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#### A MICA COMBINATION

A Tronto despatch says that it i announced on reliable authority that there is a movement on toot by promi ment Canadian capitalists to form a combine to control the mica mines of Canada. The object of the movement is to preserve Canadian minerals to Canadians and to offset American cap italists who, during the last two years have been quietly securing the valu able mica deposits of Ontario and Que-bec. As Canada produces practically all the sinber mica that is produced in America and the best quality of the mineral in the world, it is claimed that in a very short time the mica deposits of Canada will be a source of great wealth, particularly when it is known that the amber wica is indis pensable in the manufacture of electrical machinery.

#### MARGERT L SHEPHERD

Columbus, O., Marc : 31 .- The death of Margert Shepherd, "escaped nun," in Harper hospital, Detroit, on March 5, has partially cleared up the mystery of her early career and of her identity. It has just developed that from time

to time during the past 12 years Margaret Shepherd had been a resident of Columbus. To one woman she confessed that she came to America with an attache of a foreign embassy, and she said that her father was an Irish

Five or six years ago she boarded with a prominent Nellavenne family. At that time she professed to be writing a book, which was to be given to the world after her death. What has become of that manuscript is not known here She advised her clorest triends that the book would be a revelation. It was to give the true

As is well known, Margaret Shepherd had been travelling about the millionaire manufacturer and direccountry for some years lecturing escaped nun

She has be n known by the names of Miss Douglas. Georgiana Parkyn, Mrs. Westley, Miss Isabella Herbert, Miss Probyn. Lousia Egerton, Mar garet Herbert, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Riodan, and Margaret L. Shepherd. That her real name was none of these she acknow edged. In the early 80 s. prior to coming to this country, she was arrested in En land for forging the name of Lord Douglas to a cheque

It has been proved that she never was a nun. To the contrary, her own letters show that she was held in the Catholic Reformatory, Bit tol, Eng. as an incorrigible.

#### HARD QUESTIONS.

Some of the Bumps a Query Editor Occasionally Gets.

A correspondent writes a sorrowful tter regarding his experiences in runing "a correspondents' column" in a weekly paper. After he had written both questions and answers for awhile the public finally became warmed up to the idea and began to send in que tions in whose presence the encyclope-dia itself was all nerveless and trem-In one Saturday's mail the follow ing letters were received addressed "the editor of the correspondents' col-

Dear Sir-Where is the universe? Please give illustration. Yours truly,
J. PAUL SMITH. Another read:

Dear Editor—How does a corpuscle dif-fer from a germ and why? I can find mething on this subject in our psycholo-gies. Yours truly, FRANK EATON. Still another read:

Dear Mr. Editor—In our examination paper today the teacher had the following question: "Mention the various functions." I couldn't do it. Will 3 1 please mention them? Thanking you in advance, I am, yours most truly, CLARA E. JONES.

These questions may look easy, but if you think so take pen and sit down and answer them.

### Athens Reporter NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

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CANADIAN. Montreal, March 27,—The Canadian Northern, or rather the representatives of Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, have taken possession of the Great Northern.

Rossland—A special from Fernie says a settlement of the miners strike has been effected by vote, and the agreement is ratified for the space of two years.

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Halifax, N. S., March 27.—A bill was introduced in the Nova Scotia House yesterday to sell the Nova Scotia Central Railway to Mackensie and Mann for \$525,000. The railway is 74 miles long.

Halifax, March 28.—The various coal companies officials met last night to consider the fire situation in Dominion No. 1 colliery at Glace Bay. After the consultation an order was issued to flood the pit.

Kingston—It is said that the painters are likely to go on strike after April 1 for a \$2 a day wage, eight hours a day and a re-arange-

after April 1 for a \$2 a day wage, eight hours a day and a re-arangement of the apprenticeship question. The employers oppose the request. Brockville, March 27.—James Hutten, the Queen's University student charged with grave robbery at Langdowne on the night of March 12, was brought before Judge McDonnell for trial this morning, and was sentenced to two months in the common jail here. Toronto.—General Ben. J. Viljoen, who was connected with the South African Republic burgher forces, was registered here Saturday. If the necessary arrangements can be made.

essary arrangements can be made, the will deliver a series of lectures

throughout Canada.
Toronto, March 30.-W. D. Scott, Commissioner of Immigration, was asked last night if there was "anything moving" in immigration. His reply was: "Well, eight special trains are moving to-night between Halifax and Montreal. They are carrying about 2,000 immigrants to the

Northwest."

