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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30.

A BUNGLING GOVERNMENT. It is plain that the Provincial Legislature will be largely occupied during the present session with patching and mending the 'prentice work of the Government at the preceding session.

The speech of the Provincial Secrethe Conservative convention in Mount Brydges yesterday was a lengthy and labored apology for the educationlast year. Here is one abject confession of incompetence:

"The Government, in taking the value as the basis for assessment act of three years ago dicated by the instrument. would result in actual values, being letters received from various quarters, it was found that the municipalities in practice are adopting the same ratio of assessment as before the passage of the new act. In the same county we may find a municipality assessed, according to the report of the county judge, as low as 30 per cent of the actual values, while other municipalities in that count were assessed as high as 100 per cent In that case we would have this condition, on one side of the township line a school section representing an actual value of \$200,000 and assessed for that amount, and required to pay \$500 to their teacher; while on the other side of the township line a section of like size and value assessed at but 30 per cent, or \$60,000, and required to pay but \$300 to its teacher. This presented an apparent injustice and the Government resolved to remedy it at the first opportunity, and in the new proposition the assessed value of the section is therefore abandoned as the basis for fixing the rate of

Any township assessor would have given the Government this information before the passage of the bill, but the amateurs at the head of afthis Province rushed the measure through without making inquiries in the proper quarter, with the result that many municipalities were than their wealthier neighbors, and the Parliament buildings he has admitted have heard on the stage when leaving the went into effect, but they are supposed to see beyond the end of their

noses. Their bungling and botching ed by a supposedly friendly hand? raised false hopes among the teachers, and irritated the farming

the Government in its prison labor legislation. The contract made by the Provincial Secretary, by which the of stage fright. labor of the prisoners was sold to a coterie of party friends, to the injury of free labor in the woodenware trade. thrown out, and the Government's policy reversed, as it should The administration may learn its blunders, but this affairs may bring disaster.

TICKET SCALPING. The bill before the Dominion Parita-

ment to legalize ticket scalping has prompted the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railway Companies to circulate a pamphlet in which the equal to the occasion? arguments against the measure are

It is true that railway companies in some of the Government's legislation. Canada, since the prohibition of scalping in 1882, have been obliged to re- misrepresentation. It says that Sir success in Ontario and other Provinces in deem unused tickets, but the ticket- Wilfrid Laurier "told the deputation the eastern part of the Dominion. So great holder was obliged to wait so long for introduced by Mr. Lavergne that the his money, and unwind so much red wharf they asked for would not be planting tobacco in their fields." tape, that he might be excused for built because Mr. Lavergne had ceased thinking difficulties were intentionally to support the Government." Sir Wilput in his way. This grievance has frid said no such thing, as the Free been voluntarily removed by the rail- Press probably knows, or would know gold had been mined. The value of the wound was closed. I have found programme was also carried out. Solos ways. A new system went into effect if it perused impartial dispatches from on Jan. 1, 1907, by which the holder of Ottawa, instead of its own. an entirely unused ticked may obtain

a refund immediately upon presenting It to the office at which it was sold. If the ticket is partially used, and in the glass)-Ah, madame, efery day I shows clearly how far it has been haf more and more less hairs! traveled upon, a refund will be made promptly upon its transmission to the general office through any ticket agent of the railway. There is nothing unreasonable in the requirement that the gle is over in Anglo-Saxondom. Then the claim for redemption shall be made limited parliament, that is, a parliament within 30 days from the expiration of representing a certain class. That struggle the time for which the ticket was is- is over. The franchise at present is fairly ued. This system of prompt refunds offsets any argument in favor of scalping as a public convenience.

