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THE DELINOHENT

The decision of the C.P.R. to divert other 500 'phones, cars to the carrying business of the The relation of the city and the Canada United States is one which under fective action arrives

eign country.

not done so, and apparently has no gained another lap as it were. intention of doing so. While admit- It is to be hoped the Company's sufficient to properly handle the home discouragement, for though the pres-

compete in the international trade. This is the ground upon which the people of Western Canada base their properly conserved, or even were they not prejudicially affected, we would when our interests are slaughtered formance. that the C.P.R. may grasp for foreign trade; when our grain is piled in the city and those who would be such heaps on the prairie in mid-winter be- may hope that when-when-the proscause we cannot get cars to ship it: when a hundred cars of coal are need- reality, the service it will provide ed in the prairie towns while C.P.R cars laden with Canadian coal are

rolling southward to Spokane, we must be pardoned for failing to recognize the occasion as one for patriotic jubilation, and even for considering interference by the State. ary means are legitimate and usually

There is a general impression that them we were badly mistaken.

to the people from whom it draws its systems or to create new ones. dividends, particularly when the company has induced the people to settle ple abandon what ought to be their effect it was said that we had sold in the country traversed by its lines. stronghold west of the Lakes. They Hundreds of thousands of settlers have been established in that Provhave been drawn to the prairies by ince far longer than in the newer the advertisements and representa- provinces. Their interests there have cured the money. tions of the C.P.R.; the foremost of been advanced energetically and The correction we are asked to mak all these advertisements has been that ceaselessly. Rural lines have been is that the Corporation had the money the C.P.R. lines traversed the counstrung in every direction. Urban ex- because they intended to borrow try and would afford efficient ship- changes have been installed wherever from the bank, and that we had ping facilities. How has this under- business appeared to warrant. Long wait for payment because the bank taking been fulfilled? Let the farm- distance connections have been est ib- would not advance the money until er answer whose wheat is lying in the lished between the towns and vil the debentures were printed and exefields, and the coal merchant whose lages. Practically the whole settled cuted. orders are unfilled, and whose cus- portion of the Province is covered up tomers are clamoring for fuel while a network of Bell Company lines. The the sincere hope that some ingenious State of Washington

give that body a restraining grip on willingly.

the Canadian Machine Telephone Co. it an inducement for the abando

Company appear to be those of the What destroyed the hope of the present circumstances might with pro- have and the hound, the city steadily Bell Company of perpetuating a tele priety be made the subject of Parlia. traversing the pathway of progress at phone monopoly in central Canada; mentary consideration, and of Parlia. a speed that puts all our forecasts in Was it Premier Roblin's policy for a mentary action when the time for ef- the background, the Company toiling provincial system Hardly. The Bel. somewhere in the rear, trying to over. Company have encountered opposition Under circumstances, as they ought take the city's growing need of tele- before without throwing up their to be, it would be the business of the phone service. Where, when and how hands; and opposition in the shape C.P.R. and the C.P.a. alone if they the pursuit will end is for the proph- of telephones and copper wire instead saw fit to place a large number of ets and mathematicians, but at pres- of the harmless plans and specifica cars in the business of handling inter- ent the city appears to be making tions with which Premier Roblin has national trade. Nor would the people about two leaps for the Company's bren juggling for a year or so. Nor of Canada offer adverse comment on one. A few days ago the Company would opposition in one province only the Company for doing so; on the were congratulating themselves that have jarred their plans very materialcontrary they would commend the the chase was nearly over. They even ly. Perhaps the Premier's threats had enterprise of a Canadian company wrote the city to that effect, and said a measure of effect; so also had the which, while efficiently handling the the 1,200 'phone system would be ship- announcement that the Saskatchewal business along its home system, reach ped on January 20th. But Alderman Government would build a system in ed out for international traffic in com- Picard began to calculate and con- that Province; but it was the Govern petition with the railways of a for cluded that the 1,200 'phone system ment of Alberta which inserted the But circumstances are not what the requirements. This will be cruel pany's calculations-and then drove they ought to be, nor reasonably near news to the Company. They are conthis ideal. The C.P.R. does not han- fronted with a new task nearly as dle its home business efficiently, has large as the original; the city has telephone system was a slogan

consistently pursues the policy of di- pany may have accumulated enough were first served, the Company soo immediate needs? Then they will we shall hold them too rigidly to this take very proper national pride in the small duty, for people who have subexpeditions carried into the enemy's sisted so long on promise will be

