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Interesting Summary of New

ORGANISATION OF THE CANADIAN POSITION.

District that if he does not stand forth as the leader they will show fight alone. The maritime province Reformers are looking also to Mr. Blake, ignoring Mr. Mackenzie, the leader when in power. Whether he or the Hon. Mr. Blake, or some other prominent Reformer, be select-ed, from present appearances there will be a want of harmony, and with such an event the power of the Opposition will be com-paratively *nil* for the next session at least." the power of the Opposition will be com-paratively *nil* for the next session at least." CANADIAN TOPICS IN THE ENGLISH PRESS. The Canadian correspondent of the *Times* writes :---" Just when everybody was confessing that the Governor-General and the Princess had well earned the few days' quiet and repose which they were supposed to be enjoying at Ridean Hall, it was suddenly discovered that his Excel-lency had only' exchanged the arduous la-bours of a public progress for the equally arduous labours of office routine and the systematic acquisition of an exact and com-prehensive knowledge of affairs. During the last few days he has been regularly at his office in the Government buildings, and, in addition to his ordinary duties, he has given special audiences to the deputy heads of departments, as well as to mem-bers of Parliament, mayors of cities, and other prominent men who happened to be in the capital ; learning from each what they specially know about the country and public matters ; and not only assuring them of the freest access to himself at all times, but inviting them to avail them-selves of it on every possible occasion. Those who have thus come in personal contact with the Marquis of Lorne freely confess that they believe him to be of the stuff that successful Governors-General are made of."

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made of." The Canadian cerrespondent of the Mark Lane Express ridicules the offer of the On-tario Government of 5,000 acres of land to the Kentish strikers, as a scheme involving no element of success and every element of failure.

DEATH OF CONSERVATIVE M. P.'S.

The Hon. E. C. Yorke, one of the Con-The Hon. E. C. Yorke, one of the Con-servative members of Parliament for the county of Cambridge, died at Netley castle, near Southampton, on Saturday morning, from gastic fever, at the early age of thirty-five. Mr. Yorke was third son of the late Earl of Hardwicke and brother of the present earl. He was equery to the Duke of Edinburgh from 1866 till he was elected member of Parlia-ment in 1873, and then became honorary equery. In 1873 he married Annie. equerry. In 1873 he married Annie, second daughter of Sir Anthony de Roths-

child. Colonel Duff, one of the representatives of Norfolk, is dead.

A WAVE OF PROTECTIONISM.

The *Times* laments the admitted fact that the wave of protectionism is at pre-sent passing over the world. The existence of the revolt against Adam Smith, it says, admits of no doubt. The colonies distrust free trade in spite of their English lineage. The United States are as hostile to it as possible. AN INCIDENT IN: THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN. AT INCIDENT IN THE APOHAN CAMPAIGN. The papers has many interesting indi-dents *Ne* the fighting in Afgha. We have only room for the following :- The corres-bound of the *Daily News* with General Browne's column, describing the attack or the Afghan position in the Khyber, says and william Bereaford, one of Sir Sam's ida, was entrusted with the arduous and dangerous duty of descending to the attack on the Afghana, and ascending to the emi-ness on the left bank, to inform Apple-yard of the resolution to desist from nence on the left bank, to inform Apple-yard of the resolution to desist from inther action. Lord William successfully ed. But a portion of his brigade was far in advance. Detachments of the 14th Sikhs and 27 Native Infantry had pressed was not the bugle sound the recall ; its its was the enemy's right flank position in vain did the bugle sound their breast wind. The Afghana, behind their breast wind. The Afghana, behind their breast wind. The Afghana, behind their breast wind in the ascent while the artillery of the sound the sound the the duty and apple on the peak above, in the dight on the artillery down the in the dight on the artillery down the in the ascent while the artillery and the articlery the in the ascent while the artillery and the articlery the in the ascent while the asce works of stone, fought every step of the ascent, while the artillery of their left enfiladed the advance of our men as left enfiladed the advance of our men as they struggled onwards and upwards. The end was disaster relieved by devoted bravery. A young officer of the 27th by name Maclean, had rushed on with a hand-ful into a spot where he found himself in deadly trouble. He called back for as-sistance with urgent vehemence to his support, commanded by Major Birch, in command of the 27th. That officer would out here in usin the antreaty of his subsupport, commanded by Major Birch, in command of the 27th. That officer would not hear in vain the entreaty of his sub-ordinate. He rushed forward, enly to fall, shot dead in the effort. Those to whose succour he advanced fell back, and the gallant Major's body remained abandoned out to the front.' One of his young offi-cers—a lieutenant, of whom every one speaks well, Fitzgerald by name-would not have it that his chief's body should be left there to the mercy of barbarians. He called on the men of his own com-mand to follow him to its rescue, but they hung back. In angry despair he called for fifteen volunteers from an adjacent de-tachment of the 14th Sikhs, and the ap-peal was nobly responded to. Fitzgerald and his Sikhs sallied out. He was twice wounded ere he reached Birch's body, but and his Sikhs sallied out. He was twice wounded ere he reached Birch's body, but he raised it, and was aiding in its removal when a third shot killed him. Most of the gallant Sikhs fell around him. They had to be left where they fell ; the Afghan fire was no more to be faced. But the bodies were found next morning unharmed, and at sundown yesterday Birch and his gallant subaltern found a soldier's grave under a tree close by the headquarter eamp at the foot of Ali Musid, the whole headquarter staff paying by their presence eamp at the foot of Ali Musjid, the whole headquarter staff paying by their presence fitting honour to valiant comrades who had fallen gloriously with their faces to the foe, The advance with which they had pressed forward was ultimately withdrawn nearer to Appleyard's main body, and outposts were established for the night. The Daily News remarks :---" The de-scription which are availed compared scription which our special correspondent sends us of the death of Major Birch and Lieutenant Fitzgerald deserves an abiding place in our military history. No one will read without emotion the passages which tell how these two gallant officers met death."

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