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st, of these people are the victims of then see how far both sides will be willing akness of mind, and en courage those who pay them in beliefs writer knows something about the better seen aged and infirm people, or parents who have just lost a child, sitting in a darkened room talking earnestly with the supposed spirit of the departed, and when one knows beyond any question that these "spirits" are represented by a fat medium, triloquist, he is disgusted, and with reason. Lt is the more disgusting because one of Spiritualists, people who appear to be most intelligent in regard to all other matters, but who appear to believe absolutely that night after night they converse with the spirits of famous people, long since dead, who apparently have very little of importance to disclose, but who are apparently anxious that the "medium" who runs the "parlor" shall have no diffi-

culty in paying the rent. spirit of Henry Ward Beecher to Rev. Dr. Funk, of Funk & Wagnalls. The great Beecher, speaking to Doctor Funk, surely would have had matters of tremendous import to the human race to communicate yet it appears that the spirit "had another engagement" after there had been a short and disjointed conversation about some thing of no great importance. Doctor Funk is practically convinced that there was no fraud about the interview, and there can be no doubt that his position will add converts to Spiritualism; yet one affair can be regarded as satisfactory by the unprejudiced inquirer. Even "The-Editor-at-Large" of the National Spiritual Association cannot explain why the alleged Beecher spirit did not have something more important to say to Mr. Funk.

JOHN MITCHELL'S STRENGTH.

for some common object, there is scarcely anything they could not do, from electin a president to preventing any chance of last fall. When a man like John Mitche comes to the front he increases the chance known his unswerving allegiance to the If he is thoroughly sincere in this he and this cause are the stronger. In any case he of importance because it is known that the does speak against any violation of

Collier's Weekly an opinion regarding the the whole, fair and just to the miners did not get all they asked for, they were

Nothing could have brought home immigration to Canada than the arrival here of nearly 2,000 members of the Barr colony, their brief stay among us and their speedy and well-arranged departure for the west. This sudden creation of an extensive settlement differs in method from the slow and, to some extent accidental growth of any particular section, to which the country is accustomed. By next be on the ground, and in the meantime a certain proportion of the land will have been occupied by settlers from this side of the Atlantic. Churches, stores, a line of railroad, dwellings, farms-all these will be in working order, and there are few The Saskatoon colony will have many mmediate advantages over other districts in that it will be homogeneous to begin ish, Scotch, Irish or Welsh, and are responsible people who will have A pastor will visit the various sections of the colony from the outset, holding religious services at regular intervals in each

Many St. John people saw something o the immigrants during Saturday and yesterday, and they could well believe the good reports we have had of them. Every \$200 of his own. They are thrifty, and as the doctor's report proved when they were inspected, they are singularly

Not a few among the new arrivals complained bitterly about the nature of he accommodation aboard ship. In fact an indignation meeting was held soon after the Lake Manitoba put to sea a which it was decided to ask Captain Tayfor to put back to port. The captain of that the late Mr. Caine was what is cause he took the view that his chief duty was to carry them to St. John with all possible speed, and, as there was no dan ger to complain of, he had no excuse for eeding their request. The chief complaint was that the quarters on board ship did not permit of that degree of comfort and privacy that the third-class

The very fact that this complaint wa nade—and made in no uncertain fashion shows how different these people are rom the ordinary Europeans who come by housands in similar ships, or much worse, ment's educational measures. claining of the hardships of the voyage.

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THE DEATH OF A HERO.

evived at the great fight at Paardeberg, where Sir Hector was also somewhalt ser-cously wounded. The chief matter for recumstances which surrounded his death have been forgotten the valor and intel-lectual force of this distinguished soldier will be remembered, and, even more, the from raw recruit and ex-draper's assistant to the culmination of his life on the field of Omdurman.

