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London, Friday, Feb. 21. THE Dominion Parliament is in need of amendment; but at present the House seems to have a surfeit of amendment before it.

THE present is undoubtedly a wonderful season. Lake Huron, usually frozen solidly over, is completely open, and intrepid mariners continue to scud before the brisk

DR. NANSEN, in a lecture in Christiania recently, proposed to employ in polar ex-ploration a ship constructed for this purpose, and upon such a model that the ice pinch would lift and not crush her. In such a ship he would proceed to Behring Sea and the New Siberian Islands, whence thinks there is a current toward the North Pole. A vessel that can be made to jump on an ice floe when navigation becomes impossible will indeed be a novelty.

It is an open secret that the Tories have never carried West Kent without expending a big sum of money. Last election for the Legislature, according to the Chatham Banner, Mr. Clancy's expenses were heavy, but the bosses did not whack up, and Mr. Clancy objects to being fleeced a second time. This is one reason for the report that the Tory M.P.P. for the riding will not run again. If properly organized the Liberals should be able to win the seat. Mr. Clancy talks a great deal in the Legislature, but he has little weight.

REV. Dr. TALMAGE has caused a sensation in Brooklyn by telling the people that while visiting in the neighborhood of Jerusalem he came across the recentlydiscovered tomb of Joseph of Armathea that in which Christ was laid. He took out his Bible, read the description of the place, and seized with a noble idea re-mounted and seized with a noble idea re-mounted his donkey, and spent the greater portion of a day riding about the Holy City trying to negotiate the purchase of the sacred spot. Unfortunately for him, he found the ground was part of a Mohammedian competent, where rest the Mohammedan cemetery, where rest the bones of the children of the prophet, and such ground is never sold. Talmage says he would have presented the tomb to Christendom if money could have bought it. By the way, it has been reported that Talmage is a stingy man, and that he salts down his earnings regularly. The eccentric preacher is more liberal than many people have been led to believe by the stories about him. He has just offered to give a year's salary \$10,000 - toward the building fund of his new church, but he plainly tells the Brooklynites: "If the people want me to preach in Brooklyn, they will build the church" (meaning the new Tabernacle). "If they do not want me to preach in Brooklyn they won't." It would never do for Brook lyn to let the stones which the reverend gentleman rolled down Mount Calvary and abstracted from Mars Hill go to a rival The new Tabernacle will be built.

TWO GREAT SHOWS.

Though many people in these western parts desired to see the enterprising city of Chicago get the honor of being the site for the World's Fair of 1892, we are afraid that they are deemed to disappointment. At one time, indeed, it looked as if a family quabble among the influential men in New York State Legislature would result in the wreck of the prospects of the metropolis.
There is a great deal of patronage in the
expenditure of the millions collected and expenditure of the millions collected and yet required to make the Exposition a success. For the control of this patronage a big fight took place between the Democrats and the Republicans, pretty equally balanced forces in the Legislature. But to make the celebration a ess it was rightly deemed requisite that it should not be run on a party basis. Over the attempt to make the bill in-corporating the Fair a thorough nonpartisan measure the battle raged long and furious. But this week a compromise has been reached, which removes the difficulty by providing that no action of moment shall be taken by the Board of Incorporators except by a two-thirds' vote. This will put the enterprise absolutely beyond par-tisan control, for, as the Board will consist of 104 members, no important ques-tion can be passed upon without the affirmative action of 70 of them. There is therefore every prospect that the New Yorkers will be able to convince Congress that they will carry the Columbus Exposition to a successful issue, and in that case it is believed the site to be chosen will be New York, and the great exhibition of the west will continue to be the Western Fair of London, only the people will not have to wait till 1892 to enjoy its attractions. It will be doing busi-less at the old stand in September, 1890, and in each recurring autumn.

closed and dismantled his famous observatory at Dun Echt, which has been so

OUR RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES.

Ex-Governor Foraker of Ohio made a peech the other night from which it appeared that in his opinion the fishery ques-tion came very near to precipitating a war three or four years ago. The story as told by Mr. Foraker is that he had been requested by the authorities at Washington to report how many men the State of Ohio could rush to the Canadian frontier at an hour's notice in the event of war being delours notice in the event of war being declared. Mr. Foraker is apt to draw the long bow at times, and the likelihood is that the information asked for was of an ordinary routine character, which he construed under the circumstances of the time and of construed under the circumstances of the time and of construed under the circumstances of the time and of construed under the circumstances of the time and of construed under the circumstances of the time and of construed under the circumstances of the time and of construed under the circumstances of t or Evening Editions (delivered), 10 that the relations between Great Britain and the United States have been seriously strained by the fisheries question, and as strained by the Insheries question, and as long as that question remains unsettled it will be a possible cause of hostilities. It is very much to be regretted that no serious Toronto-C. Rowland Orr, 11 King street attempt is made to dispose of it peacefully and finally; and especially is it to be regret-ted that the Government of Canada does not move in the matter. We in this country have more at stake than either Great Britain or the United States, for should war unfortunately break out we would inevitably be the greatest sufferers. And the province upon whom the direct misfortune would come is our own Ontario, which so far as material interests go has little to gain or lose no matter how the question of the fisheries is settled. A settlement on the lines of a commercial treaty or of uprestricted trade between the two countries is perfectly feas ible, and besides removing all causes of friction it would tend to very greatly advance the commercial prosperity of both

countries.

