an institution of world-wide importance, drawing traders from the four corners of the earth, who placed orders which in the aggregate ran into many millions sterling. From all accounts the fair recently held was but the ghost of its predecessors-a sort of formal gathering arranged in order to keep up the continuity of the event. It ap-The German military expert, in his weekly review of the war, adopts a gloomy attitude. He now admits that the biggest task confronting the German She—"Good mawnin". I heard yo' wuz sick. Is yo' absent, and that there were no metal or leather goods. pears that the Germans had next to nothing to sell, Such display as was made seems to have consisted of samples of various goods, orders for which could no be carried out, and in respect of which no prices were obtainable. Rather a Gilbertian affair, evidently. London Financier.

### BANK OF MAURITIUS.

One immediate result of the war was the stoppage of eet-sugar imports from Germany and Austria, whence we had been deriving two-thirds of our total supnaturally profited in a year of such prosperity, es-"Ha, ha! Mother's right!" cried little pocially as it had a good deal to do there with the financing of operations under the Imperial Government's sugar-control scheme. Record therefore, shown for the past year, and if equally good front that they must not harm any animal unless it results cannot be reckoned on for the current year the outlook is satisfactory.-London Financier.

### LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE SAFE.

During the past ten years, according to Bradstreet's, there have been over 100,000 commercial failures, with liabilities of over \$1,500,000,000. During the past ten years 600 banks and trust companies have closed their ors, with liabilities of over \$380,000,000. During the past ten years there have been railroad

receiverships, with stock and bond issues involved of over \$600,000,000. While of life insurance it can be said that for more than thirty years there has not United States Review

### THERE WERE OTHERS.

A Canadian soldier waggled his big toe and it peeped shyly up at him through his Made-in-Canada army boot. However, this wasn't the only little pig that went to market in the militia contracts.-Ottawa Citi-

## The Day's Best Editorial

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THIS EASTER. Not within living memory has Christendom known

so solemn an Eastertide as this is. Never has the Easter message been so fraught with meaning as now great war has deepened the significance

Yesterday was the anniversary of the supreme act

sterner sex great pleasure of self-sacrifice in recorded history. To-morrow will he the anniversary of the glorious fruit of that self-For many months the world has been witsacrifice. nessing self-sacrifice on a stupendous scale. Mil- We dream of success and we climb round by round lions of men have gone forth to battle gladly, willing to die, if need be for the causes they represent. Already hundreds of thousands have died-sacrificed Would one struggle so hard if just left to himself. their lives for what they felt to be right; even more Would he slave night and day for mere love of the are likely to die before the work of slaughter ends. Can it be possible that these vast masses of young I fancy he'd put all his dreams on the shell ood, the flower of the race, are now as though they had never been? Can it be that these myriads minds capable of such noble self-sacrifice are as I notice we smile, though the path may be rough, extinct as the flame of a candle that has been blown If so, what are this great war, and the ideals Whatever the weather, there's sunshine enough and principles involved in it, more than "a trouble of gnats" in the general scheme of things? But the Easter hope comes to still these questionings. It But what could make life and its toil worth the while gives vitality to the thought of immortality, the great- Or what could replace all our tears with a small est thought ever conceived by the mind of man. Those | Could there be recompense for this sorrow and guid who die in this war will not have died in vain-even those who give their lives for a wrong cause and the lost cause, if they were moved by the spirit of self-All this heroism, this nobility of spirit, is surely not lost. The Easter hope assures us that it cannot be. It tells us that-

Not its semblance, but itself; no beauty, no good, business?"

nor power

Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives for the inquired."—Wall Street Journal. melodist When eternity confirms the conceptions of an hour.

The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too | Lieutenant Humbert, of the 31st French Rifle The passion that left the ground to lose itself in the which fell into the hands of the commandation

Are music sent up to God by the hero and the bard; and by.—Hamilton Herald.

