

matter of trade relations. In placing the British Columbia Board of Trade Hon. S. A. Fisher, as minister of agri- when Mr. Blair, minister of railways, culture in the Dominion, the govern- stated that the British Columbia Southment had for the first time in history ern, whose charter was subsequently obappointed a practical farmer to the position. The advantages of this was not monopoly of the coal lands along the road, only felt in the East, but the benefit and declaring that the Dominion governaccrued to British Columbia. Again it ment was going to insist on getting back was Sir Wilfrid Laurier who sent to the Crown some of this valuable prothe Canadian contingent to South Africa. During his administration, the country has been benefitted by the reduction of the postage, and it redounded to the credit of the party, the postal deficit being the smallest in the history of Can the only man who knows what a farmer ada. The Intercolonial railway has also been put on a paying basis, and not became minister of agriculture cattle exused as heretofore as a means to catch portations increased; better transportavotes. There had been an increase in the surpluses, and this showed that the and exportations of butter increased from proper men were at the head of 6.000.000 pounds in 1896 to 20,000.000 affairs. And something was very soon pounds in 1899. The same good showing to be done for British Columbia. Per- is also made in the shipments of cheese sonally he believed that something more and bacon, an improvement, which may than what has been done should be ex- not be due altogether to the better transpected from the Ottawa government, but portation facilities provided, but to the in this regard a striking comparison fact that the Imperial government is now could be drawn between the action of looking after Canada. In contrast to the Liberal government since it got into the previous record of deficits, there was power and of the Conservative govern- a big revenue every year, and on June In this connection he instanced how the D. G. S. Quadra had been built on the Clyde, whereas now two steamers and a dredger were about to be built at once in this province, where the entire money used in their construction is t) be expended. Still another matter which the Laurier government has done and a matter also consistent with Liberal principles, was the increase made in government employee wages.

In conclusion the speaker declared his field before Lord Roberts arrived independence in politics. If the Liberal to party went back on their promises, then speaker next dwelt briefly he would be found voting on the opposite the despicable fight which Sir Charles There was too much saloon poli- Tupper was setting up in Quebec, and side. tics, but he was glad to say that such closed with an appeal for the support of did not prevail in the Cedar Hill dis- the constituency. trict.

R. L. Drury, was the next speaker. said he felt as if under false colors. It was his first appearance in political Mr. Riley, the Liberal candidate, who life, but he was glad of the opportunity was not present, had been called away of meeting the electors of Cedar Hil'. He thought that all could not but rejoice in the changed conditions brought about by the Liberal party. At one time all Any government, he contended, that was discord, particularly over the Manitoba school question, which at one time, it would seem, was never going to be settled. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, had pledged himself to a settlement of the dispute within six months of the ber when the Conservatives were in time of taking office. This task the Liberal leader had accomplished, and the trast. question remains settled, although an touched on by those who spoke before effort was being made to stir it up again him, was what had been done in Quebec.

Mr. Drury then drew attention to the enormous increase in trade during the had increased enormously, and which for Liberal regime. In 1896 he remembered a time every effort was made to hamper having been in Ontario, and of having and divert into American channels. A seen on placards posted up here, there cry went up for an all-Canadian road, and everywhere, pointing to the ruin and this would have been secured had which would overtake the country if the our representatives done their duty Liberals got into power. Yet nothing dian route had been decided and to-morrow should be the greatest every one knew that the territory in Thanksgiving Day ever spent in the question was in itself of no value. The

tained by the C. P. R., had a complet perty. This, as seen, has been done, and the price of coal was afterwards reduced. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the first premier to select a farmer for the honorable position of minister of agriculture, and in the speaker's opinion wants is a farmer. Since Mr. Fisher tion and cold storage were provided for, last there was a large amount available

to reduce the debt of the country. Passing from this subject the speaker touched on the race prejudice that was being stirred up, and referred to the inconsistency of the Montreal Star, which at first praised Sir Wilfrid and then condemned him in the matter of sending troops to South Africa, because in the latter instance the men had not reached the Cape, as it considered, soon enough, Yet. Mr. Drury said, they were on the take command of them. The

On being called on, T. W. Paterson

What is the stuff of which dreams are made? The question runs through an arto Vancouver, and not being able to reticle that Mr. H. G. Hutchinson has in Longman's. Take the form of dream turn in time for the meeting had asked where you imagine you are falling over a the speaker to come and represent him. precipice or down the stairs. Mr. Hutchincould reduce the postal rate and place son says: "I find that the common account given of it is that it is caused by a form the post office department on a paying basis; that could make the Intercolonial of indigestion that causes pressure on the railway pay, and could reduce the tariff. heart, and consequent sending of blood was not a bad one for business men to to the brain with a jerk." support. (Applause.) All could remem-

But why this should make us imagine we are falling is still left unexplained, and power, and all could now see the conthe nearest to the mystery Mr. Hutchinson One matter that had not been can get is this: "What happens to us in the falling dream is, therefore, something that gives us the impression that we imag-Messrs. Earl and Prior. He referred ine we should experience in falling from

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first to the trade of the Yukon, which a height."

