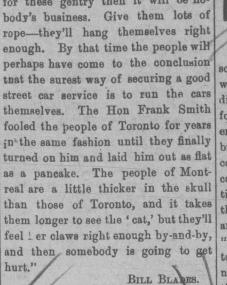
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OUR BOARDING HOUSE for these gentry then it will be not

Reflections on Current Events by the Boarders.

"There is one thing that the workingmen of Montreal should do at the present time, and that is to watch the antics of our aldermen in connection with this street railway business," said Phil. "A few weeks ago all hands and the cook condemned the present company in unmeasured terms, and things looked exceedingly blue for the Montreal Street Railway Company. It was said that the service was so bad and so unsatisfactory and the action of the company so arrogant and overbearing in the past, that no matter what kind of a tender they submitted it should not, and would not be accepted at the City Hall. The people believed what their aldermen said and felt glad about it, for if there is one thing more than another which the workingmen of this city have cursed and damned, and most prayerfully at that, it is this self same Street Railway Company. Many and many a man has lost a quarter of a day because Lusher's windjammer either failed to put in appearance at the proper time or else because it was hove-to for half an hour or more upon some switch waitng for the Ark going in the opposite direction to heave in sight. When, therefore, it have gone out from among us to seek a slums. It is well known that many an became known that the aldermen were dead set against this company everybody breathed freer, because they believed that the days of this monopoly, which had outraged the feelings of the thy of being called the chatt of the people for years, were numbered. This was two weeks ago ; now, look at the situation to-day. The citizen is just as sore against the old company as ever he was, and perhaps a little more so, ities to remove, so long as he is enabled but what a wonderful change has come over our city fathers. The men who at first would not even listen to a tender from the old company are now 'solid' for it, and if you believed but half of what they have to say in favor of it you would come to regard the directors of the old company as public benefactors-real live Canadian philanthropists. Will some of you kindly living than does Canada under its fired into acrowd of strikers, killing one explain this? I am told that a few days ago the betting was two hundred thousand dollars to twenty-seven aldermen that Williams would get the contract; now Williams is nowhere, and They are influenced, as a matter of gamblers stake their money on the old | course; by their surroundings to choose company against the field. Yet the helpmeets from their immediate assoold company is as bad to-day as ever it ciates, while the matrimonial market was ; it has a record second to none as in Canada is clogged through the fact law making the employment of Pinkerfar as evading the city by-laws is con- that while the ranks of marriageable tons unlawful. New York has placed cerned; it has a record of many years for disregarding the interests and wishes of the citizens, and it has been the most arrogant monopoly which the City Council has called into existence, yet in spite of all this it seems as though it would get a new lease of life. The alderman who votes for this company does not do so in the interests of the people, and I would like you to remember their names and send them to the right about when next they come up for re-election-each and every one of them should be 'fired,' no matter whether they be English, Irish or French. No matter what kind of tender the old company submits it should not be accepted, because it never yet has, and never will, live up to any agreement that it has made with the City Council." "This street railway business is something in which the people take a great deal more interest than our aldermen are aware of," said Brown, "and I, for one, believe that the surest way Farmers' Sun. of getting rid of the present Council is to say nothing about it now, but to let them go ahead monkeying with the tionists are welcome to make the most old company if they like, and deal of it. It is true, it is right, and it is with them later on. The amendments the doctrine which ought to prevail in to the city charter have given some of this republic. Republican protection them another year's grace, just about is a fraud through and through, and imlong enough to demonstrate to the poses upon the wage-earners of the people of Montreal that nothing was country the heaviest of the burdens gained by them in giving the old com- under which they stagger.-San Fran- Joseph Arch, champion of the agricul pany the contract, and if they don't go cisco Examiner.



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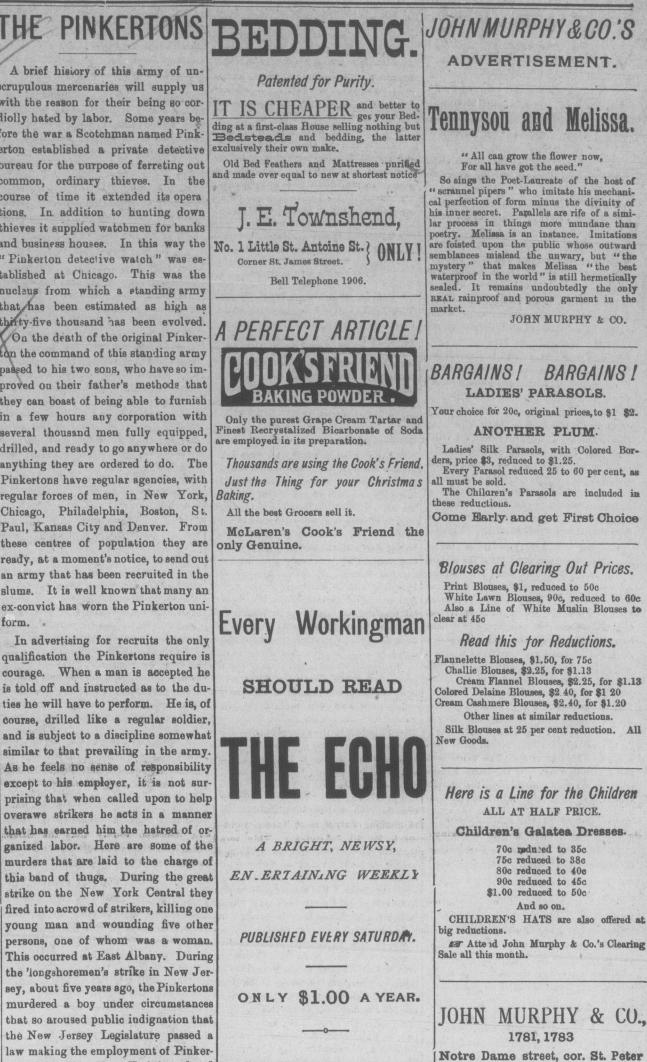
" CHAFF ?" by the policy of trade restriction were form. the flower of our population. They have done well, and they are less wor-

