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Great Sewer Works.

Ald. Turner is about to ask the city's onsent to an elaborate system of sewers for Toronto. There are three main ques tions to be dealt with : (1) Do we want an improved system of sewage; (2) if we do, what shall be the plan thereof ; (3) where is the money to come from ?

We shall take the first question as answered in the affirmative and examine Mr. Turner's proposal. He advises in brief the construction of a trunk sewer along the city front, emptying its contents in the lake six or eight miles east of Yonge street. The engineers of the department are now actively engaged in making surveys, taking levels, etc. The plan will also include a trunk sewer down the line of the garrison creek, connecting with the main sewer on Front street. A second great sewer is also proposed running across the city in the neighborhood of Gerrard street, for the purpose of relieving the lower trunk sewer, and which would empty itself by gravitation into the lake. A third trunk sewer would be built down the valley of the Don for the drainage of Yorkville and the northwestern portion of the

Mr. Turner or the engineers have no doubt of the feasibility of this scheme, the end of which is to keep the city clean and the bay pure.

Ald. Turner is anxious to begin the garrison creek branch as soon as the plan is adopted, and has energetically set about dangerous. Many horses take fright from financing the affair. His plan consists in the issue of a five per cent. city stock to say nothing of the noise made by the fallthe extent of the actual cost of the works, ing sleigh behind them. Such crossings the stock to be irredeemable except the city at any time chooses to do so. As the the material placed in the hole on either extensive works contemplated will extend side.

previncial secretary, Arthur Sturgis Hardy, in his plaid pants, which were by far the most conspicuous leg-coverings at the ceremony, and whose maiden appearance was on yesterday.

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Many people are asking whether the Canadian postoffice means to say ditto this ession to the action of the United States authorities, whereby the rate of internal postage was reduced from three to two directed at the Irish and English governbe far more effective than wanton insults cents. The reduction of postage in the ments and their administrators. States came about because the postoffice revenue exceeded the expenditure. In It will be noticed that that aggressive. Canada such a blessed state of things has not been reached; and it is a matter of head Senator Bellerose, made a violent little importance to the public whether speech in the house as usual, complaining they pay three or two cents for the car- that the speakers of both houses were riage of a letter. When the government English, whereas the French should have did away with newspaper postage on their representative in one or the other papers marked from the office of publication it lopped off a great branch of its sense were drout? Let us have the best revenue. But this was done on the eve of a general election. By the bye, we would wager a dime that not one single vote in toba asks for a representative in the cabithe dominion was influenced by this piece net. This is all as it should not be. We want a government composed of the best

of gratuitous charity. Manitoba farmers must be a nice lot; in

matter whether protestant or catholic, fact the sort of people who like to get all eastern or western, maritime or Pacific, let they can, without seeming to grab ! They us have a good man to represent Canadian want the full control of lands, bought and interests and to work for them, no mere paid for in hard cash by the government nominee of a sect or section. of Canada. Many of the United States have grumbled at the control of their pub-

A Hong Kong despatch bears informa lic lands being with the federal government; but we don't remember that the British empire, and shows that we may be tion of the utmost importance to the whole Washington cabinet ever ceded the people's rights away, because a section of the will be very largely interested, than we nearer a gigantic war, in which Canada have hitherto thought possible. The deit too. Manitoban farmers seem to forget spatch is directed to the London Times, the amount on the expenditure side of the dominion accounts, which has led to their of Chusan, Formosa or Hainan would being where they are and as well off as amount to a casus belli with England, as they are. according to the treaty of 1846, whereby

it was stipulated that upon the evacuation The grit leaders are complaining that the Canadian Pacific railway syndicate is hard of Chusan by the British that island should never be ceded to any other foreign power, up because it has diverted much of the England undertook, in the event of an atcapital voted to it for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific proper to the purchase tack, to protect the Chusan dependencies and retore them to China. The Times and construction of tributary lines in Onadds: "The Chinese could and would intario and Quebec, with which it is fighting sist upon the fulfilment of the above stiputhe Grand Trunk railway. This is mere lations." Here is a weighty intelligence; onsense. Those roads were purchased or onstructed with funds belonging to the particularly interesting to Canada because a very large section of her people would ndividual members of the syndicate. What would the Canadian Pacific railway amount naturally sympathise with the gaul in the case of a Franco-English war. to if not sure of eastern outlets, and of

reaching an ocean port on lines it can wholly control ?

