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THE St. Catharines Star (Tory) now charges Mr. Rykert with breaking his pledge to a private meeting of the party. Perhaps there was money in it.

ONE year ago to-day the thermometer stood 22° below zero. Where is the iceman who would not rejoice to see "history repeat itself" before sundown? They are making plenty of ice in the far Northwest. ce Albert the thermometer regis tered 50 ° below zero this week, and at Ed-

idea that the duties the tariff took out of of yesterday. No doubt if a protest were the pockets of the people for sugar alone exceeded considerably the whole expenditure of the Province of Ontario. But so it ture of the Province of Ontario. But so it is, and the figures bear it out. Give the people free sugar, and more money will be saved annually by the consumers than is in the near future, will allow the election spent altogether by the Government at to stand and keep their powder dry for the

According to Rev. J. S. Ross, of the Centenary Church, Hamilton, formerly of this city, Hamilton is the wickedest place in Ontario. As the statistics on which Mr. Ross bases his calculation are published by the Dominion Government, we will be charitable enough to give the we will be charitable enough to give the Ambitious Cty the benefit of the doubt, and concede that recent revelations in the Dominion Parliament point to St. Catharines as a probable competitor for the unenviable notoriety of first place in moral depravity.

THE United States has paid over \$2,000,-000,000 off the debt since the close of the civil war, and now has little more than \$1,-000,000,000 to wipe out. This is a wonderful record. But for the war the greater portion of the debt would never have been contracted, and but for the pensions paid to old soldiers and widows the debt remaining could be wiped out in a year or two and the taxes very much reduced. It is a fact worthy of comment that the \$98,000,-000 payable this year in pensions to par-ticipants in or sufferers by the late war is more than double what is now paid out in a year for interest on the national debt.

Ir was thought that the grippe was severe in Canada, and no doubt it hastened the deaths of many old men and women and people with weak lungs, but the ravages of the malady in the Dominion was nothing to what they have been in Mexico, which is now in its throes. According to a reliable correspondent in the city of Mexico, the situation is alarming. He says:

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The progress of the influenza and its results
have been truly terrific. The disease reached
us in the middle of January and has grown
steadily worse, until it is now at its height. us in the interest of acute pneumonia is absolutely worderful. It has been the rule absolutely wonderful. It has been the rule rather than the exception, and no precautions seem to have been able to prevail against it. This has been especially the case among the poorer classes, who live generally in houses which afford no protection against the elements. They have died absolutely like sheep, sometimes 125 a day. Just now the supply of coffins has been exhausted, and many bodies have been buried without.

Could cholera be more fatal to life than this?

THERE is a marked agricultural revival in Great Britain. Owners of land are reported by the collectors for the Board of Agriculture to be experiencing less difficulty in obtaining tenants, and a more hopeful tone prevails generally among farmers. It is also satisfactory to note that the area of land under cultivation in the extent of about 54,000 acres, even Ireland showing an addition to the cultivated area. Tracts of land have been brought into cultidom. The area of arable land still contimues to decrease and that under grass to experiments to meet the growing demands an increase under every head, and sheep number 500,000 more.

the genus lover. This has been fittingly illustrated in a singular occurrence reported from Watanga county, North Carolina. An old bachelor of 72 winters, by the name of Neil, wanted to marry Miss pleaded with her, and finally she told him she never intended to speak to him again. Neil immediately went away, and, securing an axe, he laid his right hand across a log, and with one stroke cut it off at the wrist, saying it would be a mark of affliction upon r learning to love a young girl, whom he ought to have known would never marry him. This is a sort of Spartan self-

men with romantic ideas of matrimony Rather should it show the necessity for men of that stamp cultivating a little fore-sight, instead of trusting to their hindsight for a justification of their absurdities.

