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#### THE DRILL HALL SITE.

Perhaps Col. Sam Hughes will not accept the which Calgary has selected for a drill hall; perhe will. If he should deign to accept the site

ost office. If the drill hall should be located in city, the government should secure its own and go ahead with the building. If it should ot be located here, the gift of a site is neither wise

The city of Calgary is not well supplied with ds at the present time, as we all know. No stern Canadian city is. The Dominion is rolling wealth derived by excessive taxation of the peo-It has just given sixteen million dollars to a le of railway promoters. It could well afford pay one-half of one per cent. of that amount for

site for a drill hall. And these people not only insist upon us going own in the city strong box and digging up for the e, but they insist upon getting the very best t we have, and scoff at anything less than that. irst, they wanted the barracks site. Then they ined upon getting the heart of Mewata park. low they are not so sure that they will take what offer. They propose to look hard at the mouth

Winnipeg declined to give alms to the beggarly comes to the worst.

The Dominion government has money enough buy its own sites. It is levying tribute upon the erent cities which believe they should have

# U. S. IMPORTATIONS.

An examination into conditions across the line show very clearly why the president of the ited States and a very large section of his supers desire the removal of the duties upon grain cattle. During the last Dominion election camgn, the people who favored the wider markets ted to the decline of the republic as an agriiral country. They insisted that Canada must k the wider market, and that wider market was the United States. That country was not a comor, but furnished the logical market-

or the calendar year figures just issued by the ed States government show an exportation of 33,000 cattle, as against 164,000 in 1911, 00 in 1906, and 599,000 in 1904. In other eight years ago the total number exported learly twenty times as great as last year.

the matter of imports the same facts are In 1904 the total imports of cattle amount-16,000 head, valued at \$310,000, while in 1912 lotal imports amounted to 300,000, valued at 0,000. The exports of meat show a similar 0,000, and in 1912. 9.000,006.

readstuffs exported in 1912, while showing a er total than in 1911, on account of the much and \$277,000,000 in 1901.

Editorial Notes

Canada widening its markets to take advantage of the needs of our nearest neighbor. That alarm was nounced very positively that he would to a great extent fictitious, for the same people are now rejoicing because the United States will probably remove the tariff from meat, grain, t and flour. The removal of that duty must come

#### AIRMANSHIP IN WAR.

Some time ago a suggestion was made that Calgary should raise money to build an aeroplane for the British air squadron; a movement well intentioned, but seemingly ill-advised. Nothing seems to have come of it. It is well that it is so, for of Monte Cristo. whatever may be the merits of such a scheme, the time has not arrived, seemingly, for very much expenditure in that direction.

The London Nation deplores the fact that there is a campaign on foot in the Old Country to induce the government to spend vast sums on air gers, for their own self-interested motives, are doing their best to drag the most glorious and soaring human achievement down from the height
where it might have disseminated the spirit of where it might have disseminated the spirit of brotherhood and peace among men, to the lower geographically should belong to us. level of the "Kruppist" atmosphere, for the selfish object of putting pelf into their pockets. It is difficult—nay, idle—not to suppose that the ubiquitous "Kruppist" is not behind the scare to which the Aerial Defence Committee of the Navy League has fallen of late a victim. It might not be too curious to inquire what are the grounds for assuming at the present moment that the aeroplane or airship has revolutionized warfare, or that either of them has fallen of late a victim. It might not be too curious to inquire what are the grounds for assuming at the present moment that the aeroplane or airship has revolutionized warfare, or that either of them is yet a practical military machine.

In the last two years Europe has been the spectator of two wars, both of them conducted by highly expert and well-found combatants on either side, each of whom was equipped with, and ready and anxious to use, this new arm which man's genius and daring had provided. In Tripoli the Italians had many aeroplanes, and they had although the Janus faced the Janus-faced chief pastime is building homes cow-catcher, was born in England on this date, in the year 1781. He was a poor boy, and if he had not thought of the Janus faced chief pastime is building homes through the aid of homestead and the Janus faced chief pastime is building homes through the aid of homestead and just on the learning the learning type he would proposely have the month all Dayton lines up in the so a dirigible balloon; Italian airmen, too, are ren among the most skilled and daring in the world. In the deserts of Libya, furthermore, they had an arid and level country without any natural means of the time George was born the extra-fare train and the parlor car with and level country without any natural means of the time George was born the extra-fare train and the parlor car with and level country without any natural means of concealment, and therefore singularly well adapted to aerial reconnaissance. Yet absolutely nothing was accomplished in reality. The airmen failed partment. If Col. Sam Hughes doesn't like this e, the city should directly take the same course.

