ROBBERS' RULE

Two ministers were ready to hand over \$210,000 extra to a Soulanges Canal contractor, and by that action to commit the country to the payment of \$500,000 on similar claims, and all in eers and departmental officers. The would have done so much for the proveers and departmental officers and departmen well aware that it is not the first of to secure the building of the British its kind under the present regime, Only Pacific be quite as beneficial? Would a few days before the exposure of this it not open up quite as important a part | the political field and accepted the of-Soulanges Canal plot a return was sub- of the province by providing it with the mitted to the house giving some details needed railway facilities? Did the Doin regard to other jobs which have cost minion government ever entertain the

Of the Wellington bridge at Montreal the estimated cost was \$223,000, while the actual cost was \$405,000, and there are still outstanding claims for \$79,000, which we suppose includes Contractor St. Louis' judgment, recently obtained. The circumstances attending this scan-

to cost \$45,000, while the actual outlay he appears, for all that is known, to has been \$255,000, and there are out- have readily agreed to the Crow's Nest standing claims of about \$60,000. This proposal and said never a word in beernment. None but "patriots" could devise and carry out so beautiful a plan of robbery and corruption.

On the Galops Rapids channel, in the St. Lawrence, \$629,000 has been spent, though the estimated cost was only \$212,000. The channel in its "improved" Leaving all local considerations aside, condition is so dangerous that vessel they will surely conclude that it would men will not use it, and the expenditure benefit the province at least as much to has apparently been unterly thrown develop the northern as the southern the 6th of next month. Of course they bill, looking to the restriction of the

The estimate for the St. Charles branch of the Intercolonial railway was \$555,200, including both land purchase and construction expense. The actual outlay has been \$900,000 for the land alone and \$822,272 for the works, making the astounding total of \$1,722,272, or \$1,167,072 more than the estimate, and all for a little piece of road that is

The Tay canal, built for the conveni-\$476,000. Last year the expense of ment. Mr. Goodwin conceived the jobs of that description. maintenance was \$3189, while the traf- ieda that he should also get 15 cents a fic was practical nil, the tolls amounting to \$120. The country loses the interest on the cost of construction and pays years \$3000 besides to keep the useless ditch open.

The Langevin block, an addition to the government buildings at Ottawa, was estimated to cost \$444,000; the actual outlay has been \$783,801, and there is \$295,000 still to pay on it. Favors

nice total will be found as the price the | what a nice boodle fund would have country has had to pay for the luxury | been there, good gentlemen! What a of "patriotic" government. It is sure- pity that the engineers should have proly time the country should grow tired of | nounced against Mr. Goodwin's claim the rule of thieves.

THE LATEST SCHEME.

"Grit obstruction" is a terrible thing. Parliament met about the beginning of of the nasty Grits to exact a pledge January, and immediately thereafter that this claim should be submitted to the whole government business was the Exchequer court before they would his place. Of course this "nest of trai-Grits, who persisted in winning bye- of Tupper rule, when its fruits are so elections until the aforesaid traitors glorious? grew desperate and ripe for treason and stratagems. For this iniquitous conduct the Grits cannot be too sternly reproved. Between the hatching of this conspiracy and the patching up of the rents in the Tory garment an enormous loss of time was caused. Thus it came about that the government had no business of the session, when there was a large amount of business unfinished, the government came down with a lot of railway aid propositions, involving some millions of the people's money. Amongst them was the Crow's Nest scheme, Now Manitoba minority have engaged the rare fool who will take it at its word. If there be any such we would com- to rectify these greater grievances is cently "lets the cat out of the bag" with

fice after the general elections."

you will find us quite ready to squander resent the people. As soon as the latthese sums among you, which at pres- ter have an opportunity of expressing ent the wicked Grits will not let us their opinion, they will declare so de ent the wicked Grits will not let us disively against interference with Manitoba that no government will dare redent and contemptible attempt to impose upon the public than that which pose upon the public than that which weeks during which these railway subsidies could have been submitted and against interference. If the people

vor. The discredited gang of politic- day when the final obsequies of the reians must have felt exceedingly hard up, medial bill will take place." when they adopted so silly a devise.

WHY NOT THE NORTH?