of ticket scalping in Canada is a dis-

tinct aid in securing favorable rates tifully?" from United States railways to inportant conventions in Canada. All handle him. are made freely in Canada with few restrictive conditions. Such rates are The London Advertiser Company, when made in states which do not pro-Limited, 191-193 Dundas street, Lon- hibit scalping. The Canadian railways repay to every holder of a ticket the full cost of the ticket, less the ordinary Having hoarded up three hundred dollars, and regular fare for the distance for quested to favor the management by which it has been used, whereas ticket He stood by the side of the ticker; the reporting any irregularities in deliv- scalpers must get their tickets for considerably less than their real value, otherwise the public would not buy of He bought on a margin, and gladly went them. The records of the United States courts are full of cases of fraud practiced by ticket scalpers upon customers, and show that the scalping business is an incentive to stealing,

The railway companies are undoubtedly right and have been upheld by the In courts in their contention that a ticket is not merchandise, to be sold freely by the holder, but an evidence of a contract between the individual and the carrier. It imports that the lawful price of carriage has been paid and with an anxious look. that the bearer is entitled to the tempts you to buy automobiles." teachers' salaries, expected that the amount and kind of transportation 'n-

forging, or counterfeiting railroad

To say nothing of the rights of the ment. But as the outcome of a return railways, and of the justice of their obtained from the various county position, the public would have noth- got typhoid fever while living therein. This judges throughout the Province, and ing to gain by the passage of the bill now before Parliament.

WHITNEY'S BACK-DOWNS.

"Promier Whitney can back down from the position that the teacher in the little red schoolhouse of Ontario should not be compelled to accept a beggarly wage. He can say that the legislation which failed to insure to the lad and lass who are pupils in the country schoolhouse an education at the hands of skilled instructors was unwise and should be withdrawn. To the petitioners who are besieging the Parliament build- they ings he can admit that they are remained so ever after. right and he is wrong.

all, this is the position he will take. He will confess that when he framed this legislation he was a meddler responsibility he has assumed in an health purposes. endeavor to raise the standard of rural school education. He will rather consider the sweets of office and the pleasures of peace. "The whole course of Premier

Such was the stern admonition of the to the qualifications of a Presbyterian local Conservative organ two weeks

Premier Whitney has backed down. compelled to pay higher school rates To the petitioners who besieged the benefits of the minimum salary provi- that they were right and he was wrong. theater. sions were very unequally distributed He has considered the sweets of office this state of affairs as soon as the act a meddler and a busybody, with a spine of gristle, instead of bone.

How does he like the portrait, sketch-

Middlesex has been twice defeated, but

Mr. Graham's maiden speech as learn nuthin'. leader of the Opposition shows no sign

Large bodies move slowly. Isn't it time the city council addressed itself to the next stage of the Niagara power ment for life, so that he can be released

The board of trade is doing well to take an interest in educational matempiricism in the conduct of public ters, and the school board will do well to take in good part a little friendly

> The Provincial Secretary was sent to od to keep my widow from frosting over in West Middlesex to apologize for the cold weather." Government's discarded school policy, for nothing," said the patron. "Coat the and to expound the new one. Wasn't inside of your window with glycerine, and the Minister of Education considered it will keep as clear in winter as in sum-

Mr. Hanna's attack on the school succinctly stated. The railway do well system of Ontario is unworthy of an to take the people into their confidence educated man. His unqualified asserin this manner, and appeal openly to tion that the school course "shattered public opinion, instead of relying upon the nerves and the children and stunted their parliamentary pull and the lobby. natural qualifications, shows an irre- it is grown in this State, where the mer- during that time went by but what I John Cox, George Richardson, Wm. They have made out an excellent case, sponsibility which helps to explain cury frequently goes out of sight, but the applied cold cream, or some ointment Tierney, Wm. Binks, Francis Doyle and

WORSE AND WORSE.

Distressed Foreigner (regarding himself

THE NEW PERIL

[Rev. J. W. Pedley, Toronto.] Time was when the struggle was between struggie was between the people and a

"Um! You see, she brought up a family of boys of her own, and knows how to

FUTILE FIGURING.