> Meantime the telephone users of pective system becomes an operative will be somewhat more speedy than the process of its construction.

OUSTING THE MONOPOLY

The Bell Telephone Co. have sold their Manitoba system to the provin it an opportunity for justifiable cial Government. Unless the price The war offered them was too tempting to be against car diversion is a war of self- refused, this sale can only mean that defence. In such contests extraordin- the Bell Company are to abandon the central provinces. For of all its lines on the prairie, the Manitoba system must have been by far the most profitable the first business of a railway com- That system traverses the most thickpany is to build and operate a rail- ly settled area of the prairie country, way. This at any rate was the theory the area which has been longest seton which the C.P.R. company came tled, in which the accumulation of into being. For this purpose they wealth is greatest, and in which are have parted with the splendidly pro were endowed with enormous franch- located the largest number of towns ises and powers, were enriched with of considerable size. It is the area subsidies, dowered with land and fa- too, directly tributary to the com vored with twenty years of monopoly. mercial metropolis of central Canada. But if the subsequent behaviour of the This area they have practically occu Company is to be considered as fulfill- pied without rival. Both the rural ing the obligations of its creation, the the urban and the long distance exnotion must be abandoned that one changes in Manitoba must have far of those obligations was the efficient surpassed those of Saskatchewan and operation of their railway system. It Alberta as money makers. It is no this was the expectation in which we reasonable to suppose that the Comlavished subsidies and land grants on pany would have parted with the most profitable of the prairie systems if they A railway company owes a duty intended either to maintain the other

In quitting Manitoba the Bell pec the Company's cars are carrying the Company has been bothered little by reader may be able to discover the en product of Canadian mines into the competition; the first on the ground, sential difference between the Bulle they have occupied the new territory tin's statement, and the explanation Eventually competition will bring as rapidly as necessary to shut out offered by the representative of the

relief from this grievance, but it competitors. In Manitoba if any Corporation. In the meantime, should must be many years before competi- where they should therefore be in po- any wayfaring man fail to see why tion can be secured throughout the sition to maintain their business firm who had the money should be entire territory now occupied by the against all-comers and to extend their forced to borrow it, we can only say C.P.R. In the meantime Parliament systems rapidly enough to confute the that these be the ways of high fin might be able to bring a wholesome plans of rival enterprises. That is ance. Should he wonder that a purpressure to bear on the delinquent the section of country they have held chaser who has the money available Company. The powers of the Railway most securely; it must therefore be should have to delay paying for his

This failing, Parliament bribed to let go their Manitoba system believe that intending to borrow they are to evacuate the central prov- at present we must assure him that

Clearly the City of Edmonton and price is they would hardly consider are indulging in a speed contest; and of their plans for a telephone mono at present the Company seem likely oly in central Canada similar to that to finish a very poor second. About they enjoy and abuse in the eastern a year and a half ago we ordered a provinces. The Company is in th elephone system to be built-capacity business of operating telephone sys-700 phones. Six months later the systems, not of selling them; had they tem was not completed, but as the desired to sell the Manitoba system | borrow it. city had been growing the makers they could have found purchasers were asked to provide for 500 more long ago; that they have now sold i phones. The system is not yet com- is the Company's acknowledgement pleted, but as the city has continued that their plans for a monopoly of to grow we are under the apparent which it was to be the most profitable necessity of ordering provision for an- portion must be given up, and that they intend to withdraw from centra.