If the proposed loan of \$5,000,000 to idea of helping the British Pacific in Crow's Nest road? Did Col. Prior everurge such action upon the government of which he is supposed to be an active member? He must know how anxious his constituents are to see the British dalous piece of jobbery are well known Pacific built, and how important it is that the northern half of the province to convince Victorians that he should not have held up his hand for the latter as energetically as for the former-unless he was there to look after his own interests and not after theirs.

A GREAT PITY.

John Haggart had had their way, Coutractor Goodwin would practically have been paid twice over for his work of excavation on the Soulanges canal. By vard for the waste earth not used in and the auditor-general, in his wrong-headed determination to protect the treasury, should, have obstinately re fused payment. And how inconsistent cruelly nipped just as it was blossom-

ONTARIO FEELING.

The Toronto World is one of the most prominent Conservative papers in Ontario, probably voicing the views of more Ontario Conservatives than any other journal that can be mentioned. ready to go on with. Just at the close the World speaking in the following manner upon the remedial bill, which some Conservative papers say the government was in duty bound to force through parliament: "While the grievances of the little

people are asked to believe that the gov- attention of our statesmen and politiciernment was sincere in its plans for ans for years, the greater grievances of railway aid, and surely he must be a the people of the whole Dominion have been, and are bing shamefully neglect. ed. The introduction of a remedial bill

mend to their notice the following par- what the country is almost unanimous agraph in the Montreal Gazette's Ot- in demanding at the present time. It tawa correspondence, which quite inno- cannot be tolerated that a question affecting the school system of a handful of people is to block for years the material progress of a whole country. The "Hon. Mr. Haggart to-night gives no- Manitoba school nuisance must be got tice of the first lot of railway subsidies, rid of with the quickest possible desamounting to about \$2,700,000. They patch. There is but one method of doare all revotes, but it is understood that ing this and getting the way clear for a further lot of subsidies will be asked the practical reforms that the country for which will contain a number of new stands so much in need of. That methvotes. As the opposition is not at all od is for the people to declare at the likely to let any of these grants be coming general elections that the Mani made, it will be just as well for the toba school question must be left in its government to bring down everything entirety for the province of Manitoba which has been asked for and which to settle. The government has not been can be conscientiously granted when able to pass a remedial bill in the exthe present government returns to of- isting parliament. It will be less able to do so in the parliament that is to be Just so. "Return us to power and The present parliament does not repelected in the course of a few weeks. the Gazette man has so innocently ex- as far as Dominion politics are conposed. After wasting weeks upon cerned. All that remains is for the turn no candidate who is not pledged considered, John Haggart and his "pals" treat the matter in this way, and we expect their story of "Grit obstruct have no doubt they will, the day on tion" to create a diversion in their ca- which the general election is held is the

the World would not speak in this way if it were not sure that the feeling of Ontario Conservatives was strongly against the government's course. What then? Does the government expect to the face of adverse reports from engin- build the Crow's Nest Pass railway legislate in opposition to Ontario feel-

Sir Donald A. Smith has abandoned fice of high commissioner in London. His action fits in closely with the report published some days ago that he was so disgusted with Sir Charles Tupthe same way as it proposed to help the per's leadership as to be unwilling to serve longer under that malodorous col- hood, the Royal Victoria, has been itician. Who can wonder at a man of created. honor, possessing any regard for decen- The Paris correspondent of the Daily cy, revolting at the treatment which News says: "It is stated that the Manitoba's representatives they gave of radical resistance to the senate. The Little Rapids lock was estimated should be opened up by such means, yet the assurance, depending on Sir Chas.

The Times has a dispatch from Sinthe assurance, depending on Sir Chas. Tupper's word, that the remedial bill gapore which says that the plague is would be suspended while the "public work" is absolutely useless; half of the British Pacific. It would keep his word, and the commissioners vinced that they will not be recognized there is no traffic through the lock, and puzzle any person to produce a single were betrayed. Then there was the probably never will be. The money argument in support of the Crow's Nest earlier episode of the garbled telegram, them have recently yielded, and if this spent on it was stolen from the public proposition that would not tell equally which caused Sir Donald so much pain. is continued at this rate the government treasury to be squandered for the man- for a loan to the northern enterprise. It must necessarily be a relief for Sir will offer them inducements to surrenufacture of party capital for the gov- It will at least be difficult for Col. Prior Donald to put the Atlantic between der. him and so crooked a leader.

