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PRISON REFORM.

Ontario is starting a system of prison reform that seems well founded. The old Central prison at Toronto is to be abolished and two new ones are to take its place. One of these will be located near Toronto, the other in Northern Ontario.

The basis for the new system is the classification of prisoners, the separation of the man who has been tempted into crime from the man whose instincts and inclinations run to crime at the sparks fly upward.

Necessarily the throwing together of these classes must make one class more or less like the other—and experience has proved that it is the better class that becomes like the worst.

This classification is founded of course on the assumption that those who have not passed beyond a certain stage in criminal experience may be reclaimed and made safe and useful members of society.

DEPARTMENTAL STORE TEXT-BOOKS.

Opposition papers have been telling us recently about the fine bargain the Ontario government got in school books from the T. Eaton Co.—a bargain that made the Alberta contract look anything but cheap.

price lists of ladies' wear, and the masterpieces of English prose interlarded with illustrations of baby carriages and cream separators.

There are possibilities of trouble, of course, but some disadvantages must be expected with every good. Thus the pedagogic might have caused for the price of patent medicines.

THE BUTCHER'S BILL.

As expected, subscription lists have been opened in Canada as elsewhere throughout the world for the relief of the Armenian band who have escaped the Moslem sword.

PROMOTING DISHONESTY BY LAW.

If the inquiry of the ways and means committee into the working of the Dingley tariff had continued a few weeks longer the people of the United States might have learned how they were governed.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Canada's surplus is a half million larger than Mr. Fielding estimated. Errors of that kind will be overlooked.

Crumpacker, like his Canadian fellow-believers, is prepared to institute and maintain a tariff system under which a band of genteel swindlers are free to rob the public by selling them cotton and charging them for woolen goods.

It will be objected of course—by the Canadian woolen men and their political advocates—that the Canadians are a very superior type of people compared to those who live south of the border.

Another man who knew whereof he spoke thus expressed himself directly to the committee: "Manufacturers, in order to continue to run, either reduce the weight of their cloth, or make it out of cotton; and the higher the price of wool is, the less wool is used."

THE SCIMITAR OF OSMAN.

The scimitar of Osman has been gleaming on Montreal. Let us hope he will exercise it freely on the governors, army officers and un-civil officials of the Adana district.

THE CALGARY ALBERTAN SUGGESTS.

The Alberta government is the most aggressive and successful long distance telephone expert in America.

THE VICTORIA TIMES ADMITS.

The Victoria Times admits the opinion that its local contemporary's "insinuations are naturally mean, base, cowardly and criminal."

A CORRESPONDENT ASKS.

A correspondent asks a Calgary paper what that city would be without immigration. The answer is easy—just what it was before immigration began.

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POSTAL EMPLOYEES CALL GENERAL S

French Port and Telegraph Go Out on Strike, Serious pling Important Public Government Take Measure Replace Revolving Civil Trains Leave With Mail

Paris, May 11.—The Federation of the various postal organizations has voted not to vote of the Chamber of Deputies on the interpellation today on the postal trouble.

Woman Addressed Meeting. A woman orator addressed a meeting of the Central Trade Union which kept reaching the station that the railway had not left the Paris station the night mail and that the post offices had been closed their staffs including most of the head office.

Seaman's Strike at St. Nazaire. A despatch from St. Nazaire that the strike of the crew of the Central Trade Union continues and steamers are the dock laborers refused 500 mail bags for Central and the West Indies and they are therefore returned to Paris.

AUSTRIAN ARCHDUKE WORKING AS MACHINIST

John Orth, Earning \$15 Per Week. Cleveland, Ohio, May 11.—John Orth, a workman at the Machine shop, who today has been admitted to a new position that he is none of Johann Salvator, the nephew of the reigning house of Austria.

The disappearance of John Orth. He called himself when he was in Evansville four years ago, again two months ago, working in the Coe machine shop, left further inquiry into an impossibility until he was found.