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two months, and whose expenses had exceeded All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall orders, met a friend 'way down in the Southw After the usual greetings the friend said:

### SOMETHING IN IT.

prisoner at Strassburg, dashed off a little war po promptly gave the author six months in the From an editorial viewpoint there seems to be

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-Louis E. Thayer, in New York Times

### PERHAPS 'TWAS JUST AS WELL.

A travelling salesman who had been on the

Enough that he heard it once; we shall hear it by thing in this Prussian culture after all.-Ottawa

Tone of the General York Exchange Co

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MISSOURI PACIFIC of a Reaction Were I Warned Clients Against Buying Advance in Goodri

(Exclusive Leased Wire to the Jour New York, April 6 .- Trading was ing the first half hour and while ume of realizing on opening ad was absorbed without difficulty. eral list continued good and a which had not previously been pro nsiderably on active trading. Motors issues were helped by the verland which showed earnings of common stock for the half year. I up to 87, a gain of 1½ and commo Willys sold up a point to 12 Republic Iron and Steel rose to 24 d Colorado Fuel advanced 34 to 30 ern Ore was moderately active at a

first named stock. Trading in stocks from 10 to 10.30 a \$98 shares, an increase of 24.856 sha for the five hours a year ago this ti New York, April 6.-Traders said a

first hour that market looked reacti

alked of a decline of 2 or 3 points, bu

an Although not active Southern

ed considerable strength, advancing

money in Erie were turning their

It was said that speculators

was weakness in a few issues the g well. Missouri Pacific was the wea he railroad list, selling off a point to cline was on reiterated rumors of hear most of the current reports putting the per cent. Traders gave no considerat that for the assessment the stockhold full value in some new security. Mexican Petroleum fell on fairly h planation of the downward movement. developed some activity and Amalgama anced 58 to 64, while Anaconda made cord for the present movement by se

New York, April 6.-There were me nactivity in second hour than the S accustomed to of late, and the advance to be entirely spontaneous. Predictions therefore became more insistent and r on houses cautioned customers ag

Amal. Copper and Anaconda became rong and two reasons were supplied their advance. One was that restoration on Miami foreshadowed increased distrisumptions on other copper stocks, and t ing note of the rise in Westinghouse and ectric, was based on the assumption tha for copper from manufacturing interests

The rise of 2 points in Westinghouse explained on the ground that the comp ained large war orders not only for elecatus but for supplies which ordinarily its anufacture. According to a current report the \$20,

btained by American Locomotive Co., v through Lazard Freres, and is only half company was asked to figure upon New York, April 6.-Little was done dternoon but in spite of bearishness of market seemed to possess great inherent s

experienced operators said they could see ie development of a reactionary moveme The estimate of the excess of exports of the month of March given out by Sec field, was considered favorable, for whill of \$145,000,000 is under that actually show nary, it is nevertheless among the best in American commerce.

Interboro Metropolitan preferred, after Monday's high level of 70, and thereby ma high record for recent years. The rise v be due to progress of plans to replace the pr a stock entitled to six p claim on the accumulated back of Asharp advance in Goodrich currying the \$2 to 45%, a new high for the persent was accompanied by rumors of a restorat ividend payments. Earnings much abov

last year and financial condition of the c DULUTH-SUPERIOR IN MARCH The Duluth-Superior Traction Company's live weekly statement of gross passenger ea month of March, 1915, were as follow

1914. Decrease 
 1st week
 22,156.42
 28,506.91
 1,350.41

 2nd week
 22,097.20
 23,884.42
 1,787.21
 3rd week . . . 22,718.06 24,893.30 2,175.24 Remainder of month . . . . 30,894.76 33,910.37 3,015.61 Month to date. 97,866.44 106,195.00 8.328.56 Year to date .286,337.26 299,330.19 12,992.93

N. Y. STOCK SALES. New York, April 6.—Sales stocks 10 a.m. o-day 489,665, Monday 580,125, Thursday 4. Bonds to-day 1,920,000, Monday \$2,086,500,

EDMONTON RADIAL RAILWAY. statement of traffic for the Edmonto ilway for the week ending Wednesday Ma

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