IS. E. Kiser. A man who could measure the distance to the palest of far-away stars, Who had studied the rings around Saturn, Who could tell to a pound how much Venus -the planet, you understand-weighed,

decided to dazzle in trade. broker explained how it went, And the scientist, being enlightened, in-

vested his wad-every cent. With a dream in which rose a fair palace

and a beautiful yacht on the bay. This man who could figure the distance t the palest of far-away stars,

Who could tell you the weight of dim Neptune, and had measured Went crazy in trying to figure out how had lost every cent.

plained how the blamed ticker went. PHILOSOPHY VINDICATED

[Washington Star.] "Money doesn't always bring happiness and peace of mind.' "You are right there," answered the man

DOESN'T WANT MUCH. [Montreal Gazette.]

The municipality of Haileybury is being sued for damages by a man who says he a weakness for acting in damage suits as if the public purse was filled for those who set up legal claims to deplete it.

THEY WERE QUITS. [Exchange.]

you, and I don't."

'I don't care." As a result of this mutual frankness became good friends at once, and

"If Ontario's Premier is a please- A LITTLE TOO, TOO, AS IT WERE. [Bobcaygeon Independent.]

There is an openness and parkyness about the atmosphere at 28 below zero and busybody. He will forget the that is altogether too bracing for ordinary

A CURIOUS WORD.

[Toronto News.] The Globe has used the term "jackpot." Careful search has not been rewarded. Whitney's political life makes it We cannot find out the meaning of the plain that he will do none of these term. We suspect, however, that it is a Scotch expression, having some reference

Church-It seems to be the custom now Flatbush-Yes. I believe it has become

in the teaching profession. The mem- and the pleasures of peace. He stands "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the proper bouse bers of the Government discovered indicted by the organ as a please-all, and the bloodhounds did some great

"Yes, and when the audience went out nearly everyone was growling."

PROGRESS.

[New York Sun.] Parent-What did you learn in school to-

Child-Nuthin': but I didn't have to un-

PROPER THAW VERDICT.

[Toronto Star.1 There are five ways in which Murderer Thaw's case may be disposed of, but an opinion prevails that it will be imprisonin a few days.

TO KEEP WINDOWS FROM FROSTING.

[New York Herald.] The haberdasher sighed, for his window full of lovely holiday neckties, was quite opaque with frost. "I'd give a lot," he said, "for some meth

"I'll let you have the method you want

always use glycerine on our glass instru-TOBACCO GROWN IN CANADA.

[Milwaukee Sentinel.]

"Sounds funny to hear of tobacco being that the weed is now grown with great have been the returns, in fact, that many farmers are giving up wheat and are

about \$20,000,000, and there are fully troubles and injuries." 18,000 miners, who receive good wages

and largest incubator in the world. The was for a friend who had an obstinate incubator has a capacity of 11,440 ducks' eggs or 14,080 hens' eggs. The machine is, in fact, a hothouse. It stands in the heal up for a short time, but would her. Hubert Traher (organist of St. open ground and is constructed of oriron roof. The egg trays each hold 130 permanently, and it shows no sign gole, and Mrs. James Murray. ducks' or 160 hens' eggs, and there are whatever of returning.". four of these trays end to end in eleven tiers, one above the other, on each side

of the room, making a total of 85.

ishment you can inflict.

AWFUL RESULTS OF LOUD PRAYING

Train Official Tried to Restrain Thankful Russian, Who Jumped Off Train.

Port Arthur, Jan. 29.-Ivan Sermew the Russian who jumped from a mov ing passenger train the other morning near White River, was brought to Port Arthur and was held at the polic station here.

Sermew, who has been living in the west the past year, was en route to Russia, where his wife and three children reside. He intended to bring the family back to Canada, as he has found

this country to his taste. After leaving Port Arthur he felt that he should give thanks for the success that he had attained while he was a respite of the fact that the broker exsident of this land, and he wished to show the thankfulness that he felt in again being able to go back to his family, and he knelt down in his seat to pray. He prayed long and loud, and the other passengers in the coach at first became angry at the vociferousness of his exhortations; then they became frightened, thinking that the man had gone out of his head. They warned him, but their warnings fell on deaf ears, as the man was so taken up with his prayers that he had lost al knowledge of his surroundings.

