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All communications intended for the Editorial department of this paper must be addressed to Mr. Carroll Ryan, the editor, to secure attention. Business letters to the counting room.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has engaged a special train for his trip to the West and South. The journey will cover about 4,500 miles, and will cost \$10,000.

LITERARY MEN are sick of Ignatius Donnelly and his cypher. Let him and all the small scribblers study Hood's "Plea for the Midsummer Fairies" and stop their nonsense.

It is understood that the Thistle will not return to England after the race, but that Wm. Clarke, the thread man, of Newark, N.J., who is one of her owners, will buy out his partners and use the Thistle as a cruising yacht.

COLUMNS of reasons why the Thistle was beaten have been published, when a few words would have covered the whole ground: the Volunteer couldn't wait. The Thistle got left in a wind of her own choosing.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL McLELLAN has been unseated in Colchester, N. B., for bribery by agents. The personal charges were not pressed.

BUSH FIRES are worse at the present writing than anything of the kind since 1870. The country is parched, and should a high wind come there is no telling what the extent of the disaster may be.

The Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, in a letter which was read at the meeting in that city addressed by Mr. Labouchere, says an event such as that at Mitchelstown would never have happened in England, and could be easily prevented in Ireland.

A BRAVE defender of Lansdowne is in hiding. Can't that "pobleman" send men into the open, that we may see what he looks like? Anonymous blackguardism sent through the mail is the sort of heroism that ought to entitle the sender to a place on the staff of emergency men at Luggacurran.

WE were under the impression that there were enough specialists in medicine, but so high an authority as the Medical Record urges one more subdivision of the medical art. The followers of this new line, the Record suggests, should go by the name of "gastrologists."

By the Tyrone Constitution, just received, we observe that at an anti-coercion meeting, held in Omagh, which was attended by several prominent Protestants, the Omagh Catholic Band played the "Protestant Boys," as a compliment to the gentlemen who took part in the meeting.

On Thursday there arrived in the city a long wooden box consigned to the Secretary of State. At the department no notices regarding it had been received. It was opened and in it were found two flag poles with tattered ribbons of silk clinging to them.

The above is clipped from an Ottawa paper. What about the fourteen hundred Canadian boys who served with these shreds of silk sent neck to us in this contemptuous manner by the British War Office?

The president of the Chamber of Commerce in London, in his annual address to that body, says that the currency and tariff arrangements

of the United States were in such a peculiar condition that France and Germany were living in apprehension of a monetary panic.

MR. PRESTON, candidate of the union labor party for secretary of state of New York, has resigned to allow John Swinton's name to be put at the head of the ticket.

PROP. FOSTER is a great statesman. He has succeeded in passing an Order-in-Council prohibiting the boys from fishing on Sunday.

Poor Boys! Poor Fish! Now let the giant intellect which presides over the Wales and the Marines—this new Neptune of ours with his chin whisker and goggles, issue another Order-in-Council that the fish must not bite on Sunday.

THE deputation of English Home Rulers now in Ireland to investigate for themselves is composed of able and prominent people. Amongst those who form the deputation are: Mrs. Anna Bateson, Mr. E. H. Pickersgill, M.P., Rev. J. S. Jones, Rev. T. J. Lawrence, Rev. Page Hopps, Messrs. Wilfred S. Blunt, Hugh F. Boyd, G. P. MacDonnell, E. J. C. Morton, W. Phillips, J. E. Thorold Rogers, J. Renwick Senger, W. H. Willis, C. Graham, M.P., and Conynbare, M.P.

WE can never sufficiently admire the genius that conceived the dyke. Perhaps we can raise some day to a conception of the wealth of confidence which made that astonishing work possible. It reminds us of the pyramids of Egypt; because it is nothing like them, but it serves the same purpose. It inspires that sort of awe which rises from incapacity to understand its meaning.

ALLEN THORNDIKE RICE, editor of the North American Review, contributes an article to the current number of that publication entitled "The Race for Primacy," which is a careful, historical and statistical article, contrasting the relative progress made during the Victorian Era by the United Kingdom and the United States.

MR. HENRY GEORGE must have felt no little pride on reading of the adoption of his land nationalization doctrine by the Trades Union Congress at Swansea. The British artisan is ordinarily supposed to be a staid, sober, moderate citizen, with a desire to accept gradual reforms, but with a horror of any projects of a revolutionary tendency.

