## London Advertiser. (ESTABLISHED 1863.)

MANAGER John Cameron. London, Saturday, January 22, 1898. In China the pig is harnessed as a draft animal. China would prove a

great field for Mr. St. John's energies. The London Advertiser speaks of the agpipes as an instrument of war. Some people regard them as an instrutorture.-[Clinton New Era. Yes, the enemy so regards them.

As a result of legislation passed at the instance of Premier Hardy, no poor and honest man can now be imprisoned in Ontario. Mr. Hardy is bound to keep his Province at the head of the procession in every respect. . .

Lord Kelvin is said to have predicted that there will be no coal left on the earth 346 years hence. Never mind, an Indiana man proposes to bottle sunshine. The day may come sooner than most of us expect, when the inventor will render us heedless as to he supply of either coal or firewood.

Philanthrophy continues in evidence in Great Britain. The money bequeathed to religious and philanthropic institutions during the jast year amounted to about \$10,000,000. This is exclusive of the valuable collection of pictures bequeathed to the nation by Lady

May we remind the Toronto Mail and Empire, which is objecting to the Ontario Government asking that it be judged by its record, that the Opposition in the Legislature is not asking to be judged by its record. If it did so, it would have to bring the sectarian programme of 1894 into the open instead of keeping it to be used for private canvass.

The mining industry of Ontario promises to be brisk during the present year, thanks to the advertising of our resources resulting from the policy of the Goverment. Lord Douglas, of Howick, has returned from England, where he spent some time in getting capitalists to invest money in the mines of Michipicoten. He says he has Lynchings, Hangings and Sui-

B 85 Dr. John Clifford, the distinguished English preacher, who has been on a which Ontario benevolent institutions are maintained by government aid. He also affirms that he found Sunday extremely well observed in this province. Ontario gets her name up by the aid of every visitor from other lands. This province leads.

One of the new stamps just issued in Newfoundland bears a modern likeness of the Queen, whilst on another, that of the Prince of Wales is shown. The London Daily Mail points out that the Prince's head very rarely appears on postage stamps, for the Queen is believed to be averse to the use of any other head but hers for the purpose. Has Newfoundland obtained special permission for this exception to the general rule?

Davis forced them into one inquiry in- of these lynchings; Alabama, 19; Misto the Humber piggery, but they failed sissippi, 16; Georgia, 14; Florida, 12; to unearth anything. Notwithstanding the earnest searching of the Opposition they were unable to find where the Government had wasted one dollar. This record and the exaggerations of the Opposition make votes for Premier Hardy and the Government candidates daily.

## Anxious About the Future.

The inhabitants of Bombay, in public meeting assembled, adopted a petition on Dec. 17, to be sent to the House of Commons, expressing the regret and alarm with which they view the growing military activity beyond the statutory boundary of India, in pursuance of the forward policy. This protest is followed by the publication in Great Britain of a letter on the same subject by Sir Richard Temple, who adds the weight of his great authority to the view that there is no adequate reason for permanent occupation of the countries in which the recent campaigns have been conducted, and that there would be no just imputation against Great Britain of receding if she abandoned them. Sir Richard, who spent 40 years of the best of his life in the service of Britain in India, says he believes that the occupation of the Khyber and two other passes through the mountains towards Kabul has made the tribes extremely anxious about their independence, and he holds in effect that the passes are not worth the cost of occupying them. hte of Russia from Britain's Merv portion of about 4 to 1 being steadily broad acres for the production of No. 10 Cents a Bottle at all I failways to India would be, he points kept up from year to year. Among 1 hard wheat.

### Wasted Talent.

Sir Charles Tupper would have made a good novelist. He has the most fertile

imagination of any man that we know of. He can make himself believe anything, and he does not end there; he tries to make his friends believe the most improbable of yarns. But yesterday, he was telling them that the present Ottawa Government would be defeated in a month or two; now, the Government has won 26 bye-elections to the Opposition 2, he professes to believe that the Administration is drifting to destruction, though, it is fair to add, he postpones the final drift for to believe that in the ensuing Ontario contest the Opposition will win. A man with such imaginative powers is wasting his time chasing after political will-o'-the-wisps. He should apply for a job on the New York Ledger.

### Hospital Progress.

Hospitals for the care of the sick have been greatly multiplied in Ontario during the last twenty years, thereby aiding in saving lives and speedily restoring to health many persons who would otherwise have been without the care necessary to secure that desirable end. The evolution which has taken place in the period named is effectively shown by Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, in his report, to be presented at the forthcoming annual meeting. In 1878 there were 10 hospitals receiving Government aid, whereas now there are 47; the number of patients in hospitals then was 4,372, as compared with 19,678 in 1879. There are now 25 hospitals equipped with either separate buildings or wards for the accommodation of patients suffering from contagious diseases. Dr. Bryce believes that legislation in regard to the public health has kept pace with the advance of public opinion, and points out that 25 amendments to the Public Health Act have been made since 1884.

