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THE EMPRESSES.

government is at work securing evi-To the Canadian Pacific steamship line Canada pays an annual subsidy of for his theft it has entered an action for \$125,000, in return for which its owners the recovery of the money." give as little as possible. All outlay in the way of repairs, wages, provision-Louis" is decidedly rich in view of the aning, etc., is made on the other side of the Pacific except the very small percentage which necessity compels on this side. Out of a staff of 300 employed on each of the Empresses only 25 are white. the remainder being Chinese, who are paid at rates ranging from \$14 to \$30 per month (Mexican). The engine room has 72 Chinese out of a staff of 84, the deck hands, cooks, waiters, etc., are Orientals. little doubt that the government had no Practically all provisions, even to flour, sincere wish to make nim suffer. are said to be purchased in Hong Kong. The repairs, scraping, cleaning und painting are all done in Hong Kong by ing to a return brought down in Parlia-Chinese, and of course the vessels are ment, the Dominion government last docked there when that operation is necessary. In fine, no outlay for labor, the United States. A portion of the imports were a class of goods which are equipment or provisioning is made on the Canadian side if it can be deferred made in Canada. The government imuntil the vessel crosses the ocean. perts them duty free. This is a dis-There is another point. Each of the crimination against Canadian manuthree Empresses is at the command of facturers, and a violation of the princithe Imperial government, as a condition ple of the National Policy. If the Naof receiving an Imperial subsidy, to be tional Policy is good for anything, it is turned into an armed cruiser in the a particularly good policy for the govevent of war. How nearly ready would ernment itself to observe. Last year she be for such use, manned almost en- the government sent to Belgium for a newspapers attach much importance 10 tirely by Chinese? There is no prospect at large quantity of cement of no better the fact that the insurgent leader present for the vessels being needed in brand than is made in Canada. By this capacity, and we all hope no such importing the cement duty free, the govemergency will arise, but it is a nice ernment probably got it cheaper than question how far the absence of threat- the Canadian cement. But if that sort ening conditions justify the methods fol- of cheapness is a good thing for the lowed. Of course that is a question for government, is it not equally desirable the Imperial authorities to consider. for private contractors in this country?" Canadians, on the other hand, have some The Journal probably knows that this right to ask why a line they subsidize so is not the only instance of the governheavily is made to give as little as pos- ment preaching one way and practising sible in the way of return. another.

AN ENGLISH VIEW.

sit as a commission on the blue ruin While recently reviewing a couple census, the blue ruin expenditure, the of volumes descriptive of Canadian reblue ruin policy and other choice prosources the London Spectator concluded ducts of the Tory government the Bowwith the following advice to Canad- ell and Foster combination would exians :-- "They want to see their North- perience a very sudden colapse. est territories fill up quickly with cap able citizens, and to secure this end they give grants of land on easy terms. If they are wise they will do yet one thing more-abandon protection and as far as possible adopt free trade. If they do, and if the American farmers can be made to see that they cannot took place on Saturday. It was consideronly get good land cheap in Canada, ed advisable to reduce the price of gas but that when they are there they can from \$3 to \$2.50 per thousand. In view buy machinery, clothes and household of the heavy expenditure occasioned by stuffs 30 per cent cheaper than in the the extension of the works it was decided States, they will soon flock into the not to declare any dividend. Dominion. The Canadians have a splendid opportunity for filling up a pertion of their country during the next quarter of a century. If only they will adopt free trade they will not take a often innocent men have narrowly escappartial, but a full advantage of that opportunity. Under free trade Canada would become a framer's paradise. But Yuen's stock on Saturday at the old that, we take it, is what in their hearts the Canadians want to become. When it has become the farmer's paradise, manufacturers will come of themselves, and come to stay."

quoted, namely, the Curran bridge af-TO-DAY'S CABLE DISPATCHES fair, the Caron scandal and the liberation of Thomas McGreevy. Concerning

Russia Intriguing in Corea-Dethe first he said it was a clear case of mands the Recall of Japanese Troops.

dence, and besides punishing St. Louis | Rosebery Receives an Influential Armenian Delegation-Wilde's Trial.