would be about 500 'phones short o' thin end of the wedge under the Comthe wedge home vigorously. The construction of a Governm

the Rutherford administration in the provincial elections: and when re ting that their whole car supply is in- disappointment will not deepen into turned to power they lost no time in carrying their plans into execution business, and while claiming that ent seems unpromising, all things are Men were put on the road erecting they cannot build cars fast enough to possible to the resolute; and who poles, stringing wire and installing overtake that business, the Company knows but that some day the Comverting cars from the home trade to telephone appliances to meet the city's recognized that the Government sys tem was to be a competitor, not a foil have a fresh start with no handicap; There are now five hundred mile their whole problem will be to manu- of Government owned telephone line grievance. Were our own interests facture as fast as the demand in in operation in Alberta, and miles are creases; and they need not fear that being added every lawful day. It is the first Government telephone sys tem in the Dominion of Canada: was also the first governmental at country by a Canadian concern. But grateful for almost any kind of pertelephone systems instead of with

> Recognizing what was done in A berta, the Manitoba Government soor announced their intention of doing likewise, and the Saskatchewan Gov ernment also fell in line. Thu in two years the lead of the Albert Government was being followe throughout the three central prov inces. It was this parallel move ment for government ownership in al three provinces that broke the powe and destroyed the plans of the Bel Company in the prairie country. The credit of instituting that movemen belongs to the Government of Alberta and it is to that Government that the people of Manitoba owe their relie from the Bell Telephone monopoly If the Rutherford Government ha not led the way for government owner ship the Bell Company would -no fitable Manitoba system, even for th enormous price the Manitoba Govern ment appears to have given them.

The Manitoba sale is the beginni of the end of the Bell Company central Canada; an eventuality for which the people of three province are indebted to the courage and initia tive of the Government of Alberta.

A representative of the Dominic Securities Limited requests the Bulle tin to correct a statement made these columns some time since. I block of debentures to a firm who ha not the money to pay for them and had been forced to wait until they se

The correction is cheerfully made in

tion might be broadened to the section they abandon the least purchase until some one would len him the price, we can only admit that the matter of car distribution and di- Unless the Company have been it is a mystery. Should he refuse to might deal directly with the Company by a price out of all proportion to its money in the future is the same when next they go to Ottawa for legis- value, their sale can only mean that thing as having the money

Dominion Securities.

ON THE SIDE. With the colon bacillus in the city water Toronto concluded that it could city hall.

Premier Roblin offers an amendthe Bell ring. Canada's mint begins business to-

CONCILIATION IN LABOR

DISPUTES Toronto World-Mr. Lloyd George. esident of the British board of trade as greatly and deservedly increased is prestige and reputation by cessful mediation between the railas apprehended, to enquire into the Dominion to induce a somewhat busy person to act as conciliator at the re- less than twelve months?" The "Sor

32 labor disputes and in 168 cases and Buenos Ayres. rences affecting the trades they reg- the vast resources of their ration both in Britain and Canada.

HE TRANSPORTATION QUESTION ag as much as forty cents and fifty being left on the trees or on the round because the railways are unble to handle it. With this business eglected the railways are laying off nen and complaining that in the resent depression there is no work or them. It would seem the part of ceiving his sentence within three days. ood management to put these men to ceiving his sentence within three days handling the apple crop, thus of the roviding a market for fruit growers nd relieving the consumers of what lay be called famine prices. There evidently room for similar railway fate. The district court will be known est. Every day brings complains om western points about unreasonble delays in the shipment of goods. Frafts are being refused on account f non-arrival of goods that should been on the merchants shelves or weeks, but are somewhere along

