Managing Director John Cameron and Editor,

London, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 1898.

The Czar's Sensational Proposals.

All the world is talking of the big sensa. tion suddenly sprung on the world by the Emperor of Russia. It is, in brief, a proposal for a conference, to see if arrangements can be made for a proportionate disarmament by the great Powers; or, at the least, a cessation in the mad race between the nations as to which shall add most rapidly to its armies and navies.

The world seems divided in opinion as to whether the proposal is made sincerely, or is merely a ruse. The most part consider

the proposal sincere. If it is a suggestion made in sincerity, it marks a new epoch in history of peace. The Anglo-Saxon world can afford to greet the proposal with welcome. Strong in war, the genius of the Anglo-Saxon world manifests itself not less strongly in the paths of peace.

The very proposal, from so inflential a quarter, is immensely educative; and our belief is that, like the coming Anglo-American alliance, a general proportionate disarmament on the part of the nations is one of the happy inevitabilities of the future.

### American Losses by Disease and Starvation.

An irresistable demand goes up for an investigation into "the horrible slaughter of American soldiers by the preventable disease and starvation which have proved more deadly than the bullets of Spain." We fancy it will be difficult to fix on any individual as scape-goat, though the most ger eral nomination for that office seems at present to be Secretary of War Alger. The truth is, the United States. at all events on the army side, was totally unprepared for war; and every war, in the case of unmilitary nations, begins with break-down of the commissariat and medical departments.

How great that break-down was, in the recent war, is only now becoming generally known. All dispatches from in the American arrangements, were necessarily and properly prohibited. lest they should give aid and comfort to the enemy. But now that the battles are over, and the newspaper correspondents and soldiers are alike returning home, the full truth is coming

One result, among others, will be a pretty general acceptance of General Sherman's impressive aphorism, that

One war is usually enough for one generation, and the people of the United States will not be keen for another conflict, unless perhaps by sea for a good many years to come.

## The Cloakmaker's Cheek.

The International Conference at Quebec has given rise to some very cool propositions. Among others, we find that an open letter to the Canadian Commissioners has been published by Mr. Coldwater, who signs himself "Acting Editor of the Cloak Journal." This New York giver-of-advice makes an argument to show how advantageous it would be for Canada if her people would be contented with growing wool to send to the United States to be manufactured into cloth, to be subsequently made into garments by United States workmen. Then it would be sent back to Canada as readymade clothing. To effect this, Mr. Coldwater suggests that the United States should admit our wool duty free, and Canada should receive duty free the clothing manufactured from it by Mr. Coldwater and his cloak-making friends.

Did it never occur to Mr. Coldwater that Canadians are a manufacturing people as well as a farming and sheepraising community? It certainly profits our people to sall to the United States manufacturers, or they would not do so; but it is a fact that Canada has hundreds of women mills within her bounds, and thousands of expert operatives engaged in making up, for the use of the public, the products of those mills. Why, then, should this advocate of the New York cloak manufacturers think it possible that the people of this country would for one moment entertain such a one-sided proposition as he has made?

If Mr. Coldwater could prevail upon the United States Congress to agree to a lowered tariff on cloaks and other woolen articles, as well as on wool, thereby giving a fair field to the manufacturers of this country in the United States markets, as well as to our wool growers, we are certain that our Government would meet the proposition in no haggling spirit. We have already a much more liberal tariff than our neighbors, and neither our manufacturers nor our farmers are afraid to | wise to entrust the tremendous respon-

take equal chances in any market with their competitors; but a proposition conceived in so selfish a spirit as that which the advocate of the United States cloakmakers has set forth has but to be mentioned to be rejected.

Canada is ready for give-and-take reciprocity, but not for a treaty that would provide, as Mr. Coldwater advocates, for reciprocity that would enact reciprocity for one industry and a virtually prohibitory tariff against another. Canada is not doing business, in these days of prosperity, in that

Freedom In Reality. The Russian authorities kave given another exhibition of their intolerance by expelling all the Roman Catholic missionaries from the Province of Manchuria. China, of which they have recently acquired control. The London Tablet, the organ of the English Catholics, comments on the significance of this illiberality, and points out how different it is to the line of conduct pursued by the British and United States Governments in countries over which they have from time to time assumed control. For this reason, the Tablet welcomes the extension of the influence of the United States to Cuba and elsewhere, and the growing friendliness between Great Britain and the United States. The extension of both these English-speaking nations, and their cordial co-operation in the cause of human freedom, our London contemporary holds, guarantees an enlarged area of religious liberty and fair treatment of the Roman Catholic Church in

their respective countries. Under British and United States rule as our contemporary rightly points out there will be no such illiberality or persecution of any denomination as has been recently witnessed in China, at the order of the Russian authorities. The English speakers have passed the stage of national development in which religious bigotry and loyalty to the State were regarded as inseparable by very many of the people, and more especially by the ruling classes,

Mr. Hodgens' ram is a Dandy,

The Brockville Recorder is bright as a new dollar and lively as a cricket.