The farmers of Ontario have just rea to complain of the way in which they have been treated by the Dominion Government during the past ten years, in being oblige to pay millions of dollars every year for the nefit of a few favored manufacturers and to find money for the Government to expend extravagantly on a hundred needless enterprises. Thirteen million dollars a year is what is exacted now over and above the amount required in the time of Mr. Mackenzie's administration, and of this amount the people of Ontario contribute at least one-half. But this is for money paid to the Government, while nearly as much more goes to the favored manufacturers and sugar refiners in whose behalf the tariff was framed. We do not mean all the manufacturers, for more than one-half of them would be better off without the tariff duties; we mean the pets of the Govern-ment, who respond to Macdonald's call when election funds are wanted. The farmers have great reason to complain of this state of things, by a they would have infinitely greater cause & complain were war to break out between the United States and Great Britain as a consequence of the refusal of the Canadian Government to make terms on a fair basis and upon free trade lines. Here in Ontario we are half surrounded by three States having a population of 3,000,000 that could in a week's lation of 3,000,000 that could in a week's time pour an army 200,000 strong across our borders to carry fire and terror into every county from the Ottawa River to Lake Huron. Can we afford to talk the fool in the face of such odds, or can we hesitate to demand that all disturbing causes be set at rest while our neighbors are in the humor to make an honorable settlement on a basis mutually advantage-

ECONOMY IN ONTARIO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

ous to both peoples?

INSTITUTIONS.

Every year—we were almost inclined to write from time immemorial—the Tory Opposition in the Ontario Legislature has indulged in carping criticism of the money expended for running the public institutions of the country. They have been at it again this year. They do not descend to particulars. They merely take the ground that the expenses should be so much less. Hon. Mr. Hardy gave them their answer in the Legislature the other evening, and it was an effective one. He pointed out that it was quite within the range of possibilities to bring down the average cost of main-tenance of patients in public institutions, especially in such places as asylums for the insane. It would be easy to give the patients less food and make it of a poorer quality. It would be easy to reduce the bill for fuel, by giving them less heat; the bill for supervision and medical oversight, by shutting the patients up in pens as was the custom in less enlightened days. The Government, however, takes the ground that it is its duty to treat the poor un fortunates in a humane spirit, and put them as far as possible in the way of recovery. But, as Hon. Mr. Hardy points out, the fairest way to meet the arguments of the objectors is by comparison with neighborobjectors is by comparison with neighbor-ing institutions of a similar descrip-tion. In the more costly of the Ontario asylums the following are the returns of the cost for maintenance, fixed on the average of the last seven years Toronto, \$2 92 per capita per week; London, \$2 69; Kingston, \$2 54; Hamilton, \$2 65. In the New York State Asylum, on the other hand, the cost per head per week is \$4 56; and in the Hudson River State Hospital it is \$5 62. Then in a similar institution in Buffalo the weekly cost pe patient, not including clothing and official salaries, is \$6 04. At the Willard Hospital the per capita cost is \$3 40. This proves that so far as economy of management is concerned the Ontario Asylums are away ahead of those in the neighboring States The same may be said of the salaries paid to officials. Mr. Meredith hints that these are too large, but he does not show in what respect they can be reduced. It would never do to put the asylums into the hands of incapable men, and it cannot be expected that lunacy experts will remain in the service of the Province if their incomes The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres has losed and dismantled his famous observatory at Dun Echt, which has been so well known to all astronomers for many well known to all astronomers for many years paat, and has presented all the intruments and the astronomical library to the Boyal Observatory at Edinburgh.

salaries paid in the United States are generally higher than those given in this Province. Mr. Meredith ventured the criticism that living might be dearer in

New York State than in Canada; but Mr. Hardy replied that the difference did not nearly amount to as much as the difference in the per capita cost in the asylums of the respective countries. Then the Tory leader took a new tack. He tried to cast discredit on Mr. Hardy's comparisons, whereupon Premier Mowat pertinently suggested that

the time as of ominous signifi-cance. But it is no doubt true experts who have visited our asylums for the insane have again and again informed us that they are the best equipped and most efficiently conducted institutions of the kind in the new world and equal to the ma jority of similar establishments in Europe Taking the salaries paid to efficials other institutions under the care of the Government, a recent experience shows how careful the Mowat Administration is to get good managers for reasonable remuneration. When the Dominion Department of Agriculture wanted an expert for the Experi-mental Farm at Ottawa, they came to the Model Farm at Ottawa, they came to the Model Farm at