SEALS BREED

statements Generally by Victoria Sealing Men.

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of more than ordinary ist now being carried on sor H. W. Elliott, of the titute, and Judge James t Townsend, regarding the sals. The former asserts ng grounds of the seal are f Islands, and there alone, to prevent the extermineals the closing of Beh eals the closing of Beh-omes a necessity. In re-n, who is a reliable auth-and marine life, all along which he has made a close the truth of the state that the fur seals breed ast, and the United States reason quoted, declar mare clausum. sion has a very material

he Behring's Sea question, has been paid to it by the who are un men, orating the assertions e Swan. That gentleman toria friend, stating that, ty, a special congressional shortly visit Port Towns ia to investigate the trut ts contained in his letters He concludes his letter in ntences: "I have at last roused, and we will beat a ause them to wake up to ng that has been ests and the general pub-ain a monopoly. I contend is as free as the air, and herican nor any other gov ny more right to legislate n the ocean than th

e interest felt in the matsealers, the opinion of a mber is worthy of being

Varren, president of the ion, says: "I haven't the but what the judge is quite ear was the first that I uiry into the question of ace of the seals; I found ace of the seals; I found the season all along the uth as the Queen Charlotte I saw many young seal ad with their mothers, in e seals must breed either shore. They could never vn 1,400 miles from the We call a good many of kelpers." from their themselves out on the where I've often seen ory that a new-born seal ne, has been exploded we myself cut a young seal or and tossed it into a tub it swam like a veteran. Fre for a pet for ten days, we brought it home if we h food on board to supply swam like a veteran.

Cox, another prominent at he, too, has he coast, and particularly p beds off the Queen Char It was a known fact, how -born baby seals were fre d ashore in the surf at Capa

another Victoria sealing hatically that the seals d p beds off Queen Char he speaks from personal t theoretical knowledge. m Cox, of the Sapphire, he statement that the seals the coast. He, too, has out of the mother seal, a month before it would Even then, the little ossed over the side, swam Off Queen Charlotte Ishe caught two pups, ar, he caught two h their mother, They swam kept as pets on the schoon

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ment is likely to be made. The Govern- many advantages of education have few would understand them, and those States territory in Behring's Sea it will otherwise, and could lead pleasant and The Colonist. CINC WOITIER:FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1891.DISSOLVED.DISSOLVED.Dissolution contained in our
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prisoner guilty of murder, but unpre- well and carefully maintained system of this opinion, and that this is why they tor preparation. But, as the surprise is as great to the Conservatives as to the difference were as the differ premeditation was not murder at all. It work of a good education. He can see Court of the United States. Why any premeditation was not murder at all. It work of a good education. He can see Court of the United States. Why any toris, to a considerable amount, having is the intention, or the thinking, or the that the Government takes care that the American citizen should object to such just been taken up by local capitalis a meditating that is done beforehand that teachers are well qualified, and that they is reference of this important case amply testifies to the confidence which a unfair advantage has been taken of he is reported to have said:

to be attributed to other causes. which is, as far as we can make out, that

Whelan did not intend to kill any one; We see that the Times harps upon a that he did not know that the gun was string that might be expected by this loaded, or that he put the slug or buck- time to be completely worn out. It shot in the cartridge merely for fun.

To discuss that question intelligently would require a careful analysis of the evidence. Were the jury competent to do this? We are not prepared to answer that question, but it was very evident that they were not qualified to express the conclusions at which they did arrive

SHIVERING IN THEIR SHORS . We see that the Toronto Globe, in an-

ticipation of an early dissolution of Par-liament, complains of a "anap" appeal to the people and of the unfairness of tak-time and again to adduce even one the distort of the point of ing the country by surprise. There is very little sense in this complaint. The Liberals have been for joirs advocating do so. As the system is a public one, to that and perhaps a greater extent. commercial union and unrestricted recip- supported almost wholly by the Govern. There are other consequences involved in rocity. They have denounced the trade ment, those entrusted with its superin- this scheme of unrestricted reciprocity

policy of the Government in the strong-tendence are necessarily Government offi-est terms possible. They have declared cials. If these officials, by performing and make allowance for. The admission that it was, oppressive, and that the their duties efficiently and faithfully, as of American goods, free of duty, will no people had become restive under the gal-they do, and by attending to the wants of doubt kill a number of Canadian manuling yoke of the protectionists. They emphatically asserted that if the electors fidence of the people in the Administraemphatically asserted that if the electors were appealed to they would gladly seize the opportunity to become free. Mr. Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. L. H. Davies, Mr. Charlton and other lead-ing lights of the Liberal Party have been ing lights of the Liberal Party have been preaching the doctrine of unrestricted reciprocity in all the eastern provinces. The Liberals have sent an ambassador to Washington, to further their interests there, and they have had an active and energetic resident representative in energetic resident representative in they form a part. It is pretty nearly now flourishing. Unrestricted Recipro-

while their opponents have been com-WELL BEGUN.

