

THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

The great, tedious, but not altogether profitless, debate on the Anatomy Bill is practically at an end. The public was tired of it; Parliament was weary of it, and it is doubtless rejoicing to be at liberty to devote its energies to matters that are really worth while.

THE LAW IS NOT A JASS.

No one familiar with the latest records in United States criminal courts of justice expected Mrs. Nan Patterson to be convicted by a jury of the crime of murdering Caesar Young. She has not been convicted, and she cannot be convicted. There is now nothing for the state to do but to release the alleged murderer.

THE REGATTA.

It is charged that the people of Victoria in public meeting assembled decided to hold the annual regatta, or picnic, or whatever we may choose to call the principal civic outing of the year, on the harbor on the 25th of May.

the regatta at all; nor is the 25th of May the day on which to hold the recognized premier event of the celebration. The people must assemble themselves together after the fashion of years gone by at the Gorge; and the date of the said assembly must be changed to the day fixed by tradition and practice for the fete.

CANADA'S FUTURE AND BRITISH FINANCIERS.

According to a writer in the London Daily Express Canadians of the present day or of the future will not be the sole beneficiaries by the construction of the new transcontinental railway.

Some 2,000 miles of prairie land, interspersed with lakes and ponds, and heavily timbered in places with spruce and pine, will be made accessible to settlers.

The possibilities which the railway thus opens up have already been recognized. American land speculators are securing large blocks of land as fast as the government surveys will permit.

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THE GOLF MICROBE.

The working of this peculiar but perfectly harmless microbe is strenuous. Its chief peculiarities are digging holes in the earth and emitting strange sounds after each excavation.—Montreal Star.

7,000,000 acres of land. Up to March last year the company had sold 1,234,000 acres of its land. Some idea of the price it received may be gained from the fact that in the year 1903-4 the company sold 130,414 acres for nearly a quarter of a million pounds.

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Dr. Osler, our distinguished fellow-countryman, has been removed to what we are at liberty to consider a higher sphere, but his sayings and his works will live after his departure and furnish fruitful, and we hope profitable, discussions in the press and for the public.

The increasing ravages of plague in India are a source of the greatest anxiety to the government. So far none of the measures adopted in the hope of checking the disease has proved really effective, except inoculation, to which the native will not submit.

The weekly death rate in the central provinces still scarcely exceeds that of Bombay city alone. In the Bombay presidency there were 333,504 deaths in 1903, a death rate of 19 per thousand on the population of the province.

Dr. Osler probably realizes now that there are occasions when it is well for even very wise men to put bridges upon their tongues. The professor's opinions respecting the age of usefulness for man tempted a few weak-minded, non-discriminative individuals to commit suicide.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was at an early period of his career called into the councils of the crown under the Premier-ship of the late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. He served five years, and then

of New York state one youthful ecclesiastic (we presume he was a youthful man, although the report is silent on the subject of age) stood up and declared: "I am opposed to my last breath to making middle grade appointments 'snubbing posts' for ecclesiastical derelicts floating down stream."

The scourge of this country is not the bubonic plague; it is a disease which does its full work more insidiously—the white plague, or consumption. The bubonic plague is difficult to cope with. Philanthropists almost despair as they see the fatalists of the East wither in thousands before its devastating breath.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain said in his budget speech returns indicated that the British people were spending less money in liquor and spending more of their leisure time as spectators of outdoor sports.

The annual report of the Registrar-General for Ontario shows that the province alone, out of every one thousand children born one hundred and eleven die before they reach the age of one year, and in every province of the Dominion there is the same appalling loss of precious little lives annually.

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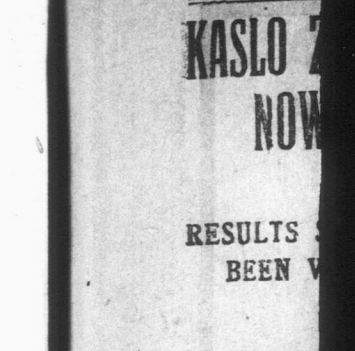
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