on every important occasion to locate the enemy thing done in those days as there is now, and a man could come home in the evening without finding a flock of nanage to worry along without a drill hall ping failed to cause either damage or terror. A ingratiating relatives camped in the front hall with telescope grips and an more ambitious attempt to use the aeroplane in the lot. That was the golden age. field was made by the Bulgarians a year subsequently; and the armies of King Ferdinand I, had a large number of the latest and most effective machines, and the services of some very competent English, French, and Russian airmen. Yet it is very clear that in all the functions for which it is claimed the aeroplane is indispensable in modern war the Bulgarian air corps accomplished nothing. Finally, coming to yesterday, A. M. Williams, an aviator, of Douglas, Ariz., U.S.—who has been flying with Didier Masson in his Guaymas, Mex., experiments—is reported to have just returned to Douglas. It is stated by him that Masson is not Douglas. It is stated by him that Masson is not able to manipulate his machine at an altitude consistent with safety for the airmen, and has consequently given up the much trumpeted attempt to blow up the Federal gunboat now lying in Guaymas harbor. It is added that it has been decided to use the machine only in scout work.

In view of these facts, therefore, it is impossible not to agree with the writer in The Nation when-concluding a lucid and convincing articlehe remarks that "no competent student of flight, still less any airman with any practical experience, would assert for the aeroplane at the present moment any effective offensive qualities at all. We must have them, so the argument runs, because Germany has them: and though nobody knows how many Germany has, we must have twice as many." The public, i g off. Moody's Magazine shows that the ex- would seem, is to be stampeded into the expendis in 1901 amounted to 354,000,000 pounds, in ture of untold millions upon aircraft, seacraft not 270,000,000; in 1908, 156,000,000; in 1911, being enough for us; the said millions to ultimatebeing enough for us; the said millions to ultimate ly swell the bank accounts of the armament-mon gers and their friends. The study of the early his tory of the balloon is not without its value in this connection. Invented in 1782, by 1785 the Prival market, show a great falling off compared connection. Invented in 1783, by 1785 the British the earlier years. The total for the year 1912 Channel had been crossed; and by 1794-at the mated \$165,000,000, against \$215,000,000 in Battle of Fleurus—it had been applied to military purposes by the generals of France's first republic. hese facts indicate very clearly that the Unit- / Yet we now see that, though expected a century ates is practically importing its food at the ago to revolutionize the art of war, the art of war has not been revolutionized by it as yet. May it not ng the recent election opponents of reci- prove to be the same with the airship and the aerolooked with some alarm at the prospect of plane as with the balloon?

such growth, will suspect that they sources from the Dominion to the provinces, which he has not carried into effect, though the 24-hour limit has The man who has no very great long, long, long since passed.

The Women's Press club is honoring The Women's Press club is honoring Western Canada with its presence. It is a strong and worthy organization woman's invasion of the newspaper has been of comparatively recent times, and the newspaper is all the better for it.

The new U.S. tariff is likely to be

# Sidewalk Sketches

Finally, however, Stephenson got his engine on the track and soon was able to maintain a speed of ten miles an hour for several feet. All was changed now. He became immensely wealthy, learned how to number his checks and had his washing done at the laundry. People who had never called on Mrs. Stephenson used to drive up and leave engraved cards wrapped up in cigarette papers on the piano, and she was made fourth vice-president of the ladies' kensington. George was soon covered with honors and pound notes, and lived to see the time when politicians could ride all over England on an annual pass.

nine miles from the county seat.

The cornet is played by forcing long thin strips of breath through its bronchial tubes. When these strips escape into the crowd they become very pleasing to people who prefer their music without any sharps or flats. The favrite method of playing the cornet is about it firmly estable the front

erature two measures in succession, he leader of a band is always a coretist who keeps time with his head, hich can be waved up and down without affecting the enthusiasm of

The cornet is subject to sudden at-acks of bronchitis, and in cold weath-r has to wear a flannel, compress round its throat. A thoroughly chil-d cornet is about as pleasant to listen to as a hired man sharpening a ripsaw. In warm weather the corner sounds better late at night, practising the tripple-tongue hurdle, under the window of some musical enthusias who can drink in its dulcet tones while swearing in five separate and distinct tanguages.

# The Poet Philosopher By Walt Mason

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Queer Newspapers A few years ago a journal called The Lunatic Herald made its appearjournal regularly published in Paris,

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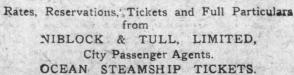
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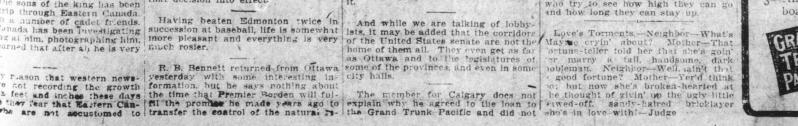
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