London, May 23 .- The Old Bailey was again crowded to-day when the trial of Altar of Heaven, where the military esnouncement from Montreal that Judge Oscar Wilde was resumed. Wilde enter-Desnoyers has dismissed the charges ed the court looking as haggard as usual against St. Louis, taking occasion in and stood for some time at the foot of loing so to condemn in severe terms the jury box conversing with the Rev. the methods used by the government in Stewart Headlam, the clergyman who is executing the work. Mr. St. Louis, it one of his bondsmen and is standing by him in his trouble. They were joined will be remembered, deposed that he later on by Lord Douglas of Hawick, spent his ill-gotten profits for the benetit whose eye is still discolored as a result of the Conservative party, and there is of his encounter with his father, Marquis of Queensberry, in Piccadilly on Tuesday afternoon, for which both were bound over yesterday in £500 bail to keep the peace. The Marquis of Queens-The Ottawa Journal says:-"Accordberry was also in court, looking jaunty and confident. He watched Wilde stead ily and paid great attention to the evidence. Wilde, it was noticed, carefully year imported \$103,014 of goods from avoided returning the gaze of the Marquis, Wilde, Lord Douglas and the Rev. Stewart Headlam remained in earnest conversation until the judge took his seat and then they carefully listened to all the testimony furnished, evidently regarding every word uttered as studiously as the counsel on both sides. When the case re-opened the evidence furnished at the previous trial was repeated in detail and no new points of any importance are being made. A Madrid dispatch says the Spanish

Jose Martia, who is described as the life and soul of the rebellion, is dead, and that several other leaders of the Cuban insurgents were also killed in the rencontre with a regiment of the Spanish forces

A dispatch from Copenhagen states that the governor of Santa Cruz, the largest of the Virginia islands. West Indies, which forms with St. Thomas and St. John a Danish colony, cables that all is quiet there and nothing is known of reported insurrection on the island of

St. Thomas. It is stated at St. Petersburg that the Russian government have declined to agree to the military occupation of Corea by the Japanese forces and demands that the government at Tokio recall the garrisons stationed there. Dispatches received at Yokohama from Seoul, the capital of Corea, give further details of the trouble in that country. Evidence has been discovered show-

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looking very pale and dejected, borne by haps the shipwreck of St. Paul, usually only four men. At a short distance be- have more significance to the average hind followed the Crown Prince in a student of Maltese history than anysimilar chair. Mandarins, ministers and thing more ancient or modern. The exmilitary officers were then assisted on act spot in which was wrecked "the their caparisoned ponies, and each, with ship of Alexandria," in which St. Paul two attendants holding his stirrups, and and his companions were voyaging to Rome, cannot be pointed out, but there two more feading his pony, all in gorgeous raiment, fell in behind the home is every reason to believe that in the minister on a dark donkey conspicuous little bight now called St. Paul's bay by his foreign guard. the Apostle and the company with him Half an hour later, by passing along a were cast ashore. There is a church street so narrow that two horsemen can- which commemorates the incident, and not ride abreast, the king reached the under the church is a grotto, or cave, in which it is said that St. Paul for a time cort was left outside the outer wall. abode, not choosing to make a tent for and only the king, dignitaries and at- himself, although he was a tentmaker tendants proceeded to the altar. The by trade, and not choosing to accept the grouping of the scarlet-robed men under hospitality of Governor Publius, whose the dark pines was most effective from

glass sides, in which sat the sovereign, the occupation of the knights, and per-

an artistic point of view, and from a political standpoint the taking of the oath by the Corean king was one of the most onized, and in the holy city you may see significent acts in the tedious drama of another edifice dedicated to the goverthe present war.-St. James Gazette. ISLAND OF THE KNIGHTS.

Malta, Rich With the Memories of Many Centuries.

The approach to the island of Malta, writes Noah Brooks in a letter from Valetta to the New York -Times, is successfully driven out of Jurusalem, entertained the far-wandering Ulysses and raveled out by night the "sweater"

with here and there a tower, and now last holy communion on the morning of and then a signal mast to break the the last attack of the Turks, each man harsh outline of the heap. But as we swearing that he would never surrender near the northwestern shore of the alive. In this little chamber, lined with island and open the wonderful harbor | buff limestone rudely carved and panelof Valetta, we are amazed at the unique ed, the knights, who have ben accused beauty of the scene. Valetta, the chief port of the Maltese chastity and beneficence, received the

place fortified chiefly by nature, but | nim; and each man died as he had vowone which the indomitable courage and industry of man has made impregnable last, although the outpost fell, and the from a condition of savage desolation. Mount Sceberras divides the basin into give up the fight and sail away to Contwo parts-the Grand and the Quaranstantinople, took St. Elmo at a frighttine harbors, and in either of these land- ful sacrifice if life, losing three-quarters locked and secure ports great fleets can safely ride at anchor in water of great

father St. Paul miraculously healed. There, too, is the church of San Publius, whom the church of Rome has cannor of Melita who so hospitably entertained the Apostle to the Gentiles. But whatever tradition may say, or omit to say, about St. 1'aul and his fellow voyagers, the world will never let die the heroic story of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, the warrior monks, who, having invented the original idea of the hospital, are sometimes called the Knight Hospitallers, were