Harper's takes the view that if the man sinned, the sin was due to the failure of his brain. The public is the jury. The reckoned at all events, that the man who lightly reckoned with. Indeed why should that he lay down his life for a friend. The view taken by Harper's Weekly is that suicide was the result of mental any. The man had seen death in many orms. Perhaps a brain trouble led him o so fear a scandal that he preferred to kill himself. Scotchmen who were proud of the Scotch soldier will be glad to take the view which Harper's takes of it. A brave man's death is ever a sad occurthe events which went before. And we For after all this was not our idea of the way Hector MacDonald, as we knew him, would have rung down the curtain.

The election of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Liberal, to succeed the late W. S. Caine a matter of surprise in Canada. It is true known as a "progressive Liberal," but i appeared likely that Lawson's Liberal Unionist opponent in this contest would win by the "Little Englanders" canvass against the knight. Sir Wilfrid Lawson held that Great Britain should give the Transvaal and the Orange Free State back to the Boers, and he was generally asso ciated with the ardent pro-Boer party. So recent is the war that one would have thought these sentiments would have killed him politically. Doubtless they would but for the fact that the Non-Con-

formist Cornishmen object to the govern to American ports without finding any An English writer, discussing the elecfault. No doubt a similar number of tion, says Sir Wilfrid Lawson's opponent, Mr. Strauss, has represented Camborne sustomed to much consideration at home for five years and was regarded as a strong and who have lived the lives of peasants, local candidate. He adds: "Sir Wilfrid would have considered the poorest quarters Lawson's election brings back to West on the Lake Manitoba comfortable enough. minister a picturesque figure long known Some of those who came on Saturday for his vehement enthusiasm in the cause have said they will write to relatives com- of temperance. Colonial-Secretary Chamberlain sent a telegram to the electors pointing out that throughout the war Si care should be taken to let the intending enemies of his country.' The holiday enaccommodation he and his family may ex- stock. They have not yet received assurpect at sea, for it is important that they ances that the Nationalist convention will Let me say at the outset, and with all possible empthases, that I am in full accord with the commission in this condemnation. Some of them probably never had been at sea there outset, and without warning, came the final sumhis associates.

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Brunswick simply what was its due un that prpose. More scarcely can with jugovernment. They began by asserting provincial rights and demanding better terms for the province, and they have that the people are behind the minister in their policy. It is the opposition strategy, no doubt, to oppose that policy tooth and nail, even though it be known that it is public policy. But such opposi tion is futile and it does not get votes.

The ordinary citizen will be inclined to question the wisdom of the Rev. L. A. Banks, D. D., pastor of Grace Methodist portion of his argument is as follows:-

"I have looked into this question," he said, "and some of these days I will give some startling facts. The most dangerous members of the churches, drink whisky cocktails in public places on Sunday. I say nothing but what I can prove in count. American civilization is like a pie The top crust, or '400,' is steeped in cham pagne, while the bottom is soggy with beer. The middle class, until recently, has been fairly good."

Dr. Banks sounded a further note of

day, you have got danger on hand. can close your eyes to what these men say, but it has weight." Dr. Banks asked why Methodist women,

Baptist women, Presbyterian women and those of other denominations have the punch bowl in their houses beside the lemonade bowl and why prominent Methodist laymen ignore the license system. He explained that it was because the pulpat has ceased to preach the gospel that a drunkard will never enter the kingdom

s Mr. Banks fears. There is a great he church. There are women who gamble, many. They are really few.

A "REPORT" ON RECIPROCITY. "The present situation, in my judgment

resents the best prospect for Canadian eciprocity that has existed since the abrogation of the old treaty, in 1866." of a report to the Minnasota Reciprocity League by Eugene G. Hay, who recently spent six weeks at Ottawa and Washing-At a time when the trade figures show how satisfactory is the growth of Canada's business, there will be a general disposititon to regard Mr. Hay's report on the reciprocity situation as more hopeful from the American standpoint than the facts warrant. Only the hope of reciprocity has postponed retaliation by tariff thus far, he says, and if the next a smooth voyage in a good ship. Still Wilfrid invariably sympathized with the meeting of the Joint High Commission proves a failure he "should expect to see emigrant know just about what sort of ables the ministers to take account of the Liberal party advocate higher duties." Mr. Hay, while he was in Ottawa, perhaps did not feel the pulse of the Liberal should be unable to make any well-founded sanction the land purchase bill when there party quite as accurately as he thinks.

