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A lady residing in a quiet village in Suffolk used to take an interest in a very aged couple who were spinning out the last thread of life in 'Darby and Joan' fashion, seated on either side of the fireplace. She often paid them a visit to cheer them up. The old man had been ailing, and at last a day came when the visiter found only one chair occupied. Darby was not in his usual place. "Where is your husband?"

"Well, mum, he be gone at last."

"Oh, I'm sorry. That is very sad for you," said the lady, seeking to find some words of consolation. "Yes, mum, it be sad," replied the old woman, "but then, you see, he were fearfully in the way of the oven." FUNERAL DIRECTORS

IN ANNUAL SESSION Annual Meeting of the Maritime Funeral Directors Held at Sus-

sex This Morning.

Sussex, Sept. 1—(Special).—The executive of the Maritime Funeral Directors' ssociation met at the home of F. W. Wallace last evening. All members were present, and arranged a programme for their annual meeting, which opened at 8 o'clock this morning. About thirty delegates have arrived from different parts of the Maritime Provinces and a few from the United States, and about as many more are expected on the noon

many more are expected on the hoon trains.

Mrs. Lena L. Simmons, of Syracuse, N. Y., is here, and will deliver a series of lectures during the meet. The morning session consisted of a business meeting of the association. This afternoon Mrs. Simmons will deliver her first lecture. In the evening a public meeting will be held at 8 o'clock, when Mayor Mills will read an address of welcome to the delegates. A musical programme is being arranged for this meeting.

THOSE STREET SIGNS

St. John, N. B., August 31.

Editor Times:
Sir,—Being out of town, I had not the pleasure, until today, of reading the Christie Company's letter published in your paper in regard to the street signs. They asked several questions based on ridiculous suspicions, for which there is not the least foundation—a suspicion of the aldermen, based perhaps on their knowledge of those they are best acquainted with. The Christie Company say:—"We are ready for an investigation—are Vincent and Charlton?" That is exactly what we want, and possibly the Christie Company will then explain what they meant, Wednesday morning, by their threats of what they would in regard to us getting the contract. That afternoon, when I telephoned them and asked if they would let the matter drop, as now they had time to cool down and think the matter over, and I would explain how I obtained the information they complain about, and prove that there was no crooked work on the part of the committee, or any other person, their answer was, "You need not feel disappointed if you lose the job through it," and the next day Alderman Christie forced through the committee a tender that had no right to be there, which carried ou the threat made by the Christie Company, of which Ald. Christie is president.

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WILLIAM VINCENT.

"But you must concede that women are the intellectual equals of men," said the suffragette.

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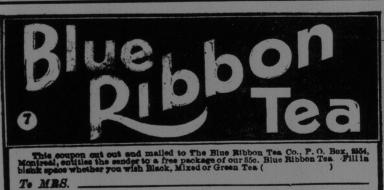
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A BOARD OF CONTROL

trollers have done good work and have established public confidence in the use-

the Board is vested by law and the centralization of responsibility. Under the the Federal campaign." old system the finance committee could gear when money was particularly plentitul, for the finance committee to keep
the mouth of the civic purse closed. Then system the four controllers and the mayor that it will not in the end involve any have a two-thirds' veto power to fall back loss of revenue." on. If they have three aldermen with them in any vote, and it is on rare occa-

it has done well. An important power it of the state of the finances.

## A GLOOMY PROSPECT

The Times quoted yesterday a cable of protecting home industries than by from Glasgow, setting forth the sad state putting on a cattle embargo." of the unemployed, and the gloomy out-

brought about increased distress not only exhibition in London but throughout the country generally. From enquiries made by a Switzerland NOW HAS too evident that prospects for the coming winter are gloomy.

for the fact that the South American trade is pretty good at present I hardly know where the men would find work; out, unfortunately, there is nothing permanent. The colonial trade, and partiliving partially up to my contract."

