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London, Tuesday, Sept. 30.

BIRCHALL FOUND GUILTY. After a trial lasting a week and a day, and interesting more people in Canada than probably any similar investigation has interested, John Reginald Birchall has been found guilty of the murder of Charles Benwell. Everyone who has followed the evidence must acknowledge that the verdict is a just one.

The facts, as brought out in the testimony, are briefly these: Birchall arranged with Benwell and Pelly to come Canada and be partners with him in his alleged farm and horse-dealing transactions. They were unknown to each other when they met on shipboard at Liverpool early in February last. Birchall did what he could to keep them unacquainted. He had lied to them both, acquainted. He had lied to them both, and he had therefore good reasons for trying to prevent them from comparing experiences. Birchall had obtained £170 periences. Birchall had obtained £170 which the Tory Cabinet now receive its perfences. Birchall had obtained £170 from Pelly by admitting him into a bogus partnership, and Corporation of the other young many and promised to pay Birchall £500 for a parenership for his son if the latter was satisfied with the bargain from personal inspection. Birchall had to do something to avoid detection. Pelly he found to be sumplelous, and little wonder, for it was pretty evident to him that there was crookedness somewhere. So, when the three, with Mrs. Birchall, arrived at Buffalo, the prisoner lured Benwell away to see his wonderful farm at Niagara Falls, with stables lighted by electricity, he said. Instead of going there, however, Birchall bought two tickets for Eastwood, and induced his companion to walk to the awamp, and to his death. When he returned to Eastwood, he was alone and for remarks were determined no longer to be controlled by the combines from which the Tory Cabinet now receives its strength. That may be so. Meanwhile, in same anbelieves that a conversion of a different course. The probability is of a different course. The probability is that the Tory Cabinet now receives its strength. That may be so. Meanwhile, in same mabelieves that a conversion of a different course. The probability is of a different course. The probability is that the Tory Cabinet now receives its strength. That may be so. Meanwhile, in same mabelieves that a conversion of a different course. The probability is of a different course. The probability is that the Tory leaders will go into the next election funds, and whispering, "Fear the tory leaders will go into the next election funds, and whispering, "Fear the tory leaders will go into the next election funds, and whispering, "Fear the tory leaders will go into the next election funds, and whispering, "Fear the tory leaders will go into the next election funds, and whispering, "Fear the tory leaders will go into the next election funds, and whispering the tory leaders will go into the next election funds, and whispering the tory leaders will go into the next nearly two weeks after that eventful Feb.

17 no one seems to have suspected the reason why. True, Birchall and his victim were seen on the road leading to the swamp, and a number of persons saw and spoke to the prisoner on his way back to Niagara Falls. But the same witnesses who observed the two men did not see Birchall when he came back alone, and it was only after the discovery of the victim's body, and the subsequent accidental finding of his cigar case, that the clue was afforded which led to the identification of Birchall as the companion of nearly two weeks after that eventful Feb. tion of Birchall as the companion of the man found murdered in the swamp. Birchall had taken what he believed to be good care to hide his victim's crime. In an good care to hide his victim's crime. In an ensuspecting moment, he lured him into the bonely swamp, shot him down in his tracks and then cut his name from every portion of his clothing, and emptied his pockets of their contents. By some means or other— as if a Frovidential dispensation—the cigar case was dropped on the ground, and was picked up several days after the discovery of the body, and after almost every hope of identifying it had been given up.

Meanwhile Birchall had resolved to earry

on his scheme for deceiving and robbing his victim's father. He sent Pelly on a wild goose chase to New York city to look for Benwell's baggage, having first told him that Benwell had not taken kindly to his farm, and had gone on to London to look for one for himself. Then, two days after the murder he wrote the infamous letter to Col. Benwell, aninto partnership, that he was fully satisfied with the outlook, that the business was so large the correspondence would in future be written by typewriter, and that his son would write explaining all in a few days, The scheme undoubtedly was to send a typewritten letter to Col. Benwell with the forged signature of his son attached, and thus induce that gentleman to send the £500, to obtain possession of which the murder was undoubtedly committed.

When it was reported that the cigar-case had been found, Birchall at once went to Princeton and identified the body, maintaining that innocent-looking demeanor which has characterized him ever since. He was

duct before and during the trial, our readers have been fully apprised.

Mr. Osler conducted the prosecution with ability and mederation. He strengthened the case for the Crown by judiciously handling the witnesses. Mr. Blackstock, the leading counsel for the prisoner, whether through ill health or an everpowering consciousness that he had a poor case, was too restolars in his treatment of the witnesses.

All sentences was commuted to imprisonment for life. He died insane. The last great trial for murder was in 1879, when charged with poisoning Annie McCabe, wife of the former. The jury disagreed, and when the case again came up in 1880, Judge Galt dismissed it.

gratulated on the promptitude with which justice has been done in this case, which has excited interest throughout the world. It must be satisfying to them to know that while nothing has been left undene to bring the guilty to book, and to vindicate the good name of the Province and of the county of Oxford, not one of the actors in the dread tragedy was a Canadian. The Oxford swamp was only a Canadian. The Oxford swamp was only the accidental theater of the terrible This class of crime does not prevail to

any extent in the Dominion, and we are glad of it. Yet the career and fate of the young man now lying under sentence of death in Woodstock jail convey a moral which all, but especially young men starting out in life, may lay to heart and profit by. Here was a well-educated man, a graduate of Oxford University, a son of reputable parents, who had every opportunity to make a fair start in life, and to earn a good living fair start in life, and to earn a good living for himself and family. He possessed un-doubted talents, and was clever in many ways. But he early conceived the idea that it was undignified to work for a living, that it was undignified to work for a living, and that true enjoyment of life consisted in exaggerating one's own importance, and in masquerading under false colors—as for example, when he posed in Woodstock as "Lord Somerset." It is natural that a sun who allows his ideas of the aims of life man who allows his ideas of the aims of life man was allows his ideas of the aims of life to become so perverted should begin to be-lieve that the world owes him a living without working for it. That was Birchall's belief. He resolved to leave honest labor to others and to live by his wits, and his downward career to the gallows has been swift and sure. The lesson cannot be too strongly impressed upon the rising generation that the momenta man attempts, by crooked means, to get some-thing for nothing, to get wealth without earning it, he has entered on a perilous