So respectable a man as Charles J. Bonaparte, a leader in Baltimore society, rises to defend lynching. "Lynchstrongest admiration for the manner ings have their drawbacks," he says, "but their advantages are under-estimated. Lynching is liable to abuse, for mistakes are sometimes made, but I believe few innocent men are lynched, and those that are so are not desirable members of society, and the custom is certainly a great deterrent of crime." From hot-blooded, unscrupulous men in the south, who have been reared to regard the lives of a section of the human race as of little value, such a sentiment might be expected, but that it should be expressed by a man of Charles J. Bonaparte's standing, shows how deeply the spirit of lawlessness has taken possession of our neighbors. The lynchings in the United States ranged from 184 in 1885 to 235 in 1892. They reached their highest mark in the last-named year, Mr. D. McNish, M. P. P. for West and showed a yearly decrease till 1896, Elgin, made some telling points when they had fallen to 131. Last year, against the Opposition in his recent however, the illegal executions went up speech in South Essex. He pointed out to 166. The Chicago Tribune, which that at St. Thomas last year, Mr. St. makes an annual summary of crime John, one of the Opposition orators, and benefactions, has just printed stastarted out with the statement that tistics of great value on these subjects. the Humber piggery had cost \$35,000, The lynchings were last year distributbut when he was faced with the state- ed as follows: In the south, 146; north, ment on the floor of Parliament he de- 20; negroes, 122; white, 39, Indians, 5. single redeeming feature. It appeared nied it. Mr. McNish affirmed that he Among the alleged crimes for which himself heard Mr. St. John so declare. these victims were lynched were; Ar- with great rapidity. Thousands of Opposition speakers on the stump also son, 5; murder, 69; robbery, 18; as- acres were covered by it, and farmers charged the Minister of Education with saults, 7; attempted rape, 9; rape, 23; being an autocrat, but when Mr. Ross writing insulting letters, 1; refusing to offered them a committee of inquiry give evidence, 1; concealing a murder, covered that stock which avoided it they were as dumb as oysters. Mr. 1; insults, 1. Texas is credited with 25 while green ate it with avidity when Arkansas, 11; Tennessee, 7; South Carolina, 6; Virginia, 5; Indiana, 5; Illinois, 1; Ohio, 1.

One lynching was a clear and admitted case of mistaken identity, and it would not be astonishing if a considerable number of other cases of mistaken

identity went to make up the list. The supposed causes of these terrible outrages have been much discussed. Probably the most exciting stimulant tainty of justice. When a belief gets abroad that a villain can escape if he has enough of money or influential friends, the populace become desperate. They refuse to trust the administrators of justice. They take the law into their own hands, believing that who have partially investigated the public sentiment can be trusted to save them from punishment. We occasion- dry thistle was the difficulty of handally have failures of justice in the Dominion, but no such distrust of the courts as exists in the United States is to be found here. It is well that it a free country to see that nothing is ragemets to the hay press for handling permitted that will shake the confidence of the people in the fountains of

Of judicial hangings there were in the United States last year 128, against | corncobs, the Russian thistle produces 122 the previous year. In the south, a remarkably hot fire, and really lasts Indians, 3: Chinese, 2.

In the crime of self-murder the years show a steady increase in the republic. There were in 1897 6,600 suicides, against event of war Britain can al- 6,520 in 1896, 5,759 in 1895, 4,912 in 1894, force them, as she has forced 4,436 in 1893, 3,860 in 1892, 3,531 in 1891, not be kept out of Manitoba by every before, without the trouble of and 2,040 in 1890. Of this number 5,186 possible precaution. It will pay the ng them in time of peace. The were males and 1,414 females, the probul, but by the southern route of Kanbul, but by the southern route of Kanthe melancholy list, 41 having taken
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compared with 47

tial tribes affected is not soon arrived lawyers, 1 college professor, 10 clergy. at the outbreak may yet entail a vast men, 2 editors, 1 artist and 20 persons connected with banks in various capacities took their lives.

While the embezzlements amounted to over \$11,000,000, the benevolent sifts amounted to three times that sum. The good deeds of the people of the United States are thus to the bad deeds at least as 3 to 1, let us hope many times

## The Ward System Going.

One important measure, passed at the recent session of the Ontario Legislature, related to the councils of towns and villages. This measure provides that every town of a population of 5,000 or under shall have a mayor and not more than six councilors, to three years. Sir Charles also professes be elected by a general vote. This does away with wards in the towns. The office of reeve and deputy reeve is also abolished, and each voter may vote for mayor and also for six councilors. In the case of villages there shall be a reeve and but four councilors elected in the same way and by general vote. At the end of two years a bylaw may be submitted to the electors, providing for a reversion to the ward system and if carried by a majority vote, one councilor may be elected from each ward each year so long as the bylaw remains in force, or until the whole six councilors are elected on the ward system. It is expected that at next session a measure further extending the system will be passed.

