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I HER MAJESTY'S ILLNESS. That her majesty may be speedily

they are a little too previous. But all the tored from her present illness is the wish expressions of the United State's press, and prayer of all right-thinking persons, and especially of those who look up to her as the head of the greatest people and nation without a single exception, manifest the utmost good will towards us, and we can, on earth. But it is not so much the ruler therefore, thoroughly appreciate the feeling as the woman who has endeared herself to which causes the Buffalo Telegraph to remillions all over the globe. For, as Gilbert mark regarding Mr. Ross' motion at Ottawa millions all over the globe. For, as childer in the register of the subject : puts it—no matter how much we may de-for correspondence on the subject : "A well-framed reciprocity treaty sire to see changes of one kind or another

be a good thing for both countries, and any advances made by the dominion should be in the government of the empire-"we all do love our queen," and we all desire to see her long spared to fill that high office which met by our government in a way likely to has made her majesty the eye-rest of the bring about the desired result." And the Commercial-Advertiser :

And the Commercial-Advertiser : "It is to be hoped the action of the Canadian parliament yesterday, in calling for correspondence relative to the re-estab-lishment of reciprocity between the two countries, may open up this subject and lead to something practical. It is for the interest of both countries that reciprocal. trade relations should be established. This American government should meet any ad-vances of Canadians in a friendly spirit." THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES. The opposition members named on the committee to consider icense laws have refused to serve, and thereby hangs a constitutional uestion of some importance, as to the aties of government and opposition re-All of which is very well, but it appears

spectively. Aside from this really importto us that it was the United States that ant question, which is just now the piece de resistance with the party organs, there are caused the abolition of the old reciprocity treaty, and that rejected our some other points worth taking a glance at. over One of these relates to the perennial and tures when the late Hon. George Brown, persistent hallucination under which some people are laboring, to the effect that the liquor dealers want the number of increased, and that they States people to make advances. If they do occasion of this over issue. The News and not want reciprocity we can assure them now claims an average daily circulation of earth, perhaps, but Sir John-to get the them that just at present we can get on 139,420 copies. It is an evening paper and ted so that taverns and saloons very well, without it. The very fact, how- is sold for one cent.

first day of the week, under pain of for for the sale of liquor to habitual drunks or persons to whom the saloon keeps Mo ..

ing to the Philadelphia Time lruggists of that gity have at least 4000 opium and morphis consumers. These on an average one and a balf, onnoes day at a cost of about 20 . cents, and mount is mostly expended by people

closely watching the progress of Canadian events recently. It would almost appear from the line their interest has taken that We are disposed to agree with Mr. J. H. Stanley, of New York, when he said in a lecture recently in Chickering hall on Gamblers or How Gamblers, Win, "There they expect some constitutional upheaval in this Canada of ours-a movement toward annexation or for independence, for in is no such thing as a 'square' gambler or a 'square' gambling hell in the city of New Unless something very unteward appens for the next few years at lesst, Cork, and very few outside of it." As an they will look in vain, but they are awate, evidence that he did not speak unadvisedly, and we are aware, that we cannot remain the lecturer announced that his experien in swaddling clothes for ever, and that in gambler extended over a period of the time to come some change in our constimore than twenty years. "Gamblers," he tution, and perhaps, in our form of govern-' call all those outside of the ment, must occur. Our neighbors are ex-'suckers.' They claim that a ecting that change on a near day, we fear Iraternity is born every minute, and that New York is the greatest place in the world or them. There are what are called gamblers, but I can assure you, that 'skin' those termed 'square' gamblers are, ten times worse. The New York Herald a year ago stated that it cost \$20,000,000 annu

illy to support the brokers of Wall street In the city of New York there are at leas 10.000 gamblers, who spend on an average \$2000 a year. Add the rents of the gam bling hells with the winnings of the gam blers, say \$20,000,000 more, or \$40,000,000 in all. This money comes from the poor and middling classes. There are at least 150,000 men in this city who gamble, each contributing on an average \$300 annually for the support of the vilest and mos ardened class of wretches on the face the earth." The lecturer explained in detail the methods by which the dealers in gambling dens make certain of "a sure thing."