The Washington Star is writing up the Hog on the End Seat. He is of &

Mr. Leighton McCarthy, nephew of the late Dalton McCarthy, proposes to run in North Simcoe, on what used to be known as the McCarthy ticket.

The Ottawa Citizen, speaking of the Quebec commission, gleefully proclaims its belief that reciprocity is "knocked out." Does the wish occupy parental relation to the thought?

Judging from the almost universal sentiment of United Statesers summering in Muskoka, opinion among our neighbors pretty generally favors keeping all the territory conquered from Spain. That's what The Advertiser wants to see.

Rough-Rider Col. Roosevelt is proving a formidable candidate for the Governorship of New York State on the Republican side. He is rich, brainy, patriotic and fearless. The leader of the Rough Riders has ridden into popularity, but by no means beyond his

The appointment of Mr. Avern Pardoe to the place of librarian of the Ontario Legislature is a good choice. Mr. Pardoe has been all his life a thoughtful reader and handler of books, as well as a writer. He is like a clock for system and order, and he will be found genially ready to aid members of the House in their re-

Of all our esteemed Conservative contemporaries, we do not know any quite so habitually anxious as the Montreal Star. On the 27th of August it begins to inquire, in awe-stricken tones, "What of Next Session?" As the next Dominion session is presumably six months away, does not this savor a little of rushing the season? Our Conservative contemporary is not as those who sorrow without hope. It thanks Heaven the friends of truthand righteousness still have the Senate upon which to fall back.

"Bystander," writing in the Toronto

Weekly Sun, says: "Essentially different from suicide in the proper sense of that term is euthanasia, as it is called—that is the termination of life when medical science has pronounced that death is centain, and that nothing remains for the patient but useless pain. Providence, to whose decree opponents of euthanasia appeal, if it has sent the suffering, has also sent the means of release. In time, probably, the use of those means under due limitations and safeguards will be sanctioned. In truth the merciful physician already does pretty nearly the same thing by the application of anodynes, when he

But to whom would it be safe or

sibility of deciding when to put a period to another person's life?

On the 16th of August, Hon. Sydney Fisher and Prof. Robertson visited Dundee. On the 17th a splendid account of Canada's place as the great agricultural country of the world anpeared in the Dundee Courier, Similar interviews have been published in Manchester and London journals. As advance agents of Canadian prosperity, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Robertson are doing great work in advertising the resources of the Dominion.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Mr. Whitney Demanded It-and Got

[Ottawa Citizen.] "Why was this session called, anyway" asks the Mail, referring to that just closed. Surely Mr. Whitney ought

to be able to tell.

Stratford's Young Aldermen. [Stratford Beacon.] By electing young aldermen who travel Stratford gets information for nothing that other places pay thousands of dollars to acquire.

Dan Will Not Down.

[Sarnia Observer.] Many of the windows of the business places in town have been decorated with handsome lithograph hangers of the Western Fair, London. Among the illustrations on the hanger is what might pass for a good representation of the ran Dan, as he smilingly recognized his former owner, Mr. Hodgens M.P.P.

Mr. Ross in the House. [Toron'to Correspondence, Buffalo

Express.] Mr. Ross is not as busy with pen and books as his colleague. As a rule, he leans back in his chair, with his hat well drawn over his eyes. In fact, he wears his hat in the House more than any other Cabinet Minister. That he is attentive to what his opponents are saying is evinced by his frequent and sarcastic "Hear, hear!" delivered in a peculiarly disconcerting tone. Many a ew member, attempting to establish a reputation for oratory, has had his ideas driven out of his head and the thread of discourse severed by that sarcastic exclamation.

### LIGHT AND SHADE.

An Elephant on His Hands. [The "Elephant Song," from "Wang," adapted to fit the possible annexation of the Philippines.] Oh, there once was a king, As minstrels sing.
Who a herd of elephants hada And a man next door, By no means poor, wanted an elephant bad.

So the very weak king Did a very sly thing And sky blue ruin At once began brewin' For that luckless Jonathan: the elephant ate all night! And the elephant ate all day!

Do what he could To furnish it food, Its cry was still "More hay!" Till he tore his hair in wild despair And piped his lachrymal glands. Oh! he was sad, because he had That elephant on his hands. -Harper's Weekly.

### Fear No More

Fear no more the heat o' the sun, Nor the furious winter's rages; Thou thy worldly task hast done, Home art gone and ta'en thy wages; Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust."
—Shakespeare.

"Is Mrs. Knibbs going to a summer resort while her husband is fighting in "Yes; she says she wants to go where she will be as hot and uncomfortable as he is."—Chicago Record.

This Life. The Lord let the house of a brute to the soul of a man, the soul of a man, said: "Am I your And the man said: Said the Lord: "Not yet: but make it

as clean as you can, And then I will let you a better."

"Hit often happens," said Uncle "dat a man'll staht in wif de intention o' bein' a peacemaker an' wind up by simply complicatin' de complicatin' de fight."-Washington Star.



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