The Chilian ministerial crisis has been solved by the formation of a new cabinet, man they looked thoroughly fit and were as follows: Premier, Senor Elias Al- loudly cheered by the spectators. The bano; minister of foreign affairs, Senor band of the regiment specially saluted Mauel Salinas; minister of junstice, Sen- the commander-in-chief, and the manner in the matter. If an all-Canaor Emilio Godecidos; minister of finance, in which the leader performed this cereon war, Senor Ricardo Perze; minister of in- French troops followed, their formation, dustry, Senor Rafell Origo.

was presented as the carriage drove off along all the paths, this immense, quiet, to the German consulate, where Count ugly crowd wandered on, or waited pativon Waldersee took up his temporary ently at gateways. It was made up for residence.

the most part of women, and these wo-In order to permit Count von Walder men were all old, or looked old, and they see to ascertain the provision which had were all ugly, and all shapeless, dressed been made for the protection of Shanghai in a patchwork of bright colors, their by the leading powers, it was arranged skirts looped up about their red and that before his departure he should in wrinkled legs, bare to the knee, or above spect the regular troops forming the gar their osier shoes bound about with cords. rison and the volunteers. For some time They were shapeless and uncouth, with past the weather had been most unrelibodies that seemed as if they had never able, especially in the mornings, and it known even the animal joys of life; but was thought probable that what was to there was none of the dirt, disease, and be a historical spectacle in Shanghai violence of a French or Italian pilgrim- might be marred by the weather. For age, or Lourdes or Casalbordino. tunately, however, these fears proved They were clean and sturdy, and they groundless, as the morning broke bright passed slowly, leaning on their staves, or and clear. The camps were early astir, waiting two and two in long lines, to en- while the citizen soldiers were roused at

ter the church and kiss the relics, with a what was to most of them an unusually dogged patience, without noise or talk- early hour. Before seven o'clock the ing or laughter; with a fixed sense of duty trocps and volunteers began to assemble to be done, then of the need of rest, and at different rendezvous in the neighbor then of the long journey home They hood of the recreation ground, and at went in order into the large room by the half-past seven the Indian troops led the refectory, took their bread and salt, way to the poio ground, where the difwhich they ate in the refectory, and ferent regiments were drawn up in close then sat down, like great grown-up formation, the Germans being on the school children, at long wooden tables right, the French infantry next, then in the open air, where the monks served their mountain battery, the Bombay cavthem with bread and soup. Then they alry and the volunteers being in the flung themselves down on the ground centre, while the Indian troops were wherever they happened to find a little massed on the left. The large space of free space, and slept heavily. They lay the polo ground was completely filled by there with their heads on their bundles, the troops, and a magnificent spectacle themselves like big bundles of rags; some was afforded to the crowds of spectators of them lay in the graveyard, upon the who surrounded the ground, as the sun, graves and the turf, like a dead army, which began to be a little warm, was waiting to be buried. And in all this reflected from the glittering arms and God keep the ones who are left behind, there was no fervor, no excitement, a accoutrements of the troops. The Gerperfectly contained emotion, a dogged do- mans looked a trifle bizarre with their ing of something which they had set out looped-up straw hats, blue tunics, and to do. They had come from all parts of green khaki pants. The French were Of treacherous foes where'er they went Russia, walking all the way, and they entirely in blue, but a dash of color was had come simply to kiss the relics, and given by the Tonkinese gunners. The then to go home again, because it was their duty .- The Saturday Review.

volunteers were in khaki, as were also the Indian troops, but in the case of the latter the sombre khaki was relieved by the red turbans. Promptly at 8 o'clock Count von Wal-

dersee, accompanied by General Creagh and surrounded by a brilliant staff, rode on the parade ground, the German flag being borne in front. On his arrival the commander-in-chief was received by the general salute. Accompanied by the staff he rode along the ranks, the Germans greeting him with a hearty "Hoch." Immediately the inspecting officers had passed the troops left the polo grounds and marched to the recreation ground. Count von Waldersee and staff took up their position at the saluting flag in front of the pavilion and the volunteer bands were drawn up at the opposite side of the ground.