Hamilton, March 28.—Robert Martin, 25 Magill street, a G.T.R. engineer, was killed yesterday afternoon in the Stuart street yands. He got down under his yard engine to make an examination, when, from some unexplained reason, the engine started forward. The unfortunate man was horribly crushed. He was 52 years old, and had been an engineer for about 30 years. He leaves one daughter and two sons.

meer for about 30 years. He leaves one daughter and two sons. Teronto,—This week's Ontario Gazette contains the announcement of the incorporation of the Canadian Canners' Consolidated Companies, Limited, of many of the big fruit and vegetable canning concerns of the province, with a capitalization of \$2,500,000. These are situated at Chatham, Brighton, Delhi, Water-

at Chatham, Brighton, Delni, water-ford, Strathroy, Dunneville, Simcoe, Aylmer Picton and Lakeport. The head office will be in Hamilton. Toronto, March 28.—The inquest on the body of George Williams, who was fatally stabbed on Monday wight was opened by Coroner Crawnight, was opened by Coroner Cray ford at St. Michael's Hospital la ford at St. Michael's Hospital last night. After the jury viewed the body, Dr. W. O. Simpson, Dr. John Caven, who performed the autopsy, gave medical evidence. The cause of the fatal hemorrhage was the blow from the knife. The inquest was adjourned until Tuesday night next. next.

New York.—A double-deck ferry boat of the C.R.N.J. was burned to the water's edge, Sunday. Loss \$50,-

000. Chicago-N. K. Fairbanks, ing concerns, is dead, aged 73.
Norfolk, Va.—Representatives from eight states in conference here have formed a combination of almost all tor in severa!

the wooden dish manufacturers in the country. Concord, N.H., March 28.—The I icense Bill was signed by Gov. Batch-elder yesterday. This ends statu-tory prohibition in New Hampshire, which began under a law passed in began under a law passed in

1845. Southampton, Con.—The body of Willim Hall. a boy who disappeared last November, was found in the woods, with his gun and the pelt of a fox close by. It is thought the a fox close by. It is thought the gun exploded while he was striking the fox with the butt end.

Cleveland, March 30.-An agreement between the Grievance Commit-tee of the Licensed Tugmen's Association and representatives of the Great Lakes Towing Association is hoped for this week. All the tug men have demanded an increase in

wages.
Pittsburg. — While answering an alarm on Sunday, Fireman R. H. Wilson was killed and three others injured. The hose wagon cracked into a wagon that turned into the street ahead of them, and the fireman were thrown to the ground, Wilson being crushed by the wheels.

ENERAL FOREIGN NEWS. Berlin.-An Imperial decree issued Sund v fixes the elections for the

Reichstag for June 16. Vienna.—An extraordinary epidemic of the income inc

Tro soe, Norway.—Capt. Coffin and welve men, who will accompany the Zei ler Arctic expedition, have arrived to fit up the ship.

Berlin—The Empress slightly fractured her forearm as the result of a

fall from her horse, while out riding in the Grunewald forest briday morring. Montevideo, Uruguay, March 28.

—An assembly of the chiefs of the revolution just ended yesterday rati-

ed and acclaimed peace in the convention which was signed with the Government last Monday. York, March 30.-The Sun

has the following special yesterday from Paris: A private telegram re-ceived here this evening reports that the Moorish pretender has entered Fez. The fate of the Sultan is un-

ne, March 30.—The Pope has Rome, March 30.—The Pope has expressed his intention of holding a consistory at the end of April or the beginning of May, a consistory being especially necessary for the appointment of bishops. Nothing has yet been decided as to the nomination of new cardinals, and there may

Managauva, Nicaragua, March 27.

—The revolution which broke out at Juigalpa, in the Department of Chontales, Nicaragua, is being suppressed. Juigalpa has been recaptured by the Government forces and the ports on Lake Nicaragua and on the River San Juan are in the Government's hands.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. London.—The annual report of the Cunard Steamship Company shows a profit of \$1,418,085. A dividend of four per cent. is declared. London.—James McNeil Whistler.

the American artist, will have con-ferred upon him the degree of doctor of laws at Glasgow University. Southampton — The Deutschland, which sailed for New York, Saturday, had among its passengers Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of

the C.P.R.
London, March 30.—The final London, March ou.—Ine initial papers in the application for the extradition of Whittaker Wright, the company promoter under arrest in New York, including additional affidavits, were completed Saturday and despatched by the steamer Umbria.