semewhat disappointing to one who Acre, Cyprus and the island of Rhodes, has formed, as most readers have, his and finally rested here under the patidea of the land from the ancient class- ronage of Charles V. The grand masics. Calypso's grotto is on a rocky isle, ter of the knights (L'Isle Adam) took it is true, but the isle is not rocky like possession here in 1530. The founda-Gibraltar, and as the ship draws near tions of the city of Valetta were laid in the harbor of Valetta, the land lies 1566 by another grand master, La Valrather low, and there is no appearance ette, who gave his own name to this whatever of the delicious verdure with entrepot of this group of islands. In which the fancy of Homer decked the 1565 took place that wonderful sige home of the siten who so hospitably by the Turks, which has been so graphically described by our own, Prescott in while his fond Penelope wove by day his Siege of Malta. Under the yellow ramparts of Fort St. Elmo, on the exwhich she was fabricating for her er- trenity of Mount Sceberras, we have rant husband. Malta from the sea is seen the little chapel where the devoted an arid, bare and yellow mass of rock band of knights, 75 in number, took their of forgetting their vows of poverty, group, is the strongest artificial fortifi- last rites of their religion before they cation in the world; not, like Gibraltar, went forth to do battle with the Payed he would, resisting the enemy to the Turks, who were finally compelled to

of their army. Monuments of knightly splendor, depth. On this promontory which the prowess and power cover the island of British government, now Mount Sceberras, is built The the city of Valetta. As the peninsula at the master of the group, has done everyits highest point is more than 200 feet thing to preserve the memory of the Knights of St. John and to keep alive above the level of the sea, and is only 3,200 yards in length and 1,200 yards in the traditions of their heroic deeds and breadth, it follows that some of the chivalric course of life. In the palace streets in Valetta, built upon the tongue of the grand master are the home and offices of the governor. Here, in the of land, are pretty steep. Some of them are merely flights of broad stairs, which armory, one may see rows upon rows of effigies clad in the armor of the knights and their men at arms. Here are 'Adieu, ye cursed streets of stairsthe truncheons and the armorial bear-How surely he who mounts you ings of successive grand masters, and here, too, are such trophies as the But Valetta is also scattered over a sword, battle axe and coat of mail considerable extent of land encircling the worn by Dragut, the Algerine corsair, twin harbors that have made Malta who aided the Turks in the siege of famous all over the world. And a gen-Malta in 1565, and who then met his death: the gold and steel inlaid armor of Grand Master Wignacourt; the bull Pope Paschal II., sanctioning the fortifications. Valetta is essentially an deed of gift by which Charles V. conveyed the island to the Knights of St. John turesque ragamuffins who make a wild or Jerusalem, and many other rare and curious objects. the quays are more Arab than anything The great church of St. John is, of else. Their lingo is Maltese, a language curse, one of the show places of Malta, which, like the people, is a mixture of but, although its wonderfully beautiful Latin and Arabic. In the heat of sumand magnificent interior is a dream of occlesiastic splendor, the visitor who knows anything of the history of Malta and its knights will longest pause before the tombs of the mighty warriors whose names were a terror to the pirates of the sea and the enemies of the cross centuries ago. The Knights are dust. their good swords rust, but the memory of their deeds will never fade while hereism and courage remains among The British garrison, which usually consists of 5,000 men, adds the attractiveness of life and color to Malta. In the basin rides at anchor a large contingent of the British Mediterranean fleet, whose headquarters are here. The Union Club (there is a Union Oub everywhere) is housed in one of the noble augerbes, or inns, of the knights. Each subdivision or language had its headquarters: and the club has succeeded to the tenancy of one of these-a grand structure of stone and marble, decorated within by eminent artists of the olden time. Fountains and statues and arches commemorate events that are links in the history of the world. And, strangely mingled with all this musty antiquity, resounds the clamor of modein commerce. The island once colonized by Egypt and Carthage is a stopping place for the Peninsular & Oriental line of steamships. The grotto of Calypso is explored by trippers from Boston and New York. Ogygia has a daily mail to Brundusium.

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BOUNTIES AND DUTIES.

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Totals 46,523

\$98,046 In 1887 Sir Charles Tupper introduced

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his new iron duties with large predictions of employing from 20,000 to 60,-000 men, and a dead certainty that all the pig iron needed in Canada would be produced in Canada.

The importation of pig iron which this policy was to cut off was 45,000 tons in 1887. In 1893 it reached 56,000 tons, and iron manufacturers paid a duty of \$2,878,000.

