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France's Extraordinary Case.

The cable reports that Zola, the French writer, who was sent to jail after a most unfair investigation, will get another trial. Of what avail will it be if material witnesses are allowed to snap their fingers at counsel for the defense, and refuse to answer every difficult question on the plea that it would bring the army into disrepute? This subterfuge availed in the late trial, and went to show that there was something very rotten in the administration of the affairs of the republic. Dreyfus, whose champion M. Zola, is, may or may not have been wrongly convicted of selling French military secrets to the German authorities. What is known is that he was convicted by a secret tribunal, on evidence which has never been made public. M. Zola asserted that testimony which would have exonerated Dreyfus, and convicted another officer-a society favorite-was offered at the court-marital, and was not permitted to be heard. He accused the men forming that court of this serious offense. Prosecution for libel followed. Again the evidence was offered, and again it was suppressed, on the absurd plea that if it were made known the army would suffer!

If the higher court has reached the conclusion that the reputation of the army, and of the entire country, is far more seriously menaced by the concealment of the truth in regard to this extraordinary case, its reasoning is creditable. But it seems almost too much to hope that after all that has occurred a full, free and untrammeled inquiry into the whole matter, from start to finish, will be obtained.

We learn from the cheerful London ivertiser that things are along swimmingly in the Forest City. -Hamilton Herald.

Why not? Is not this the pleasantest center for residential and business purposes in the country?

Medals for the Veterans.

Many old-time volunteers will be glad to learn that it is officially announced that the "Fenian Raid" and "Long Service" medals, granted by the Imperial Government on the representations of the present Government of Canada, will soon be forwarded. The distribution will no doubt take place in such manner as to show honor to the veterans. Would it not be well to have those received by volunteers in the London district presented while the Minister is in attendance at the annual camp next June?

Bradstreet's, referring to the business outlook in this Province, asserts that "the prospects for the ensuing season's business have seldom been more encouraging than they are now."

Refuses to be Bulldczed.

Sir Frank Smith supports the Government policy to supply speedy entrance to the Yukon territory, so as to keep Canadian trade for Canadian business men and Canadian workers. He is a Conservative, but he holds that it | your boy." is most unreasonable for his fellow-Senators to vote against the agreement made by the Government, under the pressing circumstances known to all. For taking this stand our former fellow-townsman is denounced by Conservative newspapers, in common with the Government of the day. His patriotic course is, however, in marked contrast with that of the bitter partisans, who, judging by past experience, if this bargain had been made by Sir Charles Tupper or any other Conservative leader, would have passed it without question.

Lady Aberdeen's Appeal. Lady Aberdeen writes to The Ad-

vertiser to say that the four nurses who are to form the first contingent for service in the Klondike have been appointed, and the Dominion Government has kindly arranged that they should accompany the detachment of Canadian troops which is shortly to start for the Yukon. The names of these ladies are as follows: Miss Powell, from Nova Scotia, who is to act POSTMASTER PUNISHED as district lady superintendent; Miss Payson, from New Brunswick; Miss Hannah, from Toronto, and Miss Scott, who came out frem England some years ago, and who has since been nursing in or near Toronto. All are highly competent in their profesion, and possess first-rate testimonlals from leading physicians under whom they have worked. It is likely that the headquarters of the nurses will be at Fort Selkirk, the probable capital of the Yukon district. Dawson City has already a Roman Catholic hospitais, and when the nursing sisters get there this spring, it will in some measure be supplied. Lady Aberdeen adduces the testimony of Rev. R. M. Dickey, Presbyterian missionary at Skaguay, as to the pressing need for nurses, and in appreciation of the prompt action of the Victorian Order. wife of the caretaker of the Manches-

received; but Lady Aberden says \$5,000 will be needed for this year. No doubt many of the miners who become sick will be able to pay their way; but as is ever the case there will be unfortunates who will have to be cared for or they will die of want and disease.

The announcement made that the 134..... Editorial Rooms United States battleship Maine was 175 Job Department blown up in Havana harbor by a submarine mine, suggests the questions, "Who put the mine there?" "When was it put there?" "If established by the Spanish, why was the Maine captain not told of its presence when his ship was anchored, by order of the Spanish authorities, over the mine?" It is apparent that if the United States commission has reached correct conclusions, a great deal of explaining has yet to be undertaken by Spain.

Hon. John Dryden.

"Farming," in its issue of this week, Ontario Government. It points out that the Minister of Agriculture has served his native Province faithfully and well, and it affirms that Mr. Dryden is "the very best man for the position on the Government side of the House." Certainly his repuation as a devisor of legislation to help the great staple industry of the country and as four sons. an administrator has been without a flaw. It is too bad that owing to local causes he was defeated by a small

Says the Brantford Expositor: "London Conservatives declared, prior to March 1, that the Provincial Government was not sincere in its promise to locate the Western Normal School in that city. Yet only this week, Hon. George W. Ross, the Minister of Education, was in that city arranging for the site, and intimating that the intention was to have the building up and ready for occupation by August, 1899. The present Ontario Government does not use provincial buildings as an agency for bribing electors; neither does it make any promises that it does not propose to honorably carry out.