#### ROYAL COMMISSION.

Gamey Charges Sent to the Judges For Trial-Liberal Majority in the House Was Five.

Toronto, March 30.-After nearly another week of debating the Legis-lature on Friday night reached the division stage in the Gamey charges, division stage in the Gamey charges, and the remarkable scene was witd of every vote in the Assembnessed of every vote in the assembly being counted. In each of the three divisions taken the Government's majority was five—the vote being 50 to 45. Both Mr. Stratton, the accused Minister, and Mr. Gamsy, his accuser, voted in all the di-

The first struggle came on the Foy The first struggle came on the Foy amendment to refer the charges to a committee of the House. It was defeated by 50 to 45. Then the Carnegie amendment suffered the same fate. This was to designate the Lieutenant-Governor as the proper person to select the commission and outline the scope of the trial. Premier Ross was quick to reply that mier Ross was quick to reply that this was equal to demanding the res-ignation of the Government. Finally the original motion of Premier Ross prevailed—to refer the entire case to the royal commission, and the same parky vote adopted it as the law of the House, the Opposi-

the law of the House, the Opposi-tion being solid against it.

The record of the week shows:
Monday debaters—For the Govern-ment, Mr. G. P. Graham, Brockviller, for the Opposition, Mr. T. Crawford, West Toronto.

West Toronto.
Tuesday debaters—For the Opposition, Mr. Duff, West Simcoe; Mr. Foy, South Toronto, who moved that the charges include the whole Government and that they be sent to the, Hgase Committee on Privileges and Elections. For the Government, Mr. A. G. Mackay, North

Grey.
Wednesday's debaters—For the Government, Hon. J. M. Gibson, who introduced a bill to remove all doubt on the point of incriminating evidence before the Commission; the conclusion of Mr. Mackay's speech, Dr. Routledge, Mr. Holmes, Haldimand, and for the Opposition, Col. Matheson, Dr. Willoughby, East Northumberland; Mr. Preston, East

Northumberland; Mr. Preston, East
Durham; Mr. Morrison, West Hastings; and Dr. Barr, Dufferin.
Thursday's debaters—For the Government, Mr. Wm. Rickard, West
Durham; for the Oppositon, Mr. St.
John, West York; Mr. Wm. P.
Smyth Smyth, Algoma, and Dr. Pyne. Mr. St. John was speaking, Minister of Education, Hon. R. Harcourt, denied emphatically that he had anything to do with Mr. Garney, his or patronage, directly or rectly, near or remote.
Friday's debaters—For the Govern-

ment, Premier Ross. For the Oppo-sition, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Gamey. The divisions already noted then

"Foxy" Smith Captured

Galt, March 30.-"Foxy" Smith, the Galt burglar, highwayman and all round desperado, has been captured. He is the man who attempted to hold up the C. P. R. station agent at Tweed Wednesday. Operator Murphy was too quick for "Foxy" and, knocking his pistol aside, grappled with the husky crook.

Smith has been the leader of a band of young Galt crooks for years and is a bank burglar and "stickup" man of more than average dar-ing and cunning. These young crooks operated extensively here and in London last fall and caused the police much trouble. Chief of Police Clark secured a tip that the masked an caught at Tweed was Foxy and t down and identified him on

a:mer's Narrow . . ....

bus day.

Toronto, March 30.—Jon Weldrick, a well-known farmer, living on the third concession back of Newtonbrook, on Friday night while driv-ing up the north side of the York Mills hill, on the car tracks, was struck by the south-bound Newmar-ket car. The car was stopped by the shock of the collision. Weldrick was thrown out on the road. He was picked up and carried into Birrell's Hotel. At first it was feared he had received serious injuries, but later in the evening he was able to be taken home. Both horses were killed. The vestibule of the car was badly smashed and the tongue of the wagon, breaking through, inflicted a wound on the leg of Albert Thompson, who was standing with the mowas standing with the mo-

Only His Virtues Live in the Hearts of His Countrymen,

the Departure of the Body of Majoreral Sir Meeter MacDonald From London For Scotland-Widow Refus onal Funeral on Arrival of Body

London, March 80.—The despatch of the remains of Major-General Mac-Donald, who committed suicide in Paris, to Scotland last night by train, was the occasion for a remarkable demonstration owing to the fact that his widow had decided that the hurial shall take place at that the burial shall take place at 6 o'clock in the morning, immediately after the arrival of the body at

Edinburgh.