In 1894 the importation of pig iron was 46,000 tons, bearing a customs duty of \$180,000.

This, in addition to the enormous duties upon bar iron and scrap, together with the heavy taxes upon imported hardware, has signally failed to realize the object desired. But it has closed up several flourishing foundries in Canada.

HAD HE KIDNEY DISEASE?

Speaking at Amherst, N. S., on January 15th last, Hon Mr. Dickey, now Minister of Militia, said:--"We have heard a great deal lately about corrup-Hamilton) continues to lose strength and tion in the government and I would like to say a word in this connection. tary McCulloch passed a restless night is in a precarious condition. Ex-Secre-There were three instances generally and is weaker to-day. Date devillances

NANAIMO NEWS. The Gas Company Reduce the Price of

Toronto Globe:-If the people could

steal. The government trusted to a con-

tractor who was a thief. To-day the

"Securing evidence and punishing St.

Gas from \$3 to \$2.50. Nanaimo, May 20.-The half yearly meeting of the Nanaimo Gas Company Another of the whisky supply crowd was sentenced to two months imprison-

ment by Magistrate Simpson on Saturday. These individuals are a constant source of annoyance to the police, and ed the penalty for what these men were guilty of. Sheriff Drake held an auction sale of court house. The bidding was done principally by Chinese, who were evidently decermined not to allow a white man to purchase any of the stock. The sale was

very amusing to the observers and created considerable laughter. The 24th will be a big affair here this year and a large number of visitors are

expected from Vancouver, Comox, Union and other parts of the island. A very on May 13th gives the production of pig good programme has been arranged and two days will be fully occupied in carrying it out.

Nanaimo, May 21 .- The silver cornet | may have far-reaching results to Corband have received a very generous offer of \$250 from W. M. Langton towards 21,140 the expenses of purchasing a new set of instruments. The stipulation is that another \$250 be subscribed by July 1st by the citizens. 3,440

Mr. H. Simpson has just returned from Alberni, where he has been in the interest of a claim which has been restaked by Saunders. Simpson will hold on to his possession, so that a legal suit may result therefrom: The sudden death of the wife of John Bell took place early yesterd 1y morning. Deceased was comparatively healthy up to a few days ago. The cause of death is not mentioned. The Union embezzlement case was up before Judge Harrison again yesterday. and after hearing several witnesses the case was adjourned until to-day. The council should take some steps towards fixing up the road along Commercial street, over the race course, as at in the vast crowd of white-robed and present it is in a very rough condition. Nanaimo, May 23.-L. W. Fauquier has again been arrested at the instigation of Rabson, charged with the conveyance of a piece of property under false pretences. The accused gave ball, and the charge will be continued on Monday next. A miner named D. Evans had his leg bro-A miner named D. Evans had his leg bro-ken while at work in the Protection shaft yesterday. The injured man was conveyed to the hospital, where his injuries were at tended to by Dr. McKechnie. A charge of 25 cents for admission will be made to the Caledonia grounds on the 25th. The committee had hoped to have been able to arrange for the entrance being free, but this would have left less prizes for the sports.

American News, Washington, May 22 .- Secretary Gresham and Representative Hitt are about the same to-day. Miss Dodge (Gail

ing that Bokuc, who was recently appointed acting prime minister of Corea. has formed an alliance with the Russian minister at Seoul. Count Inouve, Japanese minister at Corea, has returned to Japan Lord Rosebery received an influential Armenian committee to-day. The delegation was headed by the Duke of Westmoved Byron to sing: "" minster. Reporters were excluded from the meeting.

A dispatch from Paris says Dr. Achile Adrien Proust, the distinguished physician and member of the French academy of medicine, who represented France at the international sanitary conference, in an interview published in

the Eclair to-day is quoted as saying eral view of the city gives one charming the refusal of Great Britain to apply glimpses of verdurous gardens among the decisions of the conference is abthe buff and yellow walls, towers and solutely criminal. He adds, if Europe is invaded by cholera Great Britain will Oriental city in its aspect, and the picbe to blame. Dr. Proust is author of a number of medical works, including one break upon the traveler who lands at on cholera.