A CUSTOM, NOT A DUTY. [Toronto News.] The customs authorities at Windsor say that: Lovely women, nobly planned,

Are great at hiding contraband. DOMESTIC EPISODE

[Detroit Journal.] Papa (to mamma)-Poor Birks has a wife who holds his nose to the grind-The Little One-Is that what makes it so red, papa?

GIRLS, GET YOUR GUN. [Cleveland Plaindealer.] A troop of cavalry composed exclusively of women will be formed in Denver in case of war. Mrs. Shute will command it, and a better name for a belligerent leader couldn't be found.

POSSIBILITIES IN JURIES. [Tit-Bits.] "The jury was out several days and then failed to agree." "That shows the folly of masculine juries. A jury of women would have disagreed much sooner than that."

A SURE THING. [Cleveland Leader.] The New Jersey man who has made seven unsuccessful attempts to commit suicide might indulge in a sure shot now by taking off his winter flan-

A MAN OF RESOURCES.

[Chicago Tribune.] "I don't know that I need any work done about the house. What can you do, my good fellow?" "Sir, in my day I've been a carpenter, a barber and a school teacher. I can shingle your house, your hair, or

WHY SHE WAS SAD.

[Good News.] "What's the matter, Brusee? You look sad."

"I am sad. I decorated a set of soup plates for Mrs. Boudelle, and what do you suppose she does with "Give it up. What?"

"Uses 'em for soup."

THE COLONEL'S OPINION. [Atlanta Constitution.] "War," said the old colonel, as stirred his toddy, "is too terrible to contemplate. It should not be lightly spoken of, sir; it is a serious, sad affair. I have two graves in Virginia, one in Tennessee, and three in Kentucky,

would be living yet!" "Your sons, colonel?" asked the listener, in an awed voice. The colonel tossed off his toddy neat. and stroking his gray beard, said: "No, sir; my substitutes; the brave men who fought, bled and died for me." Then the listener coughed and observed that whisky was not as good now as it was before the war.

and but for war the men who fill them

Thomas Goffatt, of Orillia, Will Serve

a Year in Prison. Barrie, Ont., March 28 .- Thos. Goffatt, Orillia's ex-postmaster, who was found guilty of aiding Fanny Young to perform an operation, from which she afterwards died, was sentenced to one year in the Central. The prisoner, who made an attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat the other day, was quite unmoved when he heard his sentence, but it was evidently much lighter than expected. An appeal on his behalf is spoken of.

Toronto, March 28 .- Hannah Lebar, young domestic from Port Perry, took a morphine powder in mistake for a quinine powder on Friday night be-fore going to bed. In spite of the efforts of several doctors, she died on Saturday night. The powder was inused by Mrs. Carven.

The Rumble Of the Railways.

Electricity Being Introduced in The Local Premises of the G, T. R.

Increased Earnings of the Canadian Roads-Death of a Veteran Road Master.

The Grand Trunk Railway is introducing electricity on the freight and passenger premises in this city, entirely doing away with gas. This will be a decided improvement.

This is a sample of the way the old reliable Grand Trunk Railway is hand-ling Ottawa business from London: Two ears loaded with different commodities left here at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, arrived, and were delivered to consignees at Ottawa next day at 4:50

Mayor Shaw (Toronto) has been in communication since November last with General Manager Hays, of the G. T. R., regarding the removal of the head offices of the road from Montreal to Toronto, and has hopes of succeed-

A Savage, for the past 30 years road master on the Brantford section of the G. T. R., died there on Saturday, aged years. He was well known and highly respected in railroad circles. He leaves a wife, three daughters and

The Grand Trunk's earnings for the week ending March 21, 1898, amounted to \$453,470, aganist \$410,545 for the same period last year, an increase of \$42,925. The Canadian Pacific's earnings for the same period this year were \$463,000; last year the figures were \$325,000, an increase of \$138,000.

Solicitor Leggatt, of the Lake Eric and Detroit River Railway, was in Dutton the other day for the purpose of securing signatures to a petition asking the council to submit a bylaw to the ratepayers for the granting of a bonus of \$5,000 towards the proposed extension of the road. Grand Trunk trainmen are still dis-

cussing the record of last week's business through the tunnel. The sending through of 54 trains, with 1,356 cars, was a good day's work, but this record was beaten on another day with 62 trains of 1,560 cars. In other days when the car ferry was in use if 500 cars per day were handled the day's work was considered a very good one indeed. Egypt follows the lead of China, Japan, India, Russia, Finland and, infeed, most other countries in ordering fifteen American locomotives, which will be speedily turned out, and which in no long time will fly screaming along the Egyptian state railway, waking Memnonian echoes along the slumbrous Nile loud enough to rouse its mummied Pharaohs and awaken anew the bellow-

ings of Osiris, suspended without date some thousands of years ago. Mr. McNicoll, chairman of the subcommittee of the Trunk Line Passenger committee, announced that the delayed meeting of the sub-committee in reference to the rate war will take place in Buffalo on Monday or Tues-day, when the different interests will be represented. Mr. McNicoll, speaking for the C. P. R., states that local rates will be restored when the other rates are restored which disposes of the report that local rates might be put back to their former basis prior to settlement of the trans-continental