> Three hundred thousand copies of the New York Daily News were sold on Friday, the ninth instant. The morbid desire of the people of that city to obtain s knowledge of the details of a double execution, which took place that day, was the



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round the work is about double, but of a saloon to keep his place closed or "French domination" must have carried the day, while the hard working clerks at feiture of his disense and heavy fina Toronto had nobody to urge their claims well. The law also imposes a heavy pena of success. Recent inveswith like chances

RECIPBOCITY.

ticular the Buffalo journals, have been very

ered by the carriers here is double a

tigation proved the Montreal office te be rotten to the core, while the efficiency o the Toronto office is not and cannot be amily called in question. Fair play is a jewel; but there does not seem to be much of it in

may be greatly increased in number all over | ever, of so much interest the land. A little exercise of common the subject on the other side proves how the national policy has affected their trade. sense ought to make it plain to any reasonable man that this is unlikely to be the real and how it has made Canada a country truth of the matter. The saloon keepers whose commercial good will is most desirable. In other words the N. P. has greatly are like other men, they want to make money in their business; and they will make magnified our importance.

the more money-each individual for himself, that is-the more of monopoly and the less of competion there is in the business fact, all passenger cars on steam railroads should not be made thoroughly fire-proof. aforesaid. It is not that they want to see less liquor sold, but that they want fewer They are peculiarly exposed to risk of fire and are freighted with thousands of human competitors against themselves in the selling of it. Say that by temperance legislation the lives. Yet they are mere tinder boxes, number of liquor sellers in any certain place has been greatly reduced; the franchise sumed by the flames. The great danger to held by those who remain becomes the more valuable in proportion, in each individual case. Now, when we hear of the 'sleeper" on the Pennsylvania road, though fortunately no lives were lost, and it was more terribly illustrated by the liquor-dealers sending deputations to Ot tawa, and trying in various ways to influence public opinion, is it to be supposed Spuyten Duyvil disaster on the Hudson that they are burning with eagerness to get river road, in which the loss of life was the number of those in their own trade largely due to the burning of the wrecked doubled, and their individual profits halved cars. It would seem to be easy and entirely in consequence, on the average? If we are practicable to construct passenger cars of told that they want the Saturday night metal or other uninflammable materials so hours extended, we will believe it, for that as to make them absolutely fire-proof, and stands to reason, agreeing with their own the traveling public has a right to demand self-interest. But it looks like absolute, of the wealthy railroad corporations of the childish simplicity to argue that the money. country the safeguard against danger and making possessors of those very valuable loss of life.

documents called licenses, actually want more licenses issued, to reduce the value In a recent editorial we reterred to the of what they themselves hold. We may want of perception and enterprise Canadians too frequently manifest in the recogdepend upon it they know a trick worth

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nition and development of the resources of their own country. If we desired any evi-Another point relates to the assumption dence in support of our assertion, we should so frequently made, that if the licensing power be restored to the municipalities an not look for any better than that of M. S. enormous increase in the number of licenses Laird, stipendiary magistrate of Keewatin, granted must inevitably follow. But it who, talking to a Winnipeg Sun reporter, need not follow at all, if we make the law declared that a great deal more American than Canadian capital would find its way there this year. "The Americans," he said, "with that keen perception with which what it should be. In making a law, either for the whole dominion or any particular province, fix first the number of licenses that may be issued per 1000 of the populathey are noted, understand the value of this tion in cities, towns, villages and townships country far better than most Canadians aprespectively. If any municipality exceeds the legal number, fine that corporation as a body, and each individual member of the number of Chicago men were investing in that he was the son of George IV. For council besides, except those who are able Northwest enterprises, particularly in the twenty years he was an inmate of Bedlam, to show that they protected against the Lake of the Woods gold mines. They will where there were once at the same time illegal act. That would surely make all make a big push to control our rich mineral municipal authorities keep within the law, belts, and the result will undoubtedly be called herself Queen Caroline (her madness as far as the number of licenses issued is that the Canadians will get left-as usual. A Mr. Meaher and party of Chicago capital concerned.