> The Conservatives of Westminster heed to Lincoln's adage concerning the trade. "swopping of horses" at critical times. The Argentine cabinet favors the sugtheir candidate and propose to hold a convention to nominate a new man on almost certain that the cattle diseases from us to find fault with their move. There is this to be said in any event, tinguished political economist, took If Sir Hibbert Tupper and the Hon. that no matter whom they may choose electing him.

the terms of his contract he was to get R., cost Canada \$1,118,000. That was

The Colonist quoted a portion of a comment from the Monetary Times. formers' sentences." the embankment but thrown behind it Here is the remainder: "But it is peror anywhere else out of the way. That haps better that free reign should be Times says regarding the trial of the rewould have meant 35 cents for each given to the minority, for closure is yard of excavation instead of the 20 best reserved for cases of intolerable and "extras" for the contractors caused the whole of his contract, and as their ing some means of removing the obof supplies, and on some essential points there would be danger that its motives would be misrepresented. In the face of an election, the responsibility of both parties is not greatly unequal.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

At the opening of the full court this morning the judges all spoke of the bad- proposal of M. Bernaert, the Belgian ly type written appeal books that had secretary of state, that the congress been filed of late, notwithstanding a similar complaint from the bench some question of bimetallism should be solvparalyzed by the conspiracy of the seven consent to the passage of the supply. similar complaint from the bench some que garalyzed by the conspiracy of the seven consent to the passage of the supply. In future, the court said, ed. ministers who wished to oust Sir Mac- There never was a nicer scheme for the that in cases in which badly written kenzie and put the Great Stretcher in creation of a boodle fund, or one more books were furnished they would simply refuse to proceed with the case. tors" was the work of those terrible ing. Why should the country be tired the defendants to appeal direct to the In Cranston v. Bird leave was given privy council from the court's decision, given a couple of days ago, granting the plaintiff a new trial. E. P. Davis, Q. C., appeared for the defendants and John Campbell contra.

Argument was heard by the full court this morning in Trasle v. Pellant, This was a motion by the plaintiff for leave to appeal, notwithstanding the lapse of the limited time, from the judgment of County Court Judge Spinks holding that a mineral location was bad because one of the stakes was a fraction of an inch less in size than the four inches required by the statute. Judgment was reserved. E. V. Bodwell for the plaintiff, supported the motion, A. J. McColl, Q. C., contra.

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Duelling Has Apparently Grown to be an lestitution in Germany.

Welcome to Marquis Yamagata-Press Club Dinner-The Thunderer's Views.

London, April 25 .- The Gazette an-

the Great Stretcher dealt out to Sir resignation of the cabinet was delayed Donald. When the latter and his two to enable them to consult the Russian feilow commissioners went to treat with ambassador, who discouraged the policy

would be suspended while the negotia- Senor Canovas del Castillo has detions proceeded. Sir Charles did not clared that the Cuban rebels are condiscouraged. He says that 1500 of

The Times says it is credibly informed that the North German Lloyd Steamship company is asking for tenders for the building of five steamers of five district do not appear to give much thousand tons each for the Brazil

They have dropped Mr. Atkinson as gested basis of the settlement of the frontier difficulty with Chili. The Daily News asserts that it is

know their own business best; far be it importation of Canadian cattle, will be abandoned by the government. The funeral of M. Leon Say, the dis-

place yesterday in Paris and was reto nominate they have no chance of markable for its simplicity, in accordance with the wishes of the deceased-Advices from Pretoria say: The court Halifax Chronicle: The Onderdonk room was crowded when the case of the job in British Columbia, on the C. P. Reform committee prisoners was called but the crowd was quite orderly and there was no demonstration, although and all for a little piece of road that is of practically no benefit to the countien, and where a watertight embank- swim. He wants to get in the swim randers. Great surprise was caused by ment was required he was to get 15 again. The people had better head him the prisoners pleading guilty. Their acence of Hon. John Haggart's mill, cost cents a yard for building such embank off; they cannot afford any more costly tion is regarded as greatly simplifying

The Daily News says: "It is stated that President Kruger has unofficially promised to remit a portion of the re-