Hundreds of Scotchmen, representing the Highland societies, and seving the Highland societies, and several Scotch members of Parliament, gathered on the platform at the King's Cross Railway Station here. Most of the Scotchmen wore their national costumes, wreaths, were placed on the coffin in the name of different clans and the pipers played national dirges as the body was entrained.

All attempts to persuade the widow All attempts to persuade the widow to delay the interment and permit the Highlanders to arrange for a national funeral in the Highlands having failed, a large number of influential Scotchmen adjourned to the hotel in the railway station and held a meeting of protest. The Scotch members of Parliament, Allan and Coltaver Weir and others wede Galtoway-Weir, and others made speeches, and a resolution was adopted urging the Lord Provost of Ediaburgh to renew the efforts to get the funeral postponed.

#### A DAY FOR IRELAND.

Measure to Settle the Fouds of a Thou and Years - A Free Grant of 860,000,000.

London, March 26.—The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the Government's long-anticipated Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. It proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000 for the purposes of the bill. The House was crowded. Mr. Wyndham began to speak at 2.40 o'clock.

Redmond's Estimate.

London, March 27. — Yesterday morning's papers, in their editorial comments on Wednesday's proceed-ings in the House of Commons and the Irish land bill, universally com-pliment Mr. Wyndham, but they hes-itate to express a definite opinion on such a complex measure without having fuller acquaintance of it. on the ground that its success depends, wholly on the nature and working of the complicated financial details. However, all the newspapers agree that, although the bill will place a burden on the British taxpayer, it will be well worth the money if the

objects are attained. The Times says: "If the Irish land lords and tenants consider that Mr Wyndham's plan satisfies to a reas-onable extent the expectations that were aroused a few months ago, we do not believe the people of the United Kingdom will show a niggardly spirit in giving the financial aid needed to forward an honest and earnest attempt to remove a grave difficulty in the path of the Imper-

owing:

"The Land Bill in many respects is a far-reaching and important measure. It proposes a loan for the purpose of enabling the landlords to be bought out to the extent of a hundred million pounds in addition to a hundred million pounds in addition to a hundred million by repetit to amount.

bonus not to be repaid, to amount to at least twelve million pounds. "Until the clauses of the bill are actually in my hands, I cannot say, of course, whether they will actually carry out the project in view. There-fore I cannot say to a cartainty if fore, I cannot say to a certainty if the bill will be accepted by the National convention which assembles in Dublin April 14. This great assembly will have the deciding voice in the accepted with the second property. in the matter. If it rejects the bill, the measure will be dead. If it accepts it, subject to certain amen ments, it is quite possible the bill may be moulded in committee into such a shape that it will entirely transform Ireland.

Season's Sea Catch. St. John's, Nfld., March 30.-The sealing steamers Virginia Lake and Aurora arrived here yesterday morning from the ice fields, the former with 25,000 seals and the latter with 23,000.

with 23,000.
They report the following catches:
Grand Lake, 28,000; Neptune, 22,000; Vanguard, 21,000; Greenland,
20,000; Iceland, 18,000; Southern
Cross, 17,000; Terranova, 16,000; 20,000: Iceiana, 15,000; Southern Cross, 17,000; Terranova, 16,000; Labrador, 12,000: Diana, 11,000; Leopold, 10,000: Erick, 8,000; And Kito, 7,000. The foregoing shows a total of 238,000 seals, for twothirds of the fleet; this year's catch is likely to reach 360,000 seals alto-

Brussels, March 30.—The Socialist deputy M. Anseele is negotiating for the purchase of a fishing smack the co-operative Socialists. The crew are to receive a fixed salary, plus a certain percentage of the profits, and the fish are to be sent direct to the Socialist co-operators, who already carry on a huge store in Erussels through which they ob-

Co-Operate Fishing.

George Read, Ex-M.P.P., Dead. Keene, March 30.-George Read, ex-M.P.P., an old pioneer merchant of Keene, died yesterday at the ripe old age of 84 years. The deceased has resided in Keene for over sixty has resided in Keene for over sixty years. He leaves one daughter and two sons. His wife and two daughters died some years ago. He was a Conservative. Pneumonia was the

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

ary of the Proceedings in the H Tax Relead to \$500.

Ottawa, March 28.—The greater part of the day was spent by the House of Commons in Committee of Supply. The civil estimates were taken up and passed. Hon. James Ross, ex-Governor of the Yukon, the first member from the district, was introduced by Sir Wilfrid and Walter Scott, M.P., amid applause. A number of guestions were answered by

Ottawa; March 24.—After devoting this afternoon to the discussion of Mr. Bell's amendment to supply, con-Mr. Bell's amendment to supply, con-demning the Government for not hav-ing more vigorously pressed for the removal of the British embargo on Canadian cattle, which was finally withdrawn the House this afternoon made excellent progress with public works estimates, passing all the items for public buildings in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, A Maritime Provinces and Quebec. A number of private bills were introduced.