The Haldimand election has resulted in

#### HALDIMAND.

the return of the Tory candidate, not a few votes polled for him being obtained by most discreditable and illegal means, according to reliable information from the county. Dr. Montague has once more been success ful, and it is possible that he may remain in undisturbed possession of the seat. Up the time of this man's advent in the constituency, there was never any irregularities among the voters, but since Monta-gue issued the forged letter from the Queen to the Indians, since legerdemain and bulldozing at the polls became common occurrences, and all kinds of tricks were played to gain the vote of the Indian wards of the Government for the Conserva tive nominge, the constituency appears to have become thoroughly demoralized. There have been five elections in the constituency within as many years. In the first, Messrs. Colter and Merritt were the candidates, and Mr. Colter was successful. In was an interim election to fill a vacancy, and Mr. Colte was prevented from taking the seat to which he had been elected. At the general election Mr. Colter was again successful, but by a shuffle of a most indefensible character he was "counted out," Dr. Montague being given the seat by a majority of one. ague was unseated, and in the election which followed he had an apparent majority of 18; but it was again found that he owed his success to corruption, and he was unseated. In the next contest Colter was BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR: At the first to the indiscreet action of an elector plance one would be likely to reject the glance one would be likely to reject the entered Montague would be knocked out once more, but it is probable that the

> next contest. We know whereof we write when we say that the Haldimand people have reached the conclusion that they have had a surfeit of political contests.

#### WORKING WITH A SOLDIER ON HIS

BACK.
The German elections, held on Thursday last, seem to have resulted in decided gains for the Socialist element in the body politic. At this writing it is hard to say whether Bismarck's bill, aimed at the suppression of the Socialist movement, or Emperor William's declaration that it is necessary for the State to pay special attention to strikes and labor troubles have contributed most to the result. Bismarck's drastic remedy for labor troubles was unceremoniously rejected by the German Parliament, which in times gone by was wont to do the bidding of the Chancelor with marked servility, but no one expected that the humiliation of the Chancellor would be added to by the Emperor, whose declaration that it was highly advisable to summon an international conference to consider labor matters has caused a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic. It may have been that the Emperor wishes to pose as a bit of a politician himself, and that he intended his call for a labor conference to be a bid tor the vote of workers for Government candidates. If that was Wiliam's object, it has failed, for the strength of the Socialists has increased two-fold, and many Government supporters were defeated. Such a result of the Emperor's confession is quite natural, for the Socialist deputy-he who wishes the State to forcibly ameliorate the condition of the wage-earner — could point to the fact that the highest imperial authority was on th as his calling of a conference was a confession that the existing state of affairs was not satisfactory, an admission which Bismarck and his associates have nitherto strenuously resisted, as the recent anti-Socialist legislation clearly proved. There is an old cartoon-whether it is

German or French, it is immaterial to our argument, as both countries are similarly circumstanced — which represents the laborer as going to his daily toil with a soldier strapped on his back. It seems to us that if, instead of calling a conference to talk about strikes, the German Emperor had sat himself down and donned his thinking cap he would have discovered that the only real relief which United Kingdom increased last year to the can be afforded to the German people and to their armed-to-the-teeth neighbors lies in taking the soldier off the back of the worker. An international conference lookvation in different outlying and hilly districts in various parts of the United Kinging armies and the abolishment of the huge navies that are kept on the seas would be of some real value to labor. There cannot increase. The satisfactory results of recent be a doubt that the existence of these enormous forces not only result in the grinding of large neighboring towns, are leading to an extension of fruit culture, and no doubt menace to the peace of the world. While more will be done in this way from year to they exist, and the taxation incident to year. With respect to live stock, there is their support and to the sustenance of so many drones in the body politic is collected, it cannot be expected that the sorrows of the masses will be It has been said that there is no fool like the old fool, and there is much truth in the adage, especially when he belongs to the adage, especially when he belongs to the control of the marked, the plan suggested by the German Emperor for the improvement of the con-dition of the workers is about as sensible as would be the putting of turpentine on a boil. Turpentine may drive a boil out of sight, but the bad blood that caused the boil becomes more poisonous than before, Myra McCulleck, a pretty young girl 17 years old. Neil loved the girl better than his own life, and when he proposed to her she refused to marry him. He begged and that many of the people of Germany entertain this idea. That the recent proposals of the Emperor will but confirm them in their impressions goes without saying.