HAYASHI PROPOSED RESTRIC-

Toronto Globe-It must not be for aking to adopt a restrictive policy in rst promulgated in the form of a eply by Foreign Minister Hayashi a deputation representing certain apanese companies organized to pro- of arithmetic. note emigration to both of these counries, and that Viscount Hayashi is a tatesman of long and varied ex-erience in the field of diplomacy. His est report, an extremely delicate and ifficult one, was that of ambassador Great Britain. His assurance. erefore, is not that of either a dipomatic tyro or a purely hometrained olitician; it is the word of one of ne most eminent, versatile and high ded diplomatists and statesmen of he present day. It goes without sayng-for nothing escapes the Japanse-that the quasi autonomy of Canda within the British empire is perectly understood by the Japan inisters, and that they know th anger to Japan from any treatment f Canada in the matter of emigration hat would justify her in repudiating he Anglo-Japanese treaty.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Winnipeg Commercial-Reports from rom the west, indicate that the fin-ancial situation is clearing up rapid-

the beginning of January they would give all the money the said patrons part of the Dominion is the Centre. equired. This is good news, and we re glad to pass it along. All who are terested in the welfare of the coun-y should pass the good news along. ure of Mr. Lemieux to solve the gigannterested in the welfare of the coun-Dear knows there has been enough tic question of the clash of races meetpessimism at large already, although ing across the Pacific no doubt brings with the two other cities of this prenow we would take a notion to cheer great comfort to politicians who have fecture, Theunjoufu, fifty miles to the Whether he will deem it prudent to ip. This pessimism has been more in parliament been making out of this nimagination anyway. According as trying problem an opportunity for adhings brighten up, the business mending to the embarrassment there is in are commencing to realize how unfounding to the government and for the difference of the control of the Chinese government. Whether he will deem it prudent to north and Changehou Fu, thirty miles to the engage in heavy platform work or take to the west; the construction and opportunity for adhings brighten up, the business mending to the embarrassment there is in the control of the Chinese government.

lay. Another money-making institucountry is going to be in good de-practical results. So far as appears mand. It is much better for the busi- his mission in this respect has been n this season of alleged financial ness of the country to keep the money as successful as Japanese good will bring profit and benefit to this coun-

A PRACTICAL IMPERIALIST. he board under the Conciliation the past few months and that he was Trade Disputes) act passed in 1896. returning again in a few weeks' time. 'hat statute empowered the board of "Must there not." he asked, "be somerade, when a dispute had arisen or thing peculiarly attractive about the auses of the dispute, to appoint a Englishman to visit it three times in uest of either party, and on the ap thing" is, of course, the Georgian Bay lication of both parties to appoint canal scheme, and thinking of the re-

During the ten years the board has transport facilities Mr. Perks held out sult of such enterprises in improving een called on to assist in settling to Canada the example of Manchester with success. Of these latter 140 were been connected with the construction pint applications, 60 came from work- of the Manchester ship can't and of pplications as a rule were made by public spent ten milli as sterling in ne side only, but in later years they throwing open the port of Buenes ave been mainly joint, and this is Ayres, and the result in twenty years ightly regarded as evidence that the had been to increase the population of official mediation is steadily from 250,000 to 1,000,000, and to return aining recognition. There are 209 6 per cent. on the capital invested, boards now in existence while reducing the transport rates to a the United Kingdom and they are one-fourth. It was, he said, manifest ngaged all the time in adjusting dif- that if Canadians were to cope with late. In 1906 no less than 473 cases provinces they must avail themselves ere settled through these boards by of their wonderful waterways and proonciliation and 224 by arbitration, yide additional transport facilities.