WINNIPEG is not the only city that has a railway war on hand at the present. Nashville, Tenn., is having a lively time under somewhat similar conditions, only the railway with which it is contending is owned by aliens.

CERTAIN Toronto women—we beg their pardon—Janes are petitioning for the privilege of exercising the franchise in political contests. They are making a sad mistake. The glory of women is in the family, for whom the deceptive allurements of politics have no charms.

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of the forum; and they will not be lost sight of. Man or woman out of place become stumbling blocks in the paths of progress, and bring confusion and distraction into the ranks of the workmen. We do not ask them to organize to declare for any party or to engage in political strife anywhere, but to have confidence in their teachings and principles and leave to the voters the responsibility of making their application.

HOW IS THIS?

An article has appeared in the evening Anonyma about Lesieur's lawyers. It accuses them of raising the National cry in that case; but it forgets entirely to notice that it was the Crown that raised the question of race in the selection of the jury.

OLD AND NEW.

Why do we look for new books, new papers and new authors? The instinct of the world is not wrong in this matter. Some of the old novels are among the best. Some of the old poets are unexcelled. But the new world has greater capacities than the old.

THE IRISH CONFLICT.

No material change has occurred either in England or in Ireland since the Mitchelstown butchery. Mr. O'Brien has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment after a so-called trial, which was a travesty of legal right and justice.

MR. O'Brien further defended himself on the ground that the eviction proceedings against the Kingston tenants were commenced on the eve of the passage of the Land Bill, and that thus an attempt was made to evade and defeat the purpose of the Land Act and to defraud the poor tenants.

MR. O'Brien declared that he preferred, with John Hampton and George Washington, breaking an unconstitutional law, and disregarding authority tyrannically exercised, to obeying law as administered by Captain Plunkett and Standish O'Grady.

be no longer a crime to defend the homes and assert the liberties of the Irish people." Mr. O'Brien's speech and the manifest injustice and arbitrary tyranny of the magistrate who sentenced him have made a profound impression in England.

AMERICAN COMMERCE.

It appears from the statement just issued by the Board of Statistics at Washington that the exportation of American merchandise for the twelve months ending August 31 was greater by \$16,991,507 than the imports for the same period.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

While there is a great deal of commercial union discussion in the papers—much more than the ordinary reader can have any idea of—there is a great deal said on the opposition side.

THE LIBEL LAW.

Libel suits are threatened against two city papers for what they published concerning last Saturday's lacrosse match. Is it not time that the law of libel were amended in conformity with recent British legislation?

BEEF SUGAR.

It is to be hoped that the movement again revived in this province to manufacture beef root sugar may be attended with success. Now, when most of the products of the farm are abnormally low, is a good time for farmers to turn their attention to supplying the people with a purely agricultural production of food in universal use, now imported and costing to the domestic consumer as much as is received for all the breadstuffs exported from the country.

in other vegetables than the sugar cane. This led to numerous experiments, supported at first by bounties and premiums, in the cultivation, improvement and development of the sugar beet, until now the latest returns make the actual production of beet sugar in Europe for 1887 2,580,000 tons of 2,210 pounds each.

A ROYAL BILL OF EXPENSE.

What a cruel response to "the bitter cry of outcast London" is the publication in the Radical press of England of the cost of royalty. Truth says that the supplementary estimates include an item of £80 for the hire of steamers conveying Royalties to and from the Continent, and in the Naval Estimates is a charge of £1,600 for the conveyance of the Queen and her household.

The jubilee bill, however, is a startling exhibit of what John Bull pays for the luxury of royalty. It runs away up into the millions. Apart from that, the ordinary expenses are simply astonishing. It costs the people \$6,000,000 a year to sustain the palaces reserved for the Queen's special use.

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FLUNKIES AND COWARDS.

North and South, the organ of the Irish Protestant Nationalists, published at Dublin, in a recent issue contains an article on Irish flunkies which perfectly pulverizes a class of persons who have ever been a shame and disgrace to their country.

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Mercier will find time to look into this matter and legislate in a direction so clearly in the public interest. But should the law remain as it is, the press will find a way of its own out of the difficulty. The brains and conscience of the editorial room must be free or the press will perish.

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