TORTUOUS TACTICS. The Mitchell Recorder asserts that the conversion of Sir John Macdonald to the principles of free trade would be quicker than the conversation of Saul of Tarsus if It will be a repetition of the anti-election performance of 1878, when Sir John Mac-

dependent rulers than now

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—Mr. Justice Patterson has been ap-pointed to inquire into the alleged eccen-tricities of Judge Upper, of Haldimand.

-Hon, John Carling arrived in the city at noon to-day. His visit, so soon after he declined to come to the Western Fair, because official business pressed him hard, is exciting some comment. It need surprise no one to learn that the present pilgrimage has something further to do with pipe-laying for the next general election.

—It is a relief to most of us to find the Birchall trial ended. Thanks to the dis-covery of shorthand and its admirable adaptability to the taking of evidence, the mere jota of the time that would have been necessary in the old days, when the record of the evidence was taken in longhand, with a slowness that must have often led to irritation. It is safe to say that but for shorthand, the trial, instead of occupying week and a day, would have taken a month and a day. And yet once in a while objec-tion is raised to the moderate fees of the shorthander.

—If Birchall pays the penalty of his atrocious erime with his life—and there is no reason for believing that his sentence will be commuted-he will be the second person hanged by legal process in Oxford.

This is certainly not a bad record for so large a county. On Dec. 10, 1862, a blind man named Thomas Cook was hanged for the murder of his wife. The has characterized him ever since. He was interviewed by the officers of the law, however, and his concocted story of Benwell's Hisappearance was doubted. Link after fink of the chain of circumstantial evidence connecting him with the dreadful crime was speedlly forged. Of the subsequent proceedings and Birchall's remarkable conduct before and during the trial, our readers have been fully apprised.

petulant in his treatment of the witnesses, and his cruel badgering of one girl was rebuked by the Judge. His address to the jury was his best effort. He put the case for the prisoner as strongly as possible, but it was at best weak, and a contrary result could scarcely have been expected.

Canadians generally are to be con-

the largest manufacturers of the metal in the in the world, has been selling aluminium in small lots for \$2 50 per pound. Five years ago, when the company began business, the current price of the metal was \$20 per pound, and its purity was not guaranteed. The first price put on the Cowles aluminium was \$5 per pound as against the whole of the cowless are supplied to the cowless aluminium was \$5 per pound as against the whole of the cowless are supplied to the cowless are supplied put on the Cowles aluminium was 50 per pound as against the above figure. At \$1 per pound aluminium will become a serious competitor with both nickel and tin. At 50 cents pure aluminium would become a formidable competitor with copper. The change in the price is rendered possible by the discovery of improved methods for producing the metal. This has been almost the invariable experience with regard to the production of the majority of metals. the production of the majority of metals. Through scientific research they have been cheapened enermously, though, as in the case of steel, attempts have been made by United States politicians to credit the reduction in price to the high taxes paid on the imported article!

-The British Local Government Board, having become alarmed at the prevalence of cholera in Southern Spain, has issued regu-lations providing that until Dec. 31 next no rags from Spain shall be delivered overside ship, except for purposes of export, nor landed in any port or place in Eugland or landed in any port or place in England or Wales. If any rags shall be delivered over-side or landed in contravention of this order they must, unless forthwith exported, be destroyed by the person having control. Bales of rags are largely imported into England from Spain and Italy for the pur-England from Spain and Italy for the purpose of paper making, while a still larger quantity is transhipped from Liverpool and London to New York, and the present is the busiest season of the trade. New York amers frequently bring over several hun dred tons. A large quantity of rags is also imported annually into this country, but the trade returns for last year do not show that they come direct from Spain. The ship-ments are chiefly from Britain, Belgium, France and Germany, but it is possible that, as in the case of imports to the States, the consignments have originally come from Spain. Though we have no apprehensions of a cholers outhers, the thic province that of a cholera outbreak on this continent thi year, it is well for the Government to instruct the quarantine officials to look care fully after imports of this kind. Cholera germs are not easily killed, and may be im-ported now, to do their deadly work next summer, unless the most thorough precautions are adopted.

OTHER NEWSPAPERS. AN OLD-WORLD OPINION

n Canadian Gazette Mr. Mowat has at last put his Cabinet in order, and, if past experience is any guide, it will probably be found that he has added to its attempts. to its strength

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The button manufacturers of Berlin and Waterloo want reciprocity, and say that unless it is secured within a short time they will have to move their factories to Buffalo. Bona fide cotton manufacturers like Mr. Alexander Gibson, Hon. J. K. Ward and Mr. Jonathan Hodgson, want unrestricted reciprocity in order that they may sell their goods in the United States. The Quebec shoe manufactures want reciprocity for the same reason. The New Brunswick lime burners say that if their product is excluded from the American market they will have to shut up shop. So it appears that the only manufacturers who are opposed to reciprocity are a few greedy and cowardly cembinesters—unless we count the manufacturers of Tory campaign literature.

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