

liberately laid can hardly be denied since only Conservatives were made to suffer, and the whole business was done in the dark. The proceedings are so scandalous and so contrary to fairness that the ex-posure ought to be sufficient to effect punishment and redress. Yet the case is not an isolated one. It is merely a speci-men of the means regularly used to pre-vent electors who are not servile to the government from exercising the right of vent electors who are not service to the government from exercising the right of the franchise. We have seen in this prov-ince of late that the stuffing of the lists by parties who are not entitled to vote has become a Liberal fine art. Down by the sea the recognized method is to iop off the names of cltizens who are suspected of voting Conservative. The evil is enhanced by the system of adopt-ing the provincial lists for Federal pur-poses. It is an evil which Sir John A. Macdonald foresaw when he insisted, as should be prepared independently of the provincial and the municipal authorities. Our present plan places a premium on the manipulation of the lists because the one fraud serves a political nurness both

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REPORTS CONFIRMED. Sinking of Japanese Battleship and t Cruiser Acknowledged From Tokio.

Washington, May 19.-Advices re-ceived at the Japanese legation from r Tokio, confirming the Associated Press accounts of the sinking of the cruiser Yoshino and the battleship Hatsuse h stated that after the Hatsuse had been struck by a Russian mechanical mine, a Russian flotilla of sixteen torpedo boats and destroyers appeared, but were repulsed by the Japanese cruisers which saved 300 of the Hatsuse's crew including Admiral Mahaba and Captain Makao.

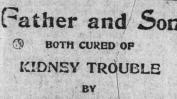
BUYS CARRIER PIGEONS

Brussels, May 19.—The Russian gov-ernment has made large purchases of carrier pigeons from Brussels dealers, which are to be used in conveying mes-sages from beleaguered Russian garri-sons to the headquarters at Harbin.

william Eleroy Curtis, the globe-troiting newspaper correspondent, says that the stories of fanatics in India thriwing themselves under the wheels of the Jug-gernaut are all fiction. He says that on certain holy days the great Juggernaut is put on a truck and drawn through the storets. The people flock around, throwing ince, flowers, paim leaves, bamboo whisps, and other offerings, and once in a while an unfortunate fails under the wheels and is crushed. The official records show only inne such accidents in eighty-six years. So worshipping the Juggernaut is less dan-gerous than trying to board a moving tholley car.

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SEALERS RETURN. After a successful cruise along the reduction of the sealing schooners Ida Etta, Tawn, Zillah May and Dora Sieward returned to Victoria harbor yesterday, and are now sung in berth, making ready for their northern cruise. The Frawn, Cont. A. H. O'sen, has a catch of 100 skins, and the Zillah May 165. The Carrie C. W. has arrived at Clayor gooken the schooner Umbrina on April 18th with 36 skins. The Carrie had ber for down the 36 skins and the Ida Etta 37. A large number of the sealing schooners that the two schooners Triumph and outbring may be amongst them. The schooners that went off to the Fairweather weather grounds are expected have al-most any day now.