A COREAN CEREMONY. A Scheme to Strike the European With

mer this place is as torrid as Cairo, as Wonder. blazing under a noonday sun as the Desert of Sahara. But out in the sub-As I entered Seoul, a royal procession, urbs one discovers delightful villas surwith which the king visited some of the rounded by gardens odorous with the ancestral tombs, was returning by anbloom of every land and rich in statuother gate. Its novel feature was that ary, fountains, terraces and fruit trees. the minister of war rode in European Some of these date back three hundred evening dress and a "bowler" hat. On years, and their antiquity is modern the day following I witnessed a ceremonwhen we consider that Malta has a hisial new in Corean history, and which tory almost as old as the human race. When the Egyptians were here nobody eans. The Japanese have resolved to knows, but they left traces of their clean the Augean stable of official coroccupation, and fragments of their plasruption, and complled the king to begin tic art are occasionally turned up in the the task by proceeding in state to the promiscuous digging over the island that altar of heaven, and there taking an oath continually goes on. Ater the Egyptbefore the spirits of his ancestors to the ians came the Phoenicians, the farproposed reforms. His mejesty, by exfaring voyagers of the ancient world. aggerating a trivial ailment, had for who arrived here fourteen or fifteen some time delayed the ceremony, and, hundred years before Christ, and who even the day before, a dream, in which gave the name of Ogygia to the island the ancestral spirit appeared to him adbefore known to Greeks and Romans as juring him not to depart from ancestral Hyperia. Remains of these colonizers ways, terrified him from taking the proare common on the island of Malta. Amposed pledge. But the spirit of Count phorae, vases, ruined temples, tablets Mouye proved more masterful than the and statuary of various ages of art are ancestral spirit; and the oath was taken collected in public and private museums, in circumstances of great solemnity in and in one of these collections we saw dark pine wood under the shadow of a tablet bearing an inscription in Phoe-

Puk Han, at the most sacred altar in nician which is duplicated beneath in Corea, the centre of three inclosures, in Greek-a valuable record of the old time the presence of the court and dignitaries occupants. Of course, many of these of the kingdom. Old and serious men vestiges of the Phoenicians, especially had fasted for two days previously, and the coins and votive tablets, belong to the second period of their empire, which black-hatted men, which looked down uppractically ruled the Mediterranean. the striking scene from the hills in the It was of this period that that early gardens of the old palace, not a word geographer Diodorus Siculus, wrote was spoken. The sky was gray and 'Melite is about 200 stadia from Syra grim, with a bitter east wind-ominous cuse and has several excellent ports' signs in Corean estimation. 'The Island is a colony of Phoenicians, After a long delay and much question-

who, trading to the western ocean, use ing as to whether at the last moment the it as a place of refuge." king would resist the foreign pressure, Probably no spot on earth has been so

the procession, in solemn silence, emergfiercely fought for and so copiously ed from the palace gate; huge flags, on watered with blood as this same island | ed. Ogilvie purchased a lot yesterday trident headed poles, purple bundles carof Malta. The Greeks and the Romans afternoon at that figure at Fort William. ried aloft, a stand of sacred stones contackled each other and the Carthaginiveyed with much ceremony, groups of ans on these rocky shores. There Re- 100,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat at scarlet and blue-robed men in hats gulus, on his way to invade Africa, stopshaped like fools' caps of the same colors, ped to take possession, and hither, after | tically means an advance of 11 cents the king's personal servants in yellow the Carthaginians had expelled the robes and yellow bamboo hats, decorated Romans, came Sempronius, who rewith pink roses, and men carrying ban- ceived the surrender of Hamilcar and an throughout Canada, and some are not nerets. Then came the red silk umbrella, army of 2000 men. How modern, com- disposed to sell at any price. A telegram followed by-not the magnificent state pared with these classic times, appear in this connection said: "Holders of No. chair, with its forty bearers, but a plain the stories of the Knights of Malta and | 1 hard wheat afloat at Fort William rewooden chair with a green roof and Napoleon's freebooting raid. And yet | fuse to offer."

LATEST CANADIAN DISPATCHES. The Dollar Mark For Manitoba Wheat

On Tuesday the same mill purchased

89 cents at the same place. This prac-

within 24 hours, but rumored advances

in Chicago have greatly excited holders

Has Been Reached.

Montreal, May 23 .- The one dollar La Gascogne Disa mark for Manitoba wheat has been reach-

> New York, May Gascogne, which of Fire Island doubt met with machinery, as she ting that she nee two tugs. From that she cannot machinery to reach gear has become d to enter the chan

June, \$10.000 on th 000 on 4th Nove February, 1896, an \$49,000 on the 4th ers further agree veyed at once and for, and to give th wall, one-tenth ofassessable. A cla tects the buyers ag gation in regard to of the claim. The terms of th are as follows: day of August, C. to the present ov form a company a Rhodes and Carte stock, fully paid up 000 in the treasur velop the property. the highest grade and the shaft how five minutes walk postoffice. The men who e ers to take charge South African ent

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