cured at the expense of his fellows, can see no evils to remedy, no inequalwell for men of the official class or the pampered few to belittle the exodus which has been stimulated by the trade restriction policy. But it is a serious matter for the average father and mother. They see their sons departing one by one to the country that provides wider opportunities for making a present management, while their daughters are left behind. In nine cases out of ten the young men settle down and marry in their new homes.

A brief history of this army of un-

with the reason for their being so cordiolly hated by labor. Some years before the war a Scotchman named Pinkerton established a private detective bureau for the purpose of ferreting out common, ordinary thieves. In the course of time it extended its opera tions. In addition to hunting down thieves it supplied watchmen for banks and business houses. In this way the "Pinkerton detective watch" was established at Chicago. This was the nucleus from which a standing army that has been estimated as high as thirty-five thousand has been evolved. On the death of the original Pinkerton the command of this standing army Col. Denison, in a recent address, passed to his two sons, who have so imsneered at the Canadians who have proved on their father's methods that been driven from Canada to the United they can boast of being able to furnish States in search of work as "the chaff," in a few hours any corporation with those remaining behind being "the several thousand men fully equipped, winnowed grain." As there is scarce- drilled, and ready to go anywhere or do ly a family in Canada which does not anything they are ordered to do. The have a member making a living in the Pinkertons have regular agencies, with adjoining country, including that of regular forces of men, in New York, Col. Denison himself, the sneer was Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. hardly seemly. It was certainly un- Paul, Kansas City and Denver. From deserved. Judging by our own expe- these centres of population they are rience in Western Ontario, it can safe- | ready, at a moment's notice, to send out ly be asserted that the young men who an army that has been recruited in the home and a living denied them here ex-convict has worn the Pinkerton uni-

In advertising for recruits the only qualification the Pinkertons require is courage. When a man is accepted he race than is the Canadian office holder | is told off and instructed as to the duwho, rejoicing in a good stipend, se- I ties he will have to perform. He is, of course, drilled like a regular soldier, and is subject to a discipline somewhat similar to that prevailing in the army. to enjoy his fat berth. It is all very As he feels no sense of responsibility except to his employer, it is not surprising that when called upon to help overawe strikers he acts in a manner that has earned him the hatred of organized labor. Here are some of the murders that are laid to the charge of this band of thugs. During the great strike on the New York Central they young man and wounding five other persons, one of whom was a woman. This occurred at East Albany. During the 'longshoremen's strike in New Jersey, about five years ago, the Pinkertons murdered a boy under circumstances that so aroused public indignation that the New Jersey Legislature passed a



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young men is decimated by emigration, a surplus of marriagaeble women is left behind. This is an aspect of the case that is being forced upon parents in every rank in the older provinces, and it is one worthy of more than a passing note by the public journalist. Col. Denison may contend that the

stalwart young Canadians who have left the Dominion, through no lack of love for their native land, are but the chaff, the refuse, of the population. If he will come down off his pedestal of superior virtue and superior lovalty long enough to make inquiry among the common people, he will find that far from regarding the hundreds of thousands of their expatriated fellowcountrymen as chaff they look upon their absence as a serious disadvantage to themselves and to their families as social side of this question is not the least important, as parents will have

If that is "free trade" the protec-

a similar law on its statute book. A law of the same character has been in force in Massachusetts since the first of July, which forbids the employment of any non-resident of the State to assist any corporation with arms in their hands.

We have called attention to only a few of the murders committed by the Pinkertons. We could easily swell that list. So numerous have these murders been that they at last attract the attention of Congress. Mr. Watson, of Alabama introduced a resolution calling for an inquiry into the workings and the methods of the Pinkertons.

With such a record as this behind them it is not surprising the Pinkertons are cordially hated by organized labor. Their employment during strikes is a well as to the whole Dominion. The direct incitement to violence. It is, therefore, high time the authority of the States be invoked to put them no hesitation in testifying .- Canada down. There is every probability that Pennsylvania will enact an anti-Pinkerton Law. Other States should not wait for a repetition of such scenes as occurred at Homestead before placing the brand of illegality on these organized thugs.-The Irish World.

> The latest election returns from Great Britain indicate that the Liberals are leading with a majority of nine. tural laborers, has been elected.

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