the abolition of the present British pre-Canada may be induced to discriminate against some European countries in favor

Considering the fact that Mr. Hay occu pies no official position and in no sense represented the United States govern ment, he appears to have drawn many why, from the information he obtained, that Canada is ready to make some of the concessions he talks about. We are mor than ever ready now to await the action of our neighbors in the matter of reci

the other day on condition of his emigra-tion to Canada. This may seem amusing in view of the strong agitation to exclude

Bailey is now thoroughly aware that he makes the following statement:made a mistake, and is not likely to rewho are found to be unfit, try to bring

edly. He had been chatting with friends and was apparently in his usual health. He was looking forward to meeting his wife in Montreal. Then, in a moment and without warning, came the final sum

tion on a large list of manufactures, and justly so. A man of immense energy and Thursday. unusual talent, a born fighter and a pubferential tariff"! He also suggests that lic speaker of striking fire and originality, he served his county and his country long and with unvarying distinction. His hisof the United States, in some helpful par- tory is to a large extent the history of Charlotte county for the last fifty years. One thinks of the man and the county together. Elsewhere in The Telegraph of this morning appears a more extended 000 packs of playing cards are distributed sketch of his life and work. He entered annually in the United States. Thus the public life in 1854 and from that year un- great American game of bluff is kept sembly, being defeated at length on the pack for every family in the country. Confederation question. He was provincial secretary in (then) Mr. A. J. Smith's Anti-Confederation government. From ours is a fine harbor, and he is right when 1874 on he represented Charlotte county he says we need more benths. It is only appointment to the Senate and his visit as the best available winter port that Stto the Paris Exposition in an official John people will view him with suspicion. Canada and especially to the Maritime Provinces. Years ago when he spoke in St. John for the Liberal cause which he esponsed so long and so ably he never tical existence. The opposition's campaign

will have in their minds a picture of him

ago to burn the house of Chief of Police Keown marked the absolute domination house it is not unlikely that had the crimto is an exception. British magistrates as inals succeeded a considerable portion of a rule are intelligent enough, and no the town would have been destroyed. The doubt the presiding genius of the Old Digby Courier in speaking of the affair

as he drove home his arguments for free

We believe that all our citizens, ever peat it. There is no danger that Canada will be made a dumping ground for crimarials. The undesirable class is rejected and sistance in discovering any clue that will the steamship companies, knowing they lead to the arrest of the party or parties to cross at the junction was misunderstood or disregarded. The railroad auth-Chief of Police Bowles is not responsible only such immigrants as are sure of ad- for the existence of any law, but he surely the facts without delay. law which exists. The men who tried to

NOTE AND COMMENT.

It looks as if Greater Canada would

son of whom the province was proud, and | material for his budget speech next

The aggregate trade of the country for the nine months ending March 31 inports was nearly eighteen millions.

Mr. T. O. Davis is right when he says atinuously at Ottawa. In 1900 came his when he begins to talk about Chicoutimi

vanced, but Mr. Hazen and his men have on the who then heard him and are now alive material may now be estimated at its true

The opposition views the election of a Solicitor General without oposition as a very sad affair. Why should it not? The of the Liberal party in this constituency. The matter may as well be understood.

There should be a sharp investigation as to the cause of the lamentable railroad day night which resulted in the death of stood or disregarded. The railroad authorities will no doubt attempt to get at

Hon, Mr. Blair has taken the stand that before the Grand Trunk Railway gets concessions from parliament the tained was to be spent in developing Can-adian or United States ports. Mr. Blair's is certain that those who favor its enforcement will be the stronger because the other party is now chargeable with this serious outrage.

The Canadian parliament ought not to aid any enterprise that would tend to develop United States ports as against the ports of this country. Canada first—St. Andrews Beacon.

There is a greater view of the cry "Canada for the Canadians." It means that we on this side of the line, shall so legislate that only Canadians shall profit by the bills that go through. We are looking to a Canadian port, summer and winter, in