Ctiswa, March 25 .- As this was Ctiswa, March 25.—As this wat private members' day a wide rarge of subjects were dealt with in the House. The greater part of the afternoon was taken up with a discussion as to the fixing of a date for the calling of Parliament. A strong feeling in favor of autumn sessions, was shown by a number of members, particularly from the western and the Maritime Provinces. Signified Laurier favored the end of January or the 1st of February, and Wilfrid Laurier favored the end of January or the 1st of February, and explained that the session this year would have been called at the usual time had it not been for the state of his own health. At night the estimates for Ontario public buildings were taken us, and four items, aggregating \$43,000 were passed.

Ottawa, March 26.—Mr. McCarthy, M.P., presented the petition in the House to-day of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. It is capitalized at

House to-day of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. It is capitalized at \$75,000, and asks for the usual aid. \$75,000, and asks for the usual and. The cattle guard amendment to the Railway Act came up for discussion this evening and brought forth an interesting discussion, begun by Mr. Lancaster of Lincoln. It also precipitated the first vote of the session, dividing the House on the question whether the amendment should be discussed in committee of the whole or sent to the Committee on Railways and Canals. After a very spirited discussion, the amendment spirited discussion, the amendment was sent to the committee on the first division of the session by a

first division of the session by a vote of 99 to 53.

Ottawa, March 27.—In the House this afternoon, Mr. McCarthy introduced a bill to amend the General Inspection Act. It aims to obtain uniform hide inspection. Mr. Fitzpatrick's bill, relating to obscene plays, was read a third time and passed. Sir Wilfrid's resolution regarding the \$500 poll tax on Chinese was then presented, carried, and a was then presented, carried, and a bill was introduced in accordance with its terms and read a first time.

#### CORPIDOR NOTES.

Beet Sugar Men Ask Ald From the

Ottawa, March 27.-A deputation Ottawa, March 27—A deputation of over one hundred gentlemen, representing all the leading centres of Ontario, accompanied by many members of Parliament, waited upon the Minister of Finance yesterday moraing and urged that encouragement be given to the beet sugar industry. They asked that countervailing duties be imposed upon bounty sugar from Europe and elsewhere, and that protection be afforded to Canadian sugar either in the form of an insugar either in the form of an in-crease of duty or a bonus.

Cost of the Census. A return presented yesterday shows that the cost of the census of 1871 was \$511,330.43: of 1881, \$456,904.19; of 1891, \$570,115.54. The cost of the census of 1901 up to March 1, 1903, was \$1,112,900.20. The number of enumerators required in Ontario in 1901 was 3,759; in 1891 1,887. The total enumerators in Canada in 1901 were 8,800 scale of pay in 1901 was for each living person 3c; for each farm 15c; for each death 3c. and for each fac-One hundred and tory 20c enumerators were required for the Yukon.

The Cattle Embargo.

Yesterday was handed down the correspondence that has gone of the Imperial Government, to Canada's application that the en bargo on Canadian cattle should be removed. It begins with June 21, removed. It begins with June 21, 1901, and brings one down to December, 1902. Sir William Mulock, who interviewed Hon. Mr. Hanbury on the matter in London at the time of the Colonial Conference, gives a statement of what he asked and the

reply he got.

The sum of it all is that the embargo is on to stay, and no extension of the time in which cattle must

be slaughtered was granted The Imperial Government has been asked to consider if Canada is not ititled to some reciprocal treatment following the second preference given by Canada to England. No answer has yet been received by Canada to

Little Boy Killed by Car.

Toronto, March 27.—Samuel Birnbaum, a three-year-old son of Harry Birnbaum, peddlar, 38 Edward street, was crushed to death by a trolley yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The boy had wandered from from home in company with another child, and was crossing Queen street, at the corner of Sim coe, when he stumbled and fell in front of westbound car No. 504.

It Is Murder Now. Toronto, March 27.—George Williams, who was stabbed on Monday night, died at St. Michael's Hospital about six o'clock last evening When it was known that he was dy-ing Crown Attorney Curry and Court Stenographer Downey had an ante mortem statement taken. Williams is said to have identified McGrain as the man who stabbed him.

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