A dispatch from Pretoria to the tion withdrew all counts in the indictcents specified in the contract. The nuisance. While both parties may be ed guilty. John Hayes Hammond and ment except those to which they pleadtwo ministers were quite willing that acting upon a strict sense of duty, one J. Curtis were absent on account of he should have this little haul, which obstructing and the other instisting, the illness, but they are expected on Monwould have amounted to \$210,000 on time comes when the necessity of find- day. I understand that cogent reasons, which will be published shortly, actuated the accused in pleading guilty." decision would have affected all the stacles that clog the legislative machine The Standard Paris correspondent If to these thefts from the treasury other contracts on the canal, the treasure are added the "hard pan" payments, the other contracts on the canal, the treasure of the canal, the canal can McGreevy-Connelly pickings, etc., a extent of \$750,000 or thereabouts. Oh, obstruction tactics on the vital matter the prosecution in the trial of the national reform committee will produce shing proofs of complicity against the Chartered South African Company. The advocates of bimetallism of varions nations in conference here have passed a resolution favoring the discussion, in the French and German parliaments, of similar resolutions to those which have been introduced in the Belgian and English parliaments. The conference closed by adopting the

> A dispatch from Cape Town to the Times says: "It is reported from Johannesburg that numerous Boer wagons, all in charge of white men and Maffir drivers, are leaving Pretoria with ammunition and field requirements, their destination being unknown. The Boers, it is further said, are in constant communication with the artillery

> should be declared permanent until the

camp from which these wagons load and depart. The Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Gwelo, Matabeleland, which says that an epidemic of influenza is raging there and that fifty per cent. of the troops relied upon for defence are suf-

fering from it. Paris, April 25.-President Faure spent to-day in conferences with the political leaders of the various parties, but M. Bourgeois's successor is still undetermined. L. Loubet assured the President that the senate having affirmed its constitutional prerogatives would not offer any factious opposition even to a radical cabinet. M. Brison A. Poincarre advised the president to

form a Radico-Republican cabinet. M. Faure had over an hour's conversation with M. Meline, and it is believed he has asked him to form a cabinet, sa true acollege.

Pa—Ha, ha! That's a fine idea. And what necessary move have you already made toward the establishment of this college of yours?

Freddie—Well, we've got the college yell already made up.—Yonkers Gazette. cabinet, and this President Faure hesi-

tates to agree to. The activity of the Socialists is a noticeable feature of the situation, and makes it evident that M. Bourgeois' cabinet as more amply representing them than any other they can hope for. Their deep wrath against the senate is correspondingly deep. An immense consumption in grown meeting of Socialists was held last night at the Tivoli, Vauxhall, to protest against the action of the senate. Thousands of persons had to be turned away, as they were unable to enter. Many deputies were among those present. M. Pelletan made an address to the huge assembly in which he declared that the time had arrived for action

> faith in words. M. Jaures and Vaillant also spoke. When a resolution was put censuring the senate and advocating a revision of the constitution there were cries from all parts of the hall of "Down with the

> senate." The meeting finally broke up in disorder with shouts against the senate. The republican guard of police barred the way to the Palace da la Republique and in order to prevent the noisy demonstrators from reaching the boulevards they turned them in the direction of the

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Canal St. Martin. Several persons army has just been published, were arrested. A few groups reached creases the discontent already the boulevards in spite of the efforts of the police to prevent them and paraded up and down shouting "Down with the

President Faure conferred with M. Loubet, Brisson, Peytral and Poincarre. He will receive M. Bourgeois, Sarrien, Leroyer and Meline this afternoon. The papers agree that yesterday's vote in the chamber of deputies brought the constitutional crisis to an acute stage. The majority of the newspapers anticipate a dissolution of the chamber.

This course is favored by many senators. According to Le Gaulois, the new premier will appear in the chamber with the dissolution decrees in his pocket. Le Gaulois added that as the result of his experiment with a radical cabinet President Faure has resolved to take a determined stand upon constitutional grounds, and will pursue a line of conduct in opposition to Socialistic rancor. The Royalists regard the proceedings in the chamber in the light of a victory, and demand the summoning of a national assembly. The Conservatives predict a presidential crisis.

