

RAISING THE SUNKEN STEAMER ARMSTRONG. AT BROCKVILLE, ONT.

## A FRENCH MISSION IN TIBET.

At the last meeting of the Paris Geographical Society, Abbé Desgodins read a paper upon his mission in Tibet, from which country upon his mission in Tibet, from which country he has returned, after a residence of 34 years, in order to publish a grand dictionary of French-English-Tibet Latin, upon which he and his fellow missionaries have been at work during the whole of that period. After de-scribing the countries which he had travelled through on the western frontier of Tibet, Abbé Desgodins went on to speak of Tibet itself, the plateau of which are vast solitudes, for although there is an abundance of such animals as vaks, horses, and sheep, the popuanimals as yaks, horses, and sheep, the popu-lation is very sparse. But although the few inhabitants who are to be met with encamped beneath black tents lead a very hard life, they are the finest type of men in Tibet, nearly the whole of which, according to Abbé Desgodins, is covered by these plateaux. From them, Abbé Desgodins and his caravan travelled in a north-west direction, and went down to the banks of the Var-Ktu-Tsang-Po, which is the principal river of Tibet, and Abbé Desgodins mentioned incidentally in his lecture that it is a mistake to suppose that the Dalaï Lama enjoys supremacy over the Northern Buddhists. Far supremacy over the Northern Buddhists. Far from being their pope, as is generally sup-posed in Europe, he is merely the chief of the sect of yellow lamas, the others not recognizing his spiritual authority. Abbé Desgodins described at some length the province of Eu and its capital, Lhassa, which is also the capital of the whole kingdom, having a civil population of 15,000, consisting of Chinese, natives of Nepaul, Kashmir, and Mongolians, while the ecclesiastical population consists of while the ecclesiastical population consists of 22,000 monks, distributed over several large and small monastries. The Tibetan central Government is to all intents and purposes Chinese, being subject to three Chinese am-bassadors, assisted by seven civilian mandarins and an army of occupation numbering 4,000 men, stationed throughout the whole country from China to the frontiers of Nepaul. Abbe Desgodins completed his lecture by a description of the eastern province of the Khan, the hydrographic and geological system of which differs entirely from the Himalayan system.

HUMOUROUS.

"George," she said, after she had promised to be his wife, "please don't announce our engagement until next week." "Why not, darling?" he asked, tenderly. "Because •• Because I'm going to the theatre with Henry on Friday night.

A LITTLE HOME CHAT. -- Papa : How are you progressing in your language lessons, Ethel? Ethel: Oh, I have learned to say "Thank you" and "If you please" in French. Tommy : That's more than you ever learned in English.

WHEN Mrs. Duhlbrane read that "Dr. Holmes is now writing 'Over the Tea-Cups,'" she wiped her glasses and said : "Why in the world doesn't the servant remove the teacups and other dishes and let the doctor have free use of the table?"

A SWEET little pair of twins-a boy and a girl -were about to be punished recently for some wrong, and presented themselves to their mother. The boy, who had been trained in gentlemanly conduct, spoiled the whole matter by saying, "Ladies first."

UNIQUE IN HISTORY .-- "Maria, it makes me awfully nervous to see you put pins in your mouth!" said Mr. Mumble, as he looked over to where his wife was sewing. But she could not answer without danger of choking. There was no last word. Mumble had broken the record.

AT THE LIBRARY .-- Lady : I'm getting AT THE LIBRARY.—Lauy. In getting tired of modern fiction; can you recommend me a good exciting standard work? Lib-rarian: Have you read "The Last Days of Pompeii"? Lady: No, I believe not. Can Pompeii"? Lady: No, I believe not. Can you tell me what he died of? Librarian: Eruption, I believe.

EDUCATIONAL ITEM.—Uncle Mose: How are you coming on at school, 'Rastus? 'Ras-tus: Mighty porely. De teacher most pounded de life outen me. Uncle Mose: Whuffer? 'Rastus: He asked me how many teef a man had, and I tole him "a hull mouf full," and then he climbed right on top ob me.

MRS. NEWCOME: Mary, tell the cook to hurry up with those eggs. She has had time

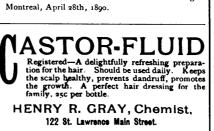
to cook them, surely. Mary: Please, ma'am, cook says she don't know when they've been in three minutes. Mrs. Newcome: Why, haven't you a clock in the kitchen? Mary: Yes, ma'am; but cook says as it's fifteen minutes too slow.

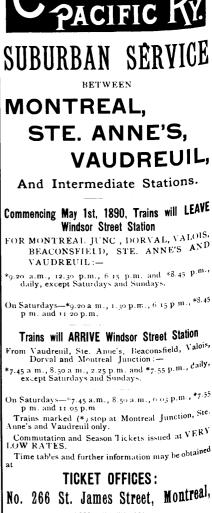
SHE WAS ENGAGED ON THE SPOT.—" Are you careful in the kitchen—and with the dishes?" "I am, ma'am. It was thro' my care I lost my last place." "That was strange." "It was, ma'am, but you see my master was in the china delf business, and he caid if all servents were as careful as I was his said if all servants were as careful as I was his trade would be ruined. So he sent me off.



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AND STATIONS.



All even numbered sections, excepting 8 and 26, are sen for homestead and pre-emption entry.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the home steader desires, he may, on application to the Miniser of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Domi-nion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some near the local office to make the entry for him.

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than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry. 2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a hair table house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crof the second year, and 25 acres the third year. 3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two vears, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeit of if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years. APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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APPLICATION FOR PATENT may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medecine Hai-or Qu'Appelle Station. Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent. Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Ap-pelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immi-grants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. A SECOND HOMESTEAD

in securing lands to suit them. A SECOND HOMESTEAD may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, counterside by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon applica-tion for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887. All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Consti-should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commis-of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. M. Smith, Commis-sioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba A M BURGESS, jor. A. M. BURGESS, Deputy Minister of the Interior

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