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THE PRICE. The question of direct taxation is now being discussed in the East. A Liberal writer makes a calculation in which he We see that the Times, sarps upon a string that might be expected by this time to be completely worn out. It says:— "The percentages of scholarship, de-ducted from sound data, will never be made public property as long as the man-ag ment of public schools is identified with political ambition." The suggestion that the schools of this province are subjected to influences that are "political" in the improper sense of the term is wholly unwarranted. Not a single fact has yet been adduced to show that the schools or the teachers are used to advance the intervests of any politician or any party in a way that malignity itealf could intervent as improper. The

icipation of an early dissolution of Par- or any party in a way that malignity States ? We think that they will not.

prices. Butchers' meats are getting scarcer, and In consequence are selling a triffe higher. As yet there are plenty of cattle available but almost all the mutton has to come from across the Sound. Fish are very scarce, still there is no

Alteration in prices. Coal, lumber and hard wood are steady and in demand, prices showing no change

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prehend the reasoning of the judge, even when they have no prejudice against him. Under our system, in cases of the utmost importance, one obstinate blockhead, who cannot or will not reason, can render nugatory the sound decision of eleven sensible men. The verdicts given in by the jury in the case of Whelan show the necessity of men liable to be called to act as jurymen having some preparatory train-WELL BEGUN. The decision of the Supreme Court of have named part of that piece. When it have named part of that piece will be the second part of the second part of that piece will be the second part of that piece will be the second part of the second part of that piece will be the second p ers, per lb.....

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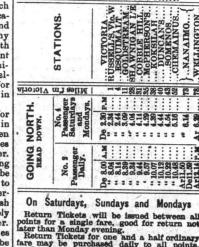
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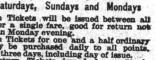
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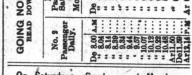
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game of Unrestricted R-ciprocity. The Montreal Gazette puts this absurdity of making reciprocity the issue in Canada alone in a very strong light. It says : fully weighing the words they used, and that they had but little practice in rea-"The truth is, the notion so sedulously cultivated by the Liberal press, that the battle for reciprocity of trade is to be fought out in Canada is palpably absurd. One would imagine, indeed, to read such journals as the Toronto Globe, that the Amarian Concernent steed in the atti

therals, the Opposition cannot say that seventh of last month. Speaking of the

The country will have to wait a little longer before it is known exactly what ground the Government intend to take. As the trade delegates will not meet in Wash-ington until after the election, there will be no room to mistake the feeling of the country with respect to reciprocity. The

"Their organs have declared that the

quarters is not worth stealing and we will have none of it. The policy we intro-duced in 1878 we are going to stand by,

but while we are going to stand by our national policy. I might say that in the

past every measure of reciprocal trade we have got from our neighbors has been

got by the Conservatives. I believe there

s room for extending our trade on a fain

hasis that there are things in which we

can enlarge bounds without, in any way, infringing on the national policy." It will be seen from this that a fiscal

revolution is not contemplated. The

National Policy is not to be shandoned

What the Premier means by extending

trade on a fair basis will, no doubt, be

seen when the Government publishes its

TRAINING REQUIRED.

It is a pity that there is no way of giv-

ing our young men some instruction as to

their duties as jurymen. Almost every

intelligent man has some time or other

to act as a juryman in either civil or

pends upon jnrymen being able to do

their duty intelligently. But they are

called upon to decide upon matters of, at

times, great importance with but very

indistinct notions of what they are re-

quired to do, and without any training at

all. How many jurymen could give an

intelligent answer to the question,

how many have had any practice in form-

ing a conclusion from a mass of conflict-

ing and not very clear testimony? Yet

it is necessary that a juryman should

have clear ideas as to what is and what is

not evidence, and that he should be able to sift and to weigh testimony.

We cheerfully admit that the instruc-

tion given by judges is at times so clear

that it would appear almost impossible to

make a mistake as to what testimony

bears upon the case and what does not;

and we know that there are shrewd, sen-

sible jurors, who, though they have had

very little intellectual training, arrive at

sound conclusions. But it requires more

power of thought and more intelligence

than many jurors possess to com-prehend the reasoning of the judge, even when they have no

as jurymen having some preparatory train-

"What constitutes evidence ?"

criminal cases. A very great deal de- in plain English.

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The country will have to wait a little longer

country with respect to reciprocity. The

mestion will be fully discussed at the

nolls, and the result of the election will

now very closely what the wishes of the

The Opposition, at any rate, will have

to cause to complain. The battle will be

ought on ground of their own choosing.

reciprocity for about three years,

They have been discussing the question

and if the country has not been educated

up to their views, it is not because they

have not been allowed opportunity

enough to disseminate them. If any one

has a right to complain of the suddenness

of the election and the shortness of the

notice it is the Conservatives. They have

not been accustomed to look upon recip-

rocity as a live issue, and they have,

therefore, not studied it very closely,

They will, however, be ready for the fight,

and will show an unbroken front to their

pponents. There can be but little doubt as

to the result of the contest, but it will

not do to be over-confident. Nothing

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should be lost for want of strenuous ef-

THE ISSUE.