Iuch evidently may be expected from oluntary methods such as are in opsets of the control of the

> JUSTICE WITHOUT DELAY. Lethbridge Herald-The value of the district court has been amply shown further iniquity. Finally he is cast during the present session. The parg his sentence within three days offence. Without the district sonalities, a climax, which the reader has been hoping for, is reached. The story is well illustrated with colored court Patsy would have been kept in durance vile until the next sitting of engravings by A. B. Wenzell. It is published in Canada by McLeod and the Supreme court before knowing his as the speedy trial court.

as a serial story in a number of eastcople of Canada is, what is the rate ern papers. "Satan Sanderson" is taxation? Mr. Foster avoids this for sale both in paper (75c), and sue, because he knows it would put im out of court. Of every hundred ollars worth of goods sold when Mi oster was finance minister \$18.28 reesented the taxation which the govnment exacted from the nurchaser t the present time tht taxation on of Canada, and particularly of Alotten or overlooked that the under- a hundred dollars' worth of goods represented by \$15.56, and the rate is berta. The various weeds are illustrathe matter of Japanese emigration to steadily falling, so that it may con-lanada and the United States was fidently be predicted that the rate of ed by colored plates, with both Latin taxation will be \$3 less per hundred dollars than it was under Mr. Foster, means of getting rid of That is not a matter of opinion, but

Ottawa Free Press-Hon. Frank Oli-

n addition to the figures supplied by he minister, that Canada is yearly ssening the size of the mesh of the mmigration net, or that, in other ords, the bars are being strengthned against the unfit.

Calgary Albertan-The Edmontor

the west, as at present designated. It is not so long ago that we were complaining because outsiders refer-Graced with all sweet amenities— Winnipeg Commercial—Reports from red to Alberta and Saskatchewan as Visions such as the poet sees—he east, and for that matter reports the Northwest. But now, the north Bound by the common bond of life, rem, the west indicate that the firm rom the west, indicate that the fin-ancial situation is clearing up rapid-ty. There is much more confidence ty. There is much more confidence canadian west, the "Last Great West." keys generally than there was a week or the work of the west," for there is a "west" being indicates that after the first of the work of the west," for there is a "west" being indicates that after the first of the work of the west, "for there is a "west" being indicates that after the first of the work of the west, "for there is a "west" being indicates that after the first of the work of the west, "for there is a "west" being indicates that after the first of the work of the west, "for there is a "west" being indicates that after the first of the work of the west, "for there is a "west" being indicates that after the first of the work of the west of rear the banks will begin to let out heir money at the former nominal states bordering to the east of the The atmosphere is becoming Rockies, so the Canadian West is likely to be for all time the provinces be-One bank in the east informed their tween the Great Lakes and the Rock- pared with same period a year ago. This

MR. LEMIEUX'S MISSION

inces entirely. Handsome as the price is they would hardly consider it an inducement for the abandonment of their plans for a telephone monon.

The is altogether mistaken; but should be is altogether mistaken; but should be in the mass and the mass are the money in a telephone monon. The money is a telephone monon in the mass are the money in the mass are the money in the money in the money is a telephone monon. The money is a telephone monon in the mass are the money in the money in the money in the money is a telephone monon in the mass are the money in Dominion Securities.

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and tremblings were but the result tries to exclude her people. She, how-tioned; neither was their intention to borrow it. has no desire that her people should It is the duty of the banks to re- migrate to America, or come home new confidence, and they should lose thence Americanized. She wants her recent election, I would ask you to no time in doing so. Their annual star of empire to move westward to kindly publish the following data, reports have been very satisfactory; the peoplinig of Corea and Manchuria. fact more favorable than the peo- She empowered Mr. Nosse to say that act also stand for Doc. Nesbitt in the ple generally looked for. Their pol- she was herself, and of course for her icy of loan curtailing has been shown own good home reasons, limiting mi-by their larger reserves, when many gration to a nominal number. Our were under the impression that they government, in sending Mr. Lemieux, would be much smaller. Every bank could not have any expectation of getment to the established method of manager should now advise his branch ting anything more than that, or even celebrating New Year's. Instead of managers that money will now be of getting that into the form of an ininging out the wild bells be buys out much easier, and thus start the proternational undertaking. All that was the Bell ring. Let the man open to him was to represent that in legitimate business have what Japan's intentions were being frus-funds he requires. Let him turn the trated, chiefly by way of Hawaii, a wheels again! Business is going to representation which without any bar-be good ,and every line made in this gain might well be expected to have