To the Editor of The World. There is a cahot in Adelaide street caused SIR : Outside Toronto and the cities, as by the footpath from west side of Toronto far as I can hear, I think the tavern keepers, or a majority of them, are content with the 7 o'clock closing law. I have con-versed with many and they say they are glad to be able to rest after the fatigues of the day and do not want to go back to the old system. Nevertheless I see that a pe-tition to the legislature to extend the hour is being circulated. A. S. street to the postoffice, which is becoming the sudden jerk given to their collars, to should be kept constantly picked down and

Mr. Browning Not a Psychol

Saturday Night Closing.

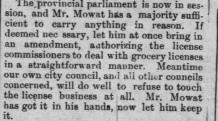
men and not of representative men. No

any that if the plumbing and other sub-tary work were taken out of one-half the houses in this city the sickness would de-crease in proportion, as it is a well-known fact that in all speculative buildings this class of work is done in the cheapest possi-ble manner in consequence of which the one before. After much talk and much delay to public business, it will be voted down, leaving behind increased bitterness as its sole result. It is a strange thing that Parnell has not yet found out that an ble manner in consequence of which the inmates are poisoned with sewer gas, and I ask, can it be expected that the buildings aggressive policy at this stage of the situation is of little avail. In the past it has which this company propose to erect wou prove an exception ? ARTIZAN. been useful, but the time has come when anlike tone of moderation would

Divided Responsibility. To the Editor of The World.

SIR: Attention is being called to the fact that the city council, or the council of any city, town, village or township in the

nmissioners to refuse grocery licenses for the sale of liquor. If the request be made, by proper municipal authority, the license commissioners must act upon it; the law does not allow them to refuse. This is doubtless Crooks act law, but to say the least it is an unfortunate law for the good of the country. It divides and confuses responsibility, just where we want it to be clear, undivided and unmistakeable. The license commissioners have full pow-ers in all else, why not as to grocery licenses too? A municipal council is pow-erless to grant any particular license; why fasten upon delusive responsibility for shop licenses only, in a general way. I say, if you take the licensing power from the councils, give it wholly and bodily to the commissioners. Then everybody will know where the power lies, and the responsibility too. At present the public judgment is confused by much talk about what the city council should do in the matter of liquor licenses. The proper ground for any municipal council to take, in order to maintain its own dignity, is simply to refuse to be fooled with divided responsibility. The law of Ontario being The license commissioners have full powbility. The law of Ontario being responsibility. The law of Ontario being that licenses are to be granted by commis-sioners appointed for the purpose, and by no other authority, the council should firmly refuge to accept a cent's worth of responsibility in the matter. The council should say mentilemen of the license com responsibility in the matter. The council should say—gentlemen of the license com-mission, go ahead, do as you please, you have the power and you must take the re-sponsibility. We refuse to carry your burdens, shoulder them yourselves, the BEST provincial government pays you for it. Fix the responsibility where it be-longs, and keep it there. For-tunately there is not much reason to fear that the Toronto city council will fall into the trap and deliberately take on its back the burthen which the license commissioners are paid for carrying. If the commissioners don't like to carry the responsibility and face the music, let them either resign or ask Mr. Mowat for a change in the law. If grocery licenses must be suppressed, let the government do it through the commissioners. In any case let the Toronto city council show that it has dignity enough to decline being made a catspaw to save from responsibility the men who really have the power. The provincial parliament is now in ses-sion, and Mr. Mowat has a majority suffi-





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over four or five years, Mr. Turner is of opinion that as the works proceed the stock would be readily taken up, while the admirable state of the city's financial position would justify the legislature in granting the requisite authority.

The success a tendant upon the former efforts of Ald. Turner in the rearrangement of the city debt inspires confidence in his judgment, and we feel assured that he has not submitted this proposal without thinking out every detail of the scheme. We think he was wise instead of pressing to a decision at once to allow an opportunity for full consideration and criticism

Six Consuls in a Row.