It is evident that the issue at the

coming general election will be some

form of reciprocity with the United

States. The Opposition have made un-

restricted reciprocity the one plank of

their platform, and some of them accuse

Sir John Macdonald of having stolen

their thunder. This does not appear to

be at all probable. The precise stand

which the Government has taken on the

trade question .has not yet been made

public. What we do know is that the

Government have requested the Imperial

authorities to propose a joint commission

to consider the whole question of the

trade relations between Canada and the

United States with a view to arrive at a

basis for fiscal negotiations. This is a

business-like way of approaching the

trade question. When the Commission-

ers arrive at a decision the two countries

will have something tangible and definite

to consider. Their agitation will not be

like that of the Liberals which is without

any basis at sll. They advocate unre-

stricted reciprocity without know-

ing whether the Americans are in

favor of that form of reciprocity or not. They remind us of the old gentleman

who spent his time playing "All fours"

without a partner. It made no difference to him whether he won or lost. It is

surprising to see how absorbed the Liberal party is in this solitary one-handed

people are with regard to it.

American Government stood in the atti-ude of suppliants begging Canada to accept a measure of closer commercial inter-course, or that Congress had enacted a law having this object in view, which the Dominion ministers steadily rejected, whereas the exact opposite is the fact." intent to do bodily harm, but without

premeditation " It must be clear to every thinking man strength of his forces. We, therefore, It is very evident that the man who It is very evident that the man who drew up this verdict was not of the odds he has given the Liberals. But for that, before two individuals or two nations can make a bargain of any kind, opinion that brevity is the soul of wit. them, occupying so favorable a position they must both consider the prelimin-He ought to have known that all that aries, and must both agree upon some and after such long preparation, to comwas required of the jury was to decide plain of being taken by surprise, is abpoint to start from. It would be very whether the prisoner was or was not guilty of the crime of which he was acridiculous if one of the contracting parsurd. Their reluctance to begin the conguilty of the crime of which he was ac-cused. The finding of the jury would that they have no confidence in the goodties, in his own office, "all alone by him-self," did the whole business, and, when have been expressed in three words. that they have no connection in their own he had finished it to his own satisfaction

tell the other contracting party what he slaughter," or "not guilty," was all they had done. Such freshness as this would were required to say. As it was, the tickle Brother Jonathan, and he would." majority of the jurymen in their admira-

"Guilty of murder," "guilty of manstrength. A CAPTIOUS CRITIC.

fully weighing the words they used, and fully weighing the words they used, and that they had but little practice in rea-soung from the facts submitted to them. The first verdict was as follows: We, your jurors, empanelled on our oaths, say as follows: That the prisoner at the bar, who stands indicted by the name of Lawrence Whelan, on the night of the 24th of December, A. D. 1890, caused the death of David F. Fee, jr., by discharging into his body a gunshot, with intent to do bodily harm, but without

field, and he is well able to estimate the also to let the legislators know what is vince were to form a company to take up large tracts of land, dividing them into farms of from 100 to 200 acres, and clearlaw, and, if it pronounces any of their

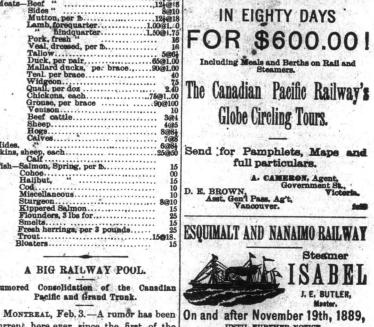
work unconstitutional, it is as if it were never done. The politicians may be in-dignant and disappointed, but its decision stands, no matter how they feel, or what they say. This was the ground of our confidence they say. work unconstitutional, it is as if it were

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in the supreme Court. The question it the interval of land could be reserved in A portion of land could be reserved in each tract for a townsite, in which the second tract for a townsite, in which the later would steadily increase in value. the judgments of the Alaskan District the judgments of the Alaskan District Court. If it came to the decision that it with sufficient capital, could clear the possesses that power, there is no author-ity in the United States that can prevent

tickle Brother Jonathan, and he would, with a grin, tell his neighbor that "it takes two to make a bargain." It is on this simple, common sense principle that the Dominion Government have determined to act. It has conclud-ed that it is desirable to make a laterations it is desirable to make a laterations setween the two countries, and it has proposed that repre-sentatives from them both shall meet to consider what those alterations are going would see in a moment that. it implied

sentives from them both shall meet to consider what those alterations are going to be. It is hkely that Sir Charles Tup per will represent Canada on "that com-mission. He is one of the ablest men in the Dominon, and there is no fear of his making any foolish concessions or of sace this ing the interests of Canada in any way or for any purpose. It would be foolish just now to make My surmises as to what arrange



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