If we are to have a dominion act, would ists will arrive here in a few days and will be followed by others." Mr. Laird also it not be a good plan to copy more or less said that while in Chicago he had succeedclosely the Nova Sectia law, under which ne man can get a license except on petition ed in forming a company with \$300,000 signed by a certain portion of the ratepayers of the neighborhood interested ? The

supposition that any law passed at Ottawa must necessarily open the door for a tremendous increase in the number of liquor licenses is entirely gratuitous. Nay, if we victory. Under its provisions the applicawould but look at the matter in the light of tion for a license must be made to the reason and common sense, we should see county court and the issuance of the same that it is really opposed to all that we know can come from no other source. The law of the probabilities. If danger there be, it requires that the application must be lies in some other quarter, not in this, accompanied by a petition containing two-And the danger will be all the greater, the thirds of the assessed tax-paying citizens more we persist in looking to the wrong in towns containing 2500 inhabitants or VERAX.

assessed tax-paying citizens in the block or NOT FAIR PLAY TO TORONTO. square in which the saloon is to be kept The postmaster-general's report shows that the cost of running the Montreal post- shall sign a petition asking for such license n such block or square. The same requireoffice is nearly \$83,000 per annum, while that of the Toron to office is less than \$66, - ments also hold in towns of a lesser number 000. There is more money collected and of inhabitants. Women, if tax-payers, at Montreel. The number of letters deliv- for a license is \$550 a year for state and

It is amusing to see the two party organs quoting Bystander. The Globe quoted tered sentences that suited its views, and the Mail quoted whatever it thought was against the Globe. But The World quoted the best passages it could find irres-pective of the effect they would have on the There is no good reason, says the New party, and therefore gave, as all must admit, York Herald, why sleeping cars, and in the fairest and best epitome of Bystander's

> A Feliew Feeling. Little Rock Gazette.

views.

A gentleman was arraigned before an and once on fire are almost instantly con. Arkansas justice on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He had enlife from combustible cars was foreibly illustrated by the recent burning of a "Your name is Jim Lickmore?" said the

"'Yes, sir." "And you are charged with a crime that merics a long term in the penitentiary!" "Yes, sir." "And you are guilty of the crime?"

"I am.

"And you ask for mercy?" "No, sir." "You have had a great deal of trouble within the last two years?" "Yes, sir, I have." "You have often wished that you were hard?"

dead?" "I have, please your honor." "You wanted to steal money enough to take you away from Arkansas?" "You are right, judge." "If a man had stepped up and shot you just as you entered the store you would have said, "Thatik you, sir?" "Yes, sir, I would. But, judge, how did you find out se much about me?" "Some time ago," said the judge, with a solemn air, "I was divorced from my wife. Shortly afterwards you married her. The result is conclusive. I discharge you. Here, take this \$50 bill. You have suffered enough."

One of the Queen's Assailants.

The unfortunate monomaniac, Captain Goode, who died recently at Broadmoor England, after confinement in a lunatic asy lum for nearly fifty years for the outrage or Queen Victoria on May 24, 1837, persiste pear to, and are preparing to take the fallest benefit of that faith and knowledge. A to the last, though same on other points three more royal maniacs-Jane Long, who b) called herself Queen Caroline (ner Hadness was attributable to remorse consequent on marital unfaithfulness); Mary Stnart, relig-ionsly mad, who believed herself to be con-sort of George IV., and Charlotte Harding, an unmarried woman, who believed she was Queen Charlotte. Whenever their majesties mit at the same time Bedlam became the theorem words.

ed in forming a company with \$300,000 capital to work the brownstone quarry near Nepigon harbor. The legislature of Missouri has passed a high license bill which the temperance party of that state consider a substantial victory. Under its provisions the applicathe same king as he stood in the royal box, Drury Lane theatre, in May, 1800, was an amate when he entered.

Three Little Toadstoois. One of the gems of a children's entertainment Providence was the appearance of three perfor ers of the mature age of three and four years, who appeared as toadstools with a surprising nat

more, and also that a majority of the of effect in an ingenious costume. They recite the following poem : Three little toadstools, don't you see? Just as tunnin as we can be.

Where did we come from ? We don't know Spec's from de same place violets grow.

What are we dood for? Just to keep Rain from the mosses when dey sleep. Where are we going? Oh, my soul ! Wid all de flowers in a great big hole.