At the opening of the legislature yesterday six representatives of Foreign Powers graced the proceedings by their presence, B. Homer Dixon, Esq., consul general of the Netherlands, however, was absent for the first time in many years.

But there was Von Heimrod, by rank the senior consul, as representing the German empire, who looked happy and Bismarckian but in no official garb.

Next him was Hon. W. E. Howard United States consul, who has a red beard and a pair of spectacles, giving him quite an aquiline appearance.

Signor Enrico Bendelari, the envoy of Humbert of Italy, had more gold lace both as to his diplomatic hat and as to his diplomatic coat, than any other representative present.

Norway and Sweden were to the front in J. Saurin McMurray, whose diplomatic coat was very closely buttoned right up to the vice-consular chin, in striking contrast with Signor Bendelari. Nor was the contrast out of place : one represented the Sunny South, the other the Hyperborean North.

The consul for Brazil Nuts, or more diplomatically speaking, the consul of Dom Pedro of the empire of Brazil had no official uniform. But Mr. Musson, however, tried his best to make up for what he lacked in uniform by wearing frill cuffs like those in which poor Angus Morrison looked so well.

But what shall we say of Col. George A. Shaw, who by reason of climatic rigor, could not possibly appear in the full dress uniform that his sable majesty of Hawaii has prescribed for his representatives abroad. Instead of it the gallant colonel had to content himself in his volunteer uniform to the sore dissappointment of many gentlemen and ladies who had expected to see this light and airy costume setting of the well-built shape of the Hawaiian consul.

But we must draw the line of uniforms

The New York Herald makes fun of Mr. Gladstone's suggestion that English farners could with profit to themselves devote increased attention to fruit growing. It scoffingly says:

"Unhappy England ! Once the food supplier of the universe, now satisfied with the mon-opoly of jam." The Herald may yet find that it is rest ing in a false security, that England is yet in a position to supply itself with food inside its own domains, and that the United States has a more serious rival in the

wheat markets of the world than it at present suspects. Our own Northwest and India are England's hope. Within the last few years the resources of both countries have been largely developed, but

neither has yet shown more than a small per centage of its capabilities. The growth of the Northwest depends upon ourselves, but the development of India rests almost solely with the imperial government. This fact is recognized by the East India association, who recently addressed a memorial to Earl Kimberly, the secretary of state for India and president of the council of India, urging the desirability of extending railways in India in order to enable India to compete with America in the sup-

ply of wheat and seed cotton. By pursuing a liberal policy towards her distant ossessions, Great Britain can not only free esself from the taunts of our too monopolising neighbors, but can at the same time render herself absolutely independent of all supplies from that source.

Professor Max Muller, while not accepting Henry George's theories, has uttered a rebuke to those who allow their passions to find vent in sweeping denunciation of the man and his views. Prof. Muller evidently thinks that the danger lies not so much in theories themselves as in unreasoning opposition to them. Henry George may be a demagogue in ideas, but he is a thinking demagogue and thought can always be best answered by thought.

Senator Bellerose kindly and considerately says he will not upset the government this time on the question of the speakership, because he is given to understand that Mr. Kirkpatrick will retire in a year, and that then a Frenchman will preside over the commons. Does this mean that Senator Macpherson's son-in-law is to succeed Hon. J. B. Robinson in government ouse, Toronto? It has always been said that the present incumbents of the office have displayed such exceptional qualifications for the post that their term of office was sure to be renewed. Those who fol-

low Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will have a hard row to hoe.

Hawanan consul. But we must draw the line of uniforms at the consuls. We could not go into the dress of his honor, of the body guard, of the volunteers, of the artillery, of the military school officers, of the brigade effi-cers, of Col. Gzowski with his ivory-hand led sword, and Captain Geddes in his stocking, of Sheriff Jarvis with a light sword and a hat, of the judges in their gowns, and the speaker like a minister, of Col. Gillmour's coat and the rosette roceting on his back, of the sargeant of arms descrated with a masee and he hair parted in the middle, will deaptimes go the way that se paper

To the Editor of The World. SIR: Allow me to say that I am much ndebted to you for the notice you have indebted to you for the notice you have kindly taken in your to-day's issue of my paper on "England's Oldest Colony." which appears in the current number of The Week. Allow me, also, if you please, to correct an impression that might go to correct an impression that might go abroad, and to say that the comparative industriousness of English, French and American fishermen, though a matter of

very great importance in psychological and other points of view, is, one which I did not touch in the paper referred to. T. B. BROWNING.