## A Yarn Exploded.

A correspondent of the Farmers' Advocate recently asked if it was true that "a large percentage of the graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College, instead of going back to the farm, use the scientific knowledge obtained in a semi-professional capacity." To the truth of this story, which has been circulated most assiduously in order to damage the institution, and bring the Ontario Government into disrepute, President James Mills gives explicit denial. He adds:

The great majority (about 90 per cent) of those who come to us from the farm and remain long enough to get a fair knowledge of our course of study and apprenticeship return to the farm with an increased liking for farm work. A few of those who take the advanced options of the third age in various kinds of professional work, generally, however, on agricultural lines or in pursuits closely allied to agriculture; but such graduates are only a small proportion of those who leave the institution from year to year. Most of our students take only the two years' course, which is intended to fit young men for the farm; and farmers' sons who do so generally return to the farm. I may add that the Ontario Agricultural College is sending to the farm a far larger percentage of its students than any other college in ex-

The detractors of this useful institution will have to try a new tack

## A Weed Pest Recognized Good Food.

It is an odd circumstance that after many thousands of dollars have been spent in Nebraska and the Dakotas to eradicate the Russian thistle, and after the Manitobans have been much alarmed lest the weed should cross the Canadian border, the farmers in the neighboring republic should have discovered that this thistle is invaluable as fodder for cattle. The Russian thistle, like the gypsy

moth, is an importation into the United States, and like the moth it has were warned that it would prevent soil dried. Dairymen in Nebraska began to gather these dry thistles, which accumulated in great piles wherever their course was obstructed by fences or ravines, and fed the stuff to the cattle in the barnyard. It was soon declared by many to be as nutritious as alfalfa or other hay. J. H. May, North Platte, a member of the State Dairymen's Association, made an investigation of the nutriment contained in the thistle. He discovered that ten pounds of the apparently dry and worthless thistle to the lawlessness has been the uncer- | were equal to eight pounds of alfalfa and other hay in feeding cattle. Sheep, however, could not be induced to partake of the new food. May was assisted in his experiment by Horace M. Matthews, of Grand Island, and their views are indorsed by many others, subject. One difficulty found with the ling it. It was easily blown out of a cart unless men trampled it down as the cart was loaded. A Chicago machine man is said to be working on an is so, and it is our duty as citizens of invention similar in mechanical arthe thistle. The thistle has been found valuable as fuel in sections where it grows rankly, where firewood is practically unknown and coal is costly. Like 82; north, 46; whites, 72; negroes, 51; much longer than the frail appearance

of the weed would indicate. These discoveries may be very reassuring to those who find their farms over-run by the thistle, but they afford

ment that "of the five deaths that have occurred at the university in five years, three may be attributed directly to starvation." He therefore calls for a donation. This appeal lays out the whole creation of benevolent "causes." The ratio of deaths from brain starvation to the whole number is 6 to 10; 600 to 1,000; 600,000 to 1,000,000! Weil, now, do you know, we have been suspecting for some years past that something was wrong down there? We did not know about the students, but our attention was called to the professors, and now the professors point tearfully to the students, and ask for a couple of hundred thousands. The requisition is for brain food. This presents a most difficult problem. It goes without saying that the students must not eat the kind of things that are eaten by the professors, but until we can diet the latter up, they will insist on putting the boys upon their cwn inellectual grub. There are a number of professors there, possibly including the president, who are troubled already with cerebral emaciation. Possibly the best service we can do is to point them to shining dietetic examples. There was the great prophet Daniel-he ate greens. John the Baptist ate locusts and wild honey. Paul did his best work on prison fare. Webster said expressly that he made none of the usual prepreparations for his most celebrated speech-just fired up on baked beans. Henry Clay did all his splendid work ham. Marion won immortal renown honey, baked beans, corn-dodger, quaker oats, sauer-kraut, sweet potatoes and the fat of polar bears or walruses for about a year, till they come up to the average. After that they must eat

OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE. [Cincinnati Enquirer.] think of my proposal of marriage. She-Yes, and the more I think of it

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sparingly, especially of the greens. HIS REAL NEED. [Boston Traveler.]

"Do you know a good tonic for nervous persons, Simpkins?" "No; what I want to find is a good tonic for people who have to live with

He-You have had a week now to

the less I think of it.

The city is as strong for the poor as t is for the rich. There is a river within, that is ever However high a man may climb, he There is no pew in any church that the devil has not sometimes occupied. Get where God can trust you to

made them smell any sweeter. SWEPT AWAY!

> Persons Narrowly Escape.

Sandusky, Ohio, Jan. 22.—One hundred fishermen's huts on the ice in Lake Erie, off Put-in-Bay, were swept away in Thursday night's gale. Two hundred men, women and children narrowly escaped drowning by the ice breaking up and carrying them out into the lake, and by the huts catching fire. They were rescued after a long and terrible fight with the element

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