BOOK REVIEWS

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Ottawa Free Press-Mr. R.W. Perks, rate of taxation Mr. Fielding is able M.P., who has visited Ottawa twice to raise a greatly increased revenue. his within the last year, continues to It is, in fact, a revenue-producing tarrailgive practical proof of his faith in iff. If Mr. Foster say sthe revenue is vay companies and their employees, and in the still more recent dispute ing at a dinner of the Canada club complained because a country's revenue in the still more recent dispute in the still more r n one of the chief cotton manufac-in London the other night he re-uring centres. This gives additional minded his hearers that he had twice es show symptoms of healthy buoyaterest to the record of the work of crossed the Atlantic to Canada during ancy. Satun Sanderson: By Hallie Ermine In this new volume by Miss River the authoress has given to the reader a story of intense interest, one in which the interest is continuous and very pronounced from cover to cover.

e only and 22 from employers the gigantic harbor works at the cap- It is In the early years of the act ital of Argentina. The Argentine Re- with with altogether a new application. The character from which the strange appellation of the story is derived is a young theologian, who, in his college days, was the teacher and always to the forefront in any villainy perpetrated by his class. Among his college mates was another young man the same town. There was so much of a resemblance in these young men that they were frequently one for the other. An event occurring previous to his leaving college, Harry (Satan) Sanderson, owing to a very strong will, throws off the evil influ ences and becames a much admired Ayres in population and industrial rector of the parish church. Far dil-

progress.

THE RATE OF TAXATION

Toronto Globe-The question for the

JUSTIFIED BY RESULTS.

Ottawa Free Press—Hon. Frank Olier made it quite clear in his speech Mr. James E. Caldwell, of City View, the House of Commons on Tuesday near Ottawa. The contents are made near the government had been justiup of a drama, "The Yellow Bag," hat the government had been justified in its immigration policy by the very interestingly woven around th results. It is interesting, however, to note,

times previous to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in Cuba; also number of poems written by Caldwell, who some few years ago also published a volume of poems of his own composition. One well's efforts, contained in the latest volume, being appropriate to the present season, is here reproduced :-SOMETHING IN A NAME.

A New Year Greeting. A glad New Year to thee and thine Bulletin is urging that the three A glad New Year to thee and thine prairie provinces be called the Central provinces of Canada, instead of Filled to the brim with truth and

And honest strivings for the just;

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The number of ho

stead entries for ten months to October 31 was 25,305 a decrease of 12,339 as comdecrease is explained as owing in part to the fact that incomers were land outright instead of homesteading.

More Chinese Railways,

Amoy, China, Jan. 1. - Active construction work has begun on the tele-

CORESPONDENCE

FAST END PARK DEAL

The Editor, Bulletin. Dear Sir -As some remarks were made during the recent campaign for mayor on the purchase of the East End Park, which reflected on the council of 1906, of which I was a member, and was used against me in recent election, I would ask you to nection with this deal, and will prove conclusively that the council of 1906 were perfectly honest and straightforward, and that an apology at least s coming to them from the party who made the remarks referred to following are copies of documents in existence to-day, and can be examined by anyone who doubts their authenticity: Copy

Edmonton, January 27, 1906. Three months after date we promise to pay to the order of the Imperial Bank of Canada, here \$25,900 (Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars) with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, value received. igned) J. H. Picard, W. A. Griesbach, Chas. May, J. R. Boyle, R. J. Manson, S. H. Smith, Robt

Mays, D. G. Latta. Copy. Edmonton, January 27, 1906. Imperial Bank of Canada. Pay to or bearer

Beck, Emery & Newell, \$25,900 (Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars). R. Kirkness purchase (Signed) R. J. MANSON Copy. Edmonton, January 29, 1906. Imperial Bank of Canada.