A School Complaint.

To the Editor of The World. SIR : During the whole of the presen nonth the senior division of the Model school has been without a teacher, and many pupils are thereby losing a large por-tion of their time. Of course the usual fee of \$2 was exacted before the announce ent was made that the month was to be trittered away. Surely there are plenty of qualified teachers to fill the position and there can be no valid excuse condition of affairs. The least that can be done is to refund the fees paid, for which for such

Toronto, Jan. 24, 1884. PARENT. Toronto Tenement Building Association

To the Editor of The World. SIR: A petition asking the legislature to grant the power of expropriation of lands and houses to the Toronto Tenement Building association has recently been left

in various places of business throughout the city and the proprietors requested to the city and the proprietors requested to get their customers to sign it. The signa-tures of Messrs. Beaty, Hay and Small, M. P.s, a few lesser political lights and a number of the medical profession have al-ready been obtained in order to hoodwink the unsue of the profession are as an effective.

ready been obtained in order to hoodwink the unsuspecting public and give an air of respectability to a scheme which R. W. Prittie of Northwest fame is credited with concocting. I can hardly believe that some of the gentlemen whose names appear on this document gave the matter proper con-sideration before attaching their signatures. It reads your plausible. I must say at

It reads very plausible, I must say, at first sight. Why, one would think the first sight. workingmen were going to be given palaces on a similar scale, and at a merely nominal rent, to live in instead of the small cottages which they at present occupy. One would be inclined to say, "how kind

those gentlemen to be so thoughtful bout the welfare of the poor workingman. But this is a mistaken idea, I can assure you as the persons interested in this company are not philanthropists, but speculatrs. I have no doubt but that many of the

medical gentlemen whose signatures have been obtained signed the document in good been obtained signed the document in good faith, but it appears to me just possible that some of them did not do so through altogether disinterested motives. The thought may be uncharitable I admit, but does it seem reasonable that any body of men will deliberately sign a document

which they expect is going to be the means of taking their bread and butter from them

The main reason given for taking the censing power from the councils and vesting it in commissioners, was that the coun-cils were corrupt and incapable in the matter. After this, any municipal council

FINANCE AND TRADE.

TORONTO, Thursday, Jan. 24. A cable to Cox & Worts quotes Hudson Bay at £22 and Northwest Land at 62s. 6d. The feature of the local stock market was the large sales of Western Assurance. It looked as if losses were expected and some one tried to unload. The bears worked hard in Chicago to en-

gineer a further break in wheat and corn, but would not tackle pork which is well held. Chicago is firmer all round. Wheat went up a cent, and pork is higher than at any date since last summer, although lard is weak. The New York stock market is improving. Northern Pacific went up a point. Canadian

Pacific keeps about the same, never varying over an 1. Business in all departments of trade is dull,

and no improvement is expected this month. The Montreal stock market was dull and

Toronto Stock Exchange.

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Toronto Stock Exchange. MORNING SALES.—Merchants, 4 at 1094. Fed-eral 20 at 127. Standard. 6 at 110. Western Agsurance, 100 at 1114, 20-100 at 1104. 20 at 1104. 100 at 110, 100 at 109., 30 at 1094, 25 at 1104, 100 at 112, 100 at 1114, 20-50-100 at 112. B, & L. Asso-ciation, 20 at 100. London and Canada L. & A., 50 at 1434. CLOSING BOARD.—Federal, 1264 to 1264; sales 10-20 at 1263, 10-5 at 1264. Western Assurance 112 to 110; sales 50 at 111, 500-500 at 1094. North-west Land Co., 61-60; sale 50 at 1094. Canada Landed Credit, sales 6 at 1174. London and Canada L. & A., 40 at 1434.

Montreal Stock Exchange.

CLOSING BOARD.-Commerce 1193-1194; sales 5 at 2194. Richelieu, 60-50; sales 33 at 57. The Local Market.

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