At a quarter-past eight the march past began, the Germans being first. The Germans are mostly tall and of fine physique, and as they marched past as one Senor Ramon Santelicess; minister of mony was particularly remarked. The however, being different. They also. can see that.

Natives Killed. tentatively as the sum to be paid the city A French gunboat, during a recent visit to partially re-imburse it for the removto Huan Ao, or Huanqasee, is said to of the fire hall now in the market bui have killed off a number of natives withing. out just cause. Some farmers who were The date of the payment of the fir carrying rakes, bamboos, scythes, etc., bonus, erroneously placed at 1901, was were just going to their daily work, when changed to 1902 they observed the French bluejackets Ald. Yates raised the question of t coming on shore. As a foreigner is a possibility of the road being prolonge very rare sight at Huan Ao, a small islto Barclay or Quatsino sounds, or and close to Namoa, the farmers, out of Hardy Bay, and of Victoria thus losin, sheer curiosity, rushed along to gaze and the benefits of being the terminus. Mr wonder at the Frenchmen, who, it seems, Bodwell consented to allow of the inser interpreted the move of the Chinese as tion of a clause which, in such an event an act of hostility, and without more ado would absolve the city from its obligafired at the crowd with the idea of distions under the compact. persing them. Those on board the gun-The charter was also amended to pe boat on seeing their men on shore firing on the Chinese, naturally thought them in danger and fired a shot from one of their guns at Huan Ao, with the result that several were killed. VICTORY AT LAST Hark! what are those mournful cries? 'Tis Kruger! see he wipes his tearful eyes. Defeated, crushed, his army there is laid. He weeps to think of the price that he has paid: Women weep for husbands, mothers for darling boys, Girls for dearest sweethearts that were their only joys. Think of those brave young soldiers who left old England's shore. answer to their country's call, ne'er to return any more, e once bright fireside now is dim, there this is our fervent prayer; Think of the trials and troubles they met

mit of amalgamation only with th Great Northern railway. THE DANCING OF SISTER CA'LINE. Frank L. Stanton. Br'er William play de fiddle-Sister Ca'line hoppin' light, En de room a-gwine 'roun' me, ez I swin her lef' an' right All up en down de hall; 'Swing co'ners!'' is de call-'Bless God, dat Sister Ca'line is dancin' er 'em all!" De flo' wuz des a-creakin' en de fros winders shake, En de ol' folks sorter fidget at de mi what we make: En betwix' 'em dar's a scuffle Fer ter dance de double shuffle, Sister Ca'line gwine 'roun' 'em wid d flounces en de ruffle. 'Sister Ca'line-Sister Ca'line, ain't dancin' mighty much? mighty 'fraid de preacher gwine ter tu you out de chu'ch!" But I tu'n en see de preacherlurking about the land. De sollum gospill teacher-A-swingin' Sister Ca'line ever' time dat Nobly they did their duty, nobly they died could reach her! to save The honor of old England, to find a here's 'Sister Ca'line-I is tired, en de fidd grave. tired, too! 'Tis men like these we are proud of, men Can't you stop untell de preacher take of the Saxon race, marry me en you?" Who never think of danger when met face But de preacher kick de stubble to face; F'um his shoes, en swing 'em doubl So let the world take warning before they 'I ain't gwine marry any folks-dis ain tread on the lion's tail, no time fer trouble! That Britain is a mighty power, her cour age never fails. But w'en we gwine home'ards-'bout breakin' er de day-And yet another laurel has been added to see de preacher huggin' Sister Ca'line our crown, de way! Bought dearly by the priceless blood En hit sho' did take my brefthose who were stricken down; Des lay me on de she'f, Such deeds of valor ne'er were seen in all When he 'low: "She hop so lively, I'll our triumphs past, marry her myse'f!" The bravest of the brave fought side by side until the last. SCORE ONE FOR THE PREFERENCE We mourn the loss of those brave sons Stratford Beacon.

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who gave their lives to gain Gilbert Parker, the Canadian novelis comparative stranger in England, defe Victory at last, but at what a cost, far ed Alfred Harmsworth, the mil across the main. proprietor of the London Daily Mail, J. C. ELLIOTT. R.M.L.I. the Gravesend election yesterday. HUGH JOHN'S PATBIOTISM. yet the Tories say that the British ference has done nothing for Canadia Montreal Herald. Since most agricultural implements come It has done a good deal for Gilbert Park from the States, Hugh John's plan of admitting them free is part of the Tupper

Queen Wilhelmina has proclaimed betrothal to Duke Henry of Meck plan for building up the Empire. Anyone burg-Schwerin.