The highest meteorological station in Europe is on the top of the Sounblick, in Austria, 10,168 feet above the level of the sea. The operator is Peter Lechner, who lives there with no human companion, and with no communication with the outer world except by telephone and telegraph.

SINCE the Legislative Union of Great Britain and Ireland, Jan. 1, 1801, when the Irish Parliament ceased to exist, 29 Admin-

MINOR JOTTINGS

istrations have been in existence—thirteen before the accession of Queen Victoria, and sixteen since that date. The only surviving statemen who have held the position of Prime Minister during the present reign are Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury. The present Parliament is the 24th of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

IN THE British metropolis, flowers are fading as trimmings for evening dresses, and the fashion is setting in towards birds and the fashion is setting in towards birds and insects. Flights of jet swallows are seen fleeing across the skirt of an evening dress. Perhaps the bodice will be ornamented with a swallow, too. Huge butterflies made of jet, gold tinsel, or of pearls and iridescent beads, are made large enough to come right across the front of the bodice of an evening dress. The wings are outspread, and the butterflies are said to be modeled from natural specimens. Smaller butterflies hover about the shoulders and on the skirt.

THEY have a sort of telephone in Africa that answers pretty well, and for considerble distances it carries news at least as able distances it carries news at least as that as Uncle Sam's mail travels. Last year Mr. Hodister, while exploring the Mongalla branch of the Congo, met a chief who promised to accompany him up an affluent of the Mongalla when the explorer made another journey up the river. In November last Mr. Hodister returned to the Mongalla, and was greatly surprised when he reached the chief's town to find that ruler with his baggage packed and his attendants around him, all ready to start. The chief said he had been notified two days before by the sound of drums that start. The chief said he had been notified two days before by the sound of drums that a white man was coming up the river on a steamboat. From village to village the news had been sent swiftly up the stream far in advance of the little steamer. The drum telephone in the Congo basin is not, however, so highly developed as near Cameroons, where the natives have an elaborate code of drum beats and can send a large variety of information traveling through the air.

Some curious facts and figures with regard to the cost of running Atlantic liners gard to the cost of running Atlantic liners were given at a social gathering of the employes of the Allan Liners at Glasgow the other evening. It was stated that a great deal more \*than £1,000,000 had been spent in building the fleet of the Allan Line, but reference was more particularly made to the cost of keeping the boats running. The first cost of building vessels was a trifle to the cost of running them. Incredible as it may seem, the money that it took to keep the fleet of ocean steamers running would in less than three years exceed the cost of building, so enormous was the expenditure in wages, port duties and repairs of tear and wear, and other outlays incidental to voyages. In the Allan Line this expenditure amounted to £1,000,000 in a year, and all that had to be paid out of the earnings before the owners could get any dividend. The amount paid in expenses would be enough to give £20 to every family in Glasgow, taking the population at 600,000, with six persons in each family. If the pay-clerk had to pay the sum in single sixpences at his window, and people passed in procession at the rate of 50 every minute, getting 6d each, and that was going on pine hours a working day, in four years and a half every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom would have passed the pay-box, and the pay-clerk would still have about £50,000 to diswere given at a social gathering of the empassed the pay-box, and the pay-clerk would still have about £50,000 to dis

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walkerton will Toronto, Feb. 22. in the finals for the C Walkerton, Hamilto Granite and Guelph yesterday morning the result being:

ONTARIO SILVER TA

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In the consolation Toronto now lies be Marys, the Granites Guelph having with The Lucknow a played at Wingham triet medal, Lucknow

re: LISTOWEL E. M. Alexander, R. L. Lillico, J. M. Climie, W. Climie, skip.... Total..... Two curling matchatham on Friday

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