Then the passengers decided to ge opens a new and awful prospect for muni- rid of the man, and they called the cipal financiers. The average juryman has train crew. As soon as the train officials, wearing brass buttons and uniforms, caught hold of Sermew, his thoughts traveled back to Russia, where the laws are stringent, and he became frightened. He broke away from his captors, and, running to the When Thackeray was in America he sat | car platform, jumped off. Owing to at dinner on one occasion beside a very the fact that the snow was deep he clever and candid woman, who at the escaped unhurt. The train was stopconclusion of the dinner said to him: "Mr. ped, and the train crew endeavored to Thackeray, I was told I should not like catch the fellow. He was now scared worse than ever, and he fought them "Well, ma'am," said Thackeray, genially, off and escaped into the woods.

Sermew spent three days wandering through the bush and on the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railways. He headed back towards the west. So scared was he of being followed that whenever he neared a house he would take to the woods. Occasionally he took a natch of sleep in the woods and then continued his march westward. He was out for three days in bitterly cold weather, the temperature dropping as low as 30 below zero. Despite this, Sermew escaped without frostbites, he fortunately being well clothed.

"The only food that I had during he time," said the man to the reporter. was a piece of frozen bread which I picked up on the track. This tasted

When the man reached Jackfish he FOLLOWING COMMON PRACTICE. was taken in charge by the authoriwhen he reached White River and looked over the place he saw no nice men there and he continued his tramp

A strange etymological history is tha possessed by the word "canteen"-which Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the opera house, has caused so much talk in temperance and army circles-if its origin is correctly assigned to the old Latin "quintana," which literally means "of the fifth rank" or "fifth in order." The quintana (via) was a street in the Roman camp, so called because it came between the fifth maniple, or company and the sixth. Here all the business and marketing of the camp is done and 'quintana' eventually came to mean :

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grown in Canada, doesn't it?" said W. J. Ont., says: "I had a scaly spot as big the different roles being Masters Robert Clancy, of Toronto. "Not so much, per- as a ten-cent piece on my face. I had Corcoran, Alfred Pocock, Hugh Overhaps, to Wisconsin people, who know that it for four years, and hardly a night end, Albert Murphy, John Dignan, average American thinks of the waving or other, but it would always be there. Chester Brennan. Mr. Alfred Murphy, palms of the tropics as soon as tobacco I recently applied Zam-Buk, and in in a brief address, introduced the charculture is mentioned. It is a fact, however, about a week's time the spot had dis- acters and the argument of the play. appeared completely. I cannot thank

in their house." nah street, Hamilton, says: "My little lent in their parts. The play was Practically the first discovery of gold girl had a running sore on her leg splendidly costumed, the wardrobe havin Western Australia was made in 1891. which defled all treatment. I applied ing been brought here from Detroit. By the end of the century \$44,000,000 of Zam-Buk, and in about a week's time the mining machinery in use today is Zam-Buk just as good for other skin were rendered by Miss Kate McLaugh-

Mr. J. H. Hamilton, of Thornbury, leen O'Meara, Miss Kathleen Drom-Australia has the largest duck farm says: "The first Zam-Buk I obtained gole and Mr. McKeogh. dinary pine boards, with corrugated break out again. Zam-Buk healed it Peter's Cathedral), Mr. John Drom-

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The programme included the presentation of the trial scene from "The Mrs. W. H. Taylor, of North Bay, Merchant of Venice," those who took Master Dignan gave an intelligent you enough for your remedy, and I tell reading to the part of Shylock, and won everyone to be sure and keep Zam-Buk the applause of the audience. Master Brennan, as Portia, and Master Rich-Mrs. S. J. Holden, of 343 West Han- ardson, as Bassanio, were also excel-A splendid vocal and instrumental

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lin, Mr. Ed. B. Reynolds, Miss Kath-

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extensive. Now the struggle is between the people and the corporations.

THE SEX THAT NEVER GROWS UP

[Detroit Free Press.]

[Detroit Free Press.]

The sex people draw their own conclusions is sometimes the worst punher husband, and yet they ret along bean ishment you can inflict.

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