Berlin, April 27 .- An extraordinary instance of duelling as an instituion in Germany is shown in a case which has just occurred in a court in West Germany. Three persons were arraigned upon a charge of cowardly assault committed on a fourth person. The assessor who was hearing the case expressed the opinion that the conduct of the accused was not gentlemanly, whereupon one of the accused, an officer of the army reserve, challenged him. The assessor, who is also an officer of the army reserve, refused to accept the challenge, on the ground that he spoke in his judicial capacity. A military court of honor, however, insisted that the assessor must accept the challenge. and upon the assessor persisting in his refusal his name was removed from the

army list. Havre, April 27 .- A considerable number of people assembled on the quays and jetties on Saturday night for the purpose of welcoming Marquis Yamagata, of the Japanese army, the highest military officer of that empire, wo arrived here on La Touraine at 6 o'clock. The Marquis Yamagata was cheered heartily by the assembled throng. Before landing he received an enthusiastic reception in the saloon of the steamer by the representatives of the Japanese These Japanese diplomats came to Havre from Paris for the purpose of meeting the Marquis. The cfficials of Paris also cordially greeted

the Marquis. London, April 27.—Over three hundred persons were in attendance at the appears in varied forms, but Press club dinner. Lord Wolseley, the to yield to Hood's Sarsapar commander-in-chief of the army; Lord purifies and vitalizes the Beresford, Mr. Morley and other speakers paid remarkable tributes to the press, all acknowledging the debt which

public men owe to the newspapers. The Times says: "It is assumed that the Marquis of Salisbury rejected the Washington proposals in regard to Venezuela. The Marquis of Salisbury certainly did not accept the proposals as they stood; but it was not imagined that the action taken in regard to them, to favor it I sprained my ankle should possibly be regarded as a rejec-

iton. The difficulty was in regard to on and I thought I should have the definition of the settled districts, at every step. I could not ge and the Marquis of Salisbury's efforts and had to stop work. I read to protect British subjects did not prom- a similar case by Hood's Sar ise to be successful, and accordingly he concluded to try it. Before attempted to solve the problem of Ven all of two bottles the sore had ezuelan arbitration by solving the pro- the swelling had gone down. blem of general arbitration." Times' statement that the Uruan incident is settled is classed as being premature, although it is said that there is every prospect of its ultimate satisfactory settlement.

last Thursday revealed a curious state fited otherwise. I have of affairs, namely, that the government weight and am in better health has been paying off the national debt say enough in praise of Hood at a premium of 13 and 14 per cent. rilla." Mrs. H. BLAKE, So. E The cause is the phenomenal price of consols, which is almost entirely due to the persistency with which the state buys its own stock. Nearly one-third, of the whole volume of consols is held among the various departments, which are still compellel by statute to continue buying. The expected remedy of Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Michael Hicks-Beach will be a proposition to invest in Indian Colonial government and Is the One True Blood Purifier. All British corporation stock.

Berlin, April 27.—The spring list of promotions and retirements from the Hood's Pills and liver stime

The number of officers retired than ever, and the age and rand show that the emperor is adh general staff, shows that the re and promotions are much mo the German than in the Fre The average of the German the rank of major or upward and a half years younger t French.

None of the generals just very old physically, nor are pacitated. Among Spitz, 64 years old. reichstag, and who is said t too liberal in politics and had enough energy to suit Brauchitsch, chief of the wa and Caprivi, a younger by The numerous changes in fect not only Prussia, but

and Baden. Madrid, April 27.-Senor tional law, and the leader cratic-liberal party, has wr letter over his own signatur pears in the Globe 'An International Review viewing the Cuban que

bearings, Senor Moret nothing to fulfil its duty. applied the last law, in spite that what the insurgents was the application of much is this the case, s necessary, they precipita ing. Nothing has been the poverty and starvat threatens Cuba. No ste taken to increase the friends or to diminish t surgents. Everything is done, and, what is worse doubt as to how and wh done. Instead of waiting the question to be put to ington, we ought to decid what answer will be give all other governments.'

Minnie-Chollie Ardup wri his love is more than he Mamie—Why doesn't lect?"—Indianapolis, Journ

Infests the blood of hum cures all such diseases. R "In September, 1894, I made a mi injured my ankle. Very soon a

two inches across formed and i became worse; I could not pu

The debate in the house of commons is now well and I have been This and other similar cur-