There are few people who have not at some time or other been the victims of anxiety as to whether or not the long line of ticket purchasers in front of them at the ticket window would not cause them to lose the train they had intended to travel on. An attempt to bring about a reform in this branch of railway work has been made in French stations by the adoption of a new apparatus, which consists essentially of a drum carrying tickets for all stations, and turned by hand. When a ticket is required the clerk turns the drum until the ticket presents itself at a window or slot. He then stamps it by depressing one of three handles, according to the class, and delivers it to the customer. A record of the ticket sold is made automatically by the machine, which is said to have proved a com-

**** WESTERN ONTARIO *****

Sarah Benner, relict of the late Augustus Benner, died on Thursday at the homestead, near Luton postoffice. No less than four women were admitted to the Huron house of refuge last week, and one man from Wingham, making 85 inmates in all. John Radeliffe, of West Wawanosh,

sold his farm of 100 acres to Robert Purdon, for the sum of \$3,600. Mr.Radcliffe and family intend moving to Man-At a public meeting, held Thursday evening in Stratford, it was decided to

have the walls and foundation of the burned city hall examined by an expert with a view to their use. The Sarnia Observer says Mrs. Laycock, an old lady, while crossing the G. T. R. tracks in the bay shore vicinity, on Friday afternoon, was struck by a train and fatally injured. J. W. Frank's hardware store, Wood-

bridge, Ont., was burglarized Friday night, about \$25 worth of knives, razors and revolvers being taken, besides \$6 in cash, out of the till. John Wright, ex-warden of the county of Kent, died Friday after a lingering llness. He was born in Yorkshire, Eng., 69 years ago, came to Canada in 1853.

and settled in Dover township. George Beckett, Goderich, was wedded a few evenings ago to Miss Gavenna Wilson, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Barfield road, Goderich, Rev. James A. Anderson, B. A., officiat-

Friday afternoon a barn belonging to James Turner, of Point Edward, was discovered to be in flames. The Grand Grand Trunk fire brigade turned out promptly and prevented the further

spread of the flames. A monster delegation will leave Leamington on Tuesday afternoon by special train for Ottawa to interview the government for the purpose of inducing them to altogether prohibit the export of natural gas to Detroit, Toledo and other Michigan cities. On Wednesday one of Vienna's most eligible young men, Mr. Wm. Chute,

BEECHAM'S PILLS

was united in marriage to Miss Anna

Franklin, daughter of Mr. J. A. Frank-

ture bilious and nervous ills, sick headache, disordered liver, weak stomach and impaired digestion.

lin, near Port Rowan. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. Arthur Shore, of Port Rowan, officiating. James Love, who works at O. &

W. McVean's hub and spoke works, Dresden, had a marvelous escape Friday morning from losing his left eye. He was working on one of the machines, when a sliver flew, striking him in the eyeball about an eighth of an from the sight, cutting a nasty gash.

The Galt Reformer says: The water in the river is not warm, and there are few who would enjoy even a very brief bath in it just now. There is one here, however, who evidently does. He is Tom Melross, eight years old, and he had his first swim this year on March 16. This is the boy who saved young Watt from drowning last year. A day or so ago Messrs. E. Wakeford and C. H. Cawthrop arrived in Sarnia from Ridgetown and put up at the St. Clair House. The object of their visit to Sarnia was for the purpose of leasing the Hill mills. Mr. Wakeford wore a pair of top boots that were hard to take off, and in endeavoring to remove them he broke his

Sarnia Observer: There is some talk of the formation of a company here for the purpose of manufacturing vitrified brick. Mr. J. E. W. Branan, of Alvinston, has been here this week with the above object in view. A large deposit of the crude material has been located on the Branan farm, adjoining Alvinston, and it is said the brick could be manufactured here a great deal cheaper than it could be done at Alvinston, owing to Sarnia's many advantages as a distributing point.

A correspondent of the Chatham Planet says: "Wheat is looking better than I have ever seen it at this season of the year. Every man's crop is showing up well, and shows no damage. The last flood was the only drawback. There are small spots here and there where the water stood in a low part of some of the fields, and these spots look bad; but they are few and far between, and the crop on the whole gives promise of being a particularly good one. The meadows also look promising; but the roads are in a perfectly horrible condition."

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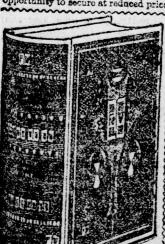
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