\$25.725 (Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars), full purchase price part Lot 26 R.L. (Signed) BECK & EMERY

Pay to the order of James Kirkness

Endorsed-James Kirkness. Copy. December 21, 1907.

To Geo. J. Kinnaird, Esq., Commissioner, Edmonton Dear Sir,-In conformity with your equest over the phone to-day we now indoubtedly a love story, but one give you below a detailed statement of the distribution of the \$175, which was retained re the Kirkness sale to cover the shortage of one acre which was discovered on looking into the By amount retained

To pd. registrar for title re Kirkness property o pd. registrar for title re S. 1-2 12-53-25 and tax certifi-

To pd. title West End Park ... To cheque to City to balance By way of explanation, would say that in the first instance the titles were taken out in the names of Chas May and others, and the last two items were paid when the transfers to

the City by Mr. May, were registered. Yours truly, J. H. PICARD. (Signed) Emery, Newell & Bolton.

AS TO LOCAL MPROVEMENT WORK.

Editor Bulletin Sir,-The writer has been asked if the local improvement districts as we have them are a success. Although have lived in one for three years cannot say they are. condition of our roads in this particu-lar locality would indicate that local improvement districts are decidedly

If the taxes collected were sufficient carry on the work, then all well and good, but after our local money is expended we must turn at once to the government and ask for more This ing the case, why not pay all our taxes into the government and ther ask for its expenditure in the usual

Since our government is centrally located at Edmonton, railways and telephones are bringing members in closer touch with their constituencies, and they, with the aid of say a supervisor in each township, should be able to expend the public money in a far less expensive way.

It appears to me that all brush work, grading and culvert building should be let by tender and contra ors required to complete their work to the satisfaction of a government in spector before such work is paid for. Under the present system of engaging inexperienced foremen and allow ing them inexperienced crews, we are simply getting nothing for our money The roads throguhout the country will prove this statement to be nearly cor It seems high time this relic of territorial legislation was laid aside and the work of expending the public money placed more directly nands of the Department of Public Works, where it would not cost one dollar to expend ten.—Yours truly,

Kitscoty, Dec. 30.

PRIME MINISTER IS IMPROVED. Alarming Reports of Condition of

Campbell-Bannerman Untrue London, Jan. 2 .- Some alarmist stories have been appearing this week with reference to the prime minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, to the eect that his sojourn at Biarri's has been productive of no that in all probability he will not be able to return to London for the meet ing of parliament. These reports have no foundation in fact ' Mr his chief private secretary, has just come back to London with the infor mation that Sir Henry's condition has undergone marked improvement dur there is not the smallest reason to sup louse of Commons five weeks hence.

HON. MR. LE ON TH

Canada's Special Comn ada Admires Their ization. Mr. Lem

The complete text o the banquet to Hon mieux by the citizen men of Tokio, on th ber, has just read mail. Both Mr. Len r R Preston were re the Japan Times. The dinner was Baron Shibusawa, toast of the Canad bis wife and all the In his reply Mr. Le

the unfailing courter of the Jananese an thanks of the the way in which "Not long ago v honor of gree

our country. Great Brita our people late years an new link, a between Japan Britain, our reminded the wor most important empire, was th and the Occident from all imperial two countries had terests and mutual The Osaka exhi years ago, Japan n display of her indusand to the success of heartily co-operated the first step in our course. The treaty quence of the desire

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are relied upon. if not the grea mats, once said. '11 ation can surel compromise w face all misund rallying all men dom with order spect for law, tog espect for the right the very essence of Canada and Japan most friendly nature Under the guidance he emperor, Japan a constitution which similar to the Brit that everlasting model dom-upon which tem of government is with an admirable only adopted herself standards, but in her been able to reveal t treasures of an anc which as regards art al be surpassed. Her have on more than put to severe tests a compiled from the digests, whilst the ustice has the similar stics as the weste universities and scho would be a credit to deed, education se

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