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Interesting Summary of News.

THE CRISIS IN VICTORIA.

The London Globe of March 28th, in its The London Globe of March 28th, in its 5th edition, says: --The Victorian crisis, instead of mending, seems to be growing more and more embittered. Our latest ad-vices hold out no prospect of a compromise, and the Payment of Members bill is excit-ing as keen a dispute between the two branches of the Legislature as when this one of contention was first thrown down. the Legislative Assembly are as eager as ever to force their obnoxious measure or the consideration of the Council, who on their side are at present as obstinate in retheir side are at present as obstinate in re-sisting even the very severe pressure that has been brought to bear on them. Pas-sions have been aroused on both sides, and neither will be inclined to give way while there is a prospect of gaining their point. Ministers and the Assembly, as being in control of the Executive, are obviously, control of the Executive, are obviously, however, in a position of considerable ad-vantage over their opponents, and those who remember the Darling incident and its termination a few years ago may be in-clined to predict a similar conclusion to the present deadlock in the colony-that is, of course, if the Governor remains neutral. And it is dificult to see what Sin Generge Bowen could usefully do were he George Bowen could usefully do, were he to take an active part, without striking

blow at the Constitution. A dissolution of the Assembly—the universal panacea sug gested for the difficulty on this side of the world—would, so far from mending mat ters, only add fuel to the flame. THE IRISHMAN IN CANADA.

THE IRISHMAN IN CANADA. THE IRISHMAN IN CANADA. The Liverpool Daily Post (edited by Mr Edward R. Russell, one of the first of English critics) says of the above work :--"Mr. Davin is a brilliant Irishman, belong ing to the English bar, who, chiefly in con-nection with the defunct and often lament ed Morning Star, graduated in journalism in the English metropolis, before betakin himself to Canada, where as a politicia and lecturer he has obtained a very popu-ler position. A good idea struck him--a-idea not merely patriotic, but generall fruitful of interest-when observing how great a part Irishmen had played in the country of his adoption it occurred to hin to embody in a book of historical preten-sions and permanent value the detaile story of this element in the life of the colony. Nor do we quarrel with him for ging beyond the bare limits of his purpose in descanting at considerable length on the history of his race generally and on in other cosmopolitan extensions. Irishmen other cosmopolitan extensions. Irishm are celebrated above all other nations above even Frenchmen-for giving an i above even Frenchmen-for giving an in perial ring to what vigorously define might have to be called their provincia ism; and scarcely any man is more ab than Mr. Davin, from long and lovin familiarity with the classics and the trad tions of Irish nationality, to present the theme most dear to his countrymen in guise at once pleasing and authentic. opening chapters deserve to rank among the most concise, as well as among the mos glowing narrations of the political histor of the Irish people. Mr. Davin then tak of the Irish people. Mr. Davin then tak up the early annals of the colony of Ca ada, proceeding subsequently to deal wit the Irish immigration, locally defined an particularized; and next connecting th progress of the Irish element in Canac with the advance of responsible gover ment there. The book will go far to rend a history of the colony generally unnece sary in average fibraries, while to many will be more precious than any me colonial history could be, from its warn

history of the Irish people.

THE BALTIC AND BLACK SEA. The London correspondent of the Le Mercury gives the remarkable information that an American engineer has submitted to the Russian Government a scheme f making a canal between the Baltic and t Black Sea, and it is understood the Cult making a canal between the Battic and t Black Sea, and it is understood the Cabin of St. Petersburg is giving favourable of sideration to the proposal. A FLOT TO FOEGE BANK NOTES.

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Three foreigners, named Paul Duf-conelius William de Jong, and Achille R Conclus William de Jong, and Achille R have been up at the Mansion House, on charge of intending to forge Bank of En land notes. From Mr. Poland's open statement it appeared that a very serio and extensive system of fraud and forge was intended to be perpetrated. An e was intended to be perpetrated. An graver and a lithographer, who was a gaged to do certain work by the prisone put themselves in communication with t bank anthorities, and the prisoners we arrested. The notes struck from the gravings were found to be splendid imited to be splendid imited. ons. It is thought they were intend r circulation during the Paris Exhibiti UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAN

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAR The announcement made on the 2 ult., by Government, that they intend appoint an Under Secretary of State Scotland, with a seat in the House, been received with satisfaction by Sco members on both sides of politics. I name of Sir Graham Montgomery has b mentioned as the most likely recipient the new honour thus created.

OVER-IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

OVER-IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND. Immigration annals, like other branc of history, seem to "repeat themselves" various parts of the world, as is shown letters in the papers graphically set forth the miseries and disappointme and the terrible glut of the labour mat in New Zealand, produced by artificial excessive labour importations. The wi country is described as "over-crow with labourers and mechanics, who can get employment." Nevertheless. says with labourers and mechanics, who can get employment." Nevertheless, says writer, Sir Julius Vogel has an army agents in Britain, paid so much *per co* commission, who still keep pouring fi hands into the colony by the most d sive representations. Everything ex-meat is exceedingly high in price. A of clothes cost £8. One correspond writes :---" If people at home could see the unfortunate immigrant trud along cattle tracks, and through the country, under a semi-tropical sun, or along cattle tracks, and through the i country, under a semi-tropical sun, orf ing rapid and dangerous rivers, and tra ployment which they cannot obtain, carrying their swag (bed and clothes), their tucker (food), and billy (a small pail), and perhaps accompanied by a and small family, they would soon a their opinions of New Zealand as a h of rest for the workingman. As for workingman getting hold of a pie land, it is almost an impossibility, as runholders have swallowed it all up in thus for sheep, some of which contain ten to one hundred thousand acres ten to one hundred thousand acres, ploying from two to fifty men; whe under a proper system, this land n support from one hundred to a thou families or more."

Another correspondent writes :- "I Another correspondent writes :--- "I emphatically that this country is crow with people who cannot get employn People have been brought here with a ject, and that is to help to bear the bu of taxation, and reduce the price of lat which is low enough. My blood boils indignation over the false reports circ ed at home, and if I was there I w challenge any agent to disprove my challenge any agent to disprove my s ments, and arm myself with facts statistics which could not be refuted.

FLOGGING IN PRISONS. Mr. Cross has prohibited the Vi Committee of Justices from inflicting ishment with the "cat" in prisons has ordered that in future only the rod shall be used.

THE THIRLMERE WATER SCHEME

The Select Committee of the Hou Commons, on the 26th inst., came to cision, after a protracted inquiry, o bill promoted by the Manchester Co-tion for obtaining its water supply the lake district. The chairman sa

committee were unanimously agreed the preamble, subject to certain ter

