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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

*"I must have liberty,
Withal as large a charter as the wind—
To blow on whom I please."*

THERE has been a considerable falling off in the oyster products of the Maritime provinces of the Dominion, the figures for 1893 being 49,480 barrels, valued at \$148,440, compared with 54,555 barrels, valued at \$168,569 in 1892, the prospects being that there will be a still greater reduction. It may be wondered whether the omniscient Mr. Wilmot knows anything more about oysters than how to eat them. It is thought that in the multitude of his accomplishments he is or ought to be able to do something to prevent this heavy loss in the natural productions of those of the sister provinces much nearer his headquarters than is British Columbia. If Mr. Wilmot's sympathies go out at all in their direction, the picture of the poor provincials stretching out their hands and calling on him to come over and help them could easily be suggested. The

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not wanted here is very certain, still there is no objection to his trying his hand in the East.

James E. Cutler, superintendent of the testing department of the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company, of Pittsfield, Mass., while examining a transformer the other day, took hold of two wires which carried a current of 4,600 volts, and, to all appearances, was instantly killed. Acting on the suggestion of Dr. d'Arsouval, of Paris, that a person struck down by a powerful electric current should be treated as one drowned is treated, those near Mr. Cutler when he fell set about restoring respiration by working the arms and diaphragm to the time of natural breathing. At the end of seven minutes Mr. Cutler regained consciousness, and, though badly burned on the hands, was able to resume work next day. It is pointed out by scientists discussing this case that voltage does not express the force of the current. Voltage expresses the pressure, while amperage expresses the volume of the current. A current may have high voltage, but low amperage, not sufficient to kill a man. The difference between the voltage and the amperage of an electric current is illustrated in this way by Dr. A. H. Goelet, of New York: Suppose two streams of water running from a reservoir several hundred feet high, one stream a foot in diameter, the other having the diameter of a needle. The pressure in both would be the same, since the pressure of water in all directions is equal, but the difference in volume would be such that while the needle stream

would not knock a man down the larger one would crush him.

The people of Pender Island are quite elated over the prospects of coal mining. They are fully convinced that the coal which has been discovered will prove to be in very considerable quantity and of a quality quite as good as that on Vancouver Island. In fact, they have already made up their minds that such is the case. They believe that if their expectations thus far are attained it will only be a short time before a mine is opened, the Oriental and Australian, and other vessels calling there to take coal, and numerous others, doing a prosperous business in distributing to points of consumption. THE HOME JOURNAL should like to see their hopes fulfilled to their utmost limit, and in the meantime it congratulates the islanders on their prospects thus far.

Within the past few weeks two more newspapers published in this Province have passed over the great divide, and now fill a "long felt want" in the newspaper graveyard. THE HOME JOURNAL has made it an invariable rule to "speak no ill of the dead," but in referring to the demise of its contemporaries, it may be excused from pointing with pardonable pride to the fact that to-day, with one exception, it is the oldest weekly paper in this Province. Its prosperity is commensurate with its success as an ideal family newspaper. Its circulation is growing, and with this issue it offers as another proof of its success, financially and otherwise, a

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