mproving slightly, but we fear that it is Franco-British Exhibition. The outlook is very black. At the present moment which, however, is the 'slack' season, there is a big surplus of men; but, when the season really begins, in September, there will be far more men than work can be found for. I am afraid there will

the shipping trade, he said, was probably Already a very large number of ly hard life, earns good wages, and is conthen his own trade is slack. There can be no doubt, however, that many of them will have to turn to something else this year unless things alter materially. As to the neighborhood of the docks has an to socialism; but one and all ask for an

fulness of the system; and that "while campaigning in Vancouver, B. C. A desthere are still four months of the civic patch from that city says: "Joseph Martin, K.C., has arrived at Seattle on his the Board of Control idea has made way home fom England. He says he will fact that the World newspaper has not the Board will be able to wind up the year without a deficit, and points out that its members have control in this matter, but remarks that even should there be a small deficit, the public should be chary about adverse criticism of this, the first year of the Board's operation. Of the system of control the Journal says: "The secrets of the success which has to far attended the Board's work lie in the two-thirds' veto power with which the Board is vested by the conservation of the success which has didate. Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, has declined to run in the Conservation of the Board is vested by the conservation of the conservati

mprovement in trade generally."

The Toronto World says:-"In a recent cil, and as committee were always com-bining to add to their spending opportunities, it was seldom possible, except in a The Chicago Daily Tribune, which did not at the end of the year when there was a that the railroads are willing to continue deficit, there was no one in particular to under the law shows that with the expe lay the responsibility on. Under the new rience already gained they are justified

The Liberals in New Brunswick hav sions that they have not, it is impossible to override their wishes. In a question of any public import, where the Board of Control have the right end of the issue, an adverse vote is almost an impossibility. an adverse vote is almost an impossibility.

And as the responsibility rests so directly on the Board of Control its members are naturally careful what they propose."

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possesses is a very direct control over officials, which enables it to prevent over tawa Citizen, "has decided that henceforth drafts clamored for by aldermen who articles patented in that country must be want work done in their wards, regardless manufactured there within one year. As a result there is quite an influx of hitherto foreign industries into Great Britain. School Books There are more ways of killing a cat than electrocuting it, and there are more ways

look for the coming winter. From Lon- The Exhibition which is so soon to don comes a similar tale, told in the fol- open in this city promises to be the most interesting ever held here. If the weather "There is little doubt that unemploy- proves tavorable there should be a record ment in London will be even greater in attendance. Important changes have been the coming months than it was last year. made on the grounds, and the general The Government Whitepaper, issued on effect will be very attractive. In all dethe subject, for the year ended March 31. partments there will be new and interest-stated that industrial depression had in features, making up a really splendid

COLLEGE FOR WAITERS "In the dock district of London this unpleasant state of affairs is well recognized. The clergy recognize it, perhaps, better than anybody else, for they go into the homes and see there the worst effects of the poverty caused by 'trade slackness.' The officials in the various labor bureaus recognize it for they have a constant stream of applicants. And the dwellers in these mean streets recognize it most thoroughly of all. The shipping trade is the mainstay of the greater proportion of the workers of Canning Town and West Ham and the eastern corner of London generally, and at the present moment there is a depression in shipping which, if nothing unforseen occurs, will continue for some time. A high official of the Shipping Federation's labor on Lake Geneva, and is literally a school of the shipping Federation's labor.

Interlaken, Switzerland, Sept. 1.—Swiss hotel keepers who represent the national industry of the land of thrift and mountains have outclassed all Europe in preparation for the climbing tourist, social or other, by starting a college for waiters.

The curriculum, which includes fluency in four languages—French, German, Italian and English—also provides for a proficiency in dancing, to insure the swaying grace necessary to bear a pyramid of dishess across a highly polished floor without mishap. This likewise conveys a dexterity of gesture in presenting the game and salad in the same breath to the admiring guest, and—the sine qua non of the Continental servitor—it gives him an easy bearing in the dress suit which he must assume at daybreak and wear throughout the three meals. Eight hundred proprietors of dispensaries of food and comfort are behind the Ecole des Hoteliers. It is stituated near the old town of Lausanne, on Lake Geneva, and is literally a school "In the dock district of London this Interlaken, Switzerland, Sept. 1.—Swiss will continue for some time. A high official of the Shipping Federation's labor bureau, discussing the matter with one of our representatives, said:

""Shipping is as bad as it can be nor is there any possibility of it improving yet, so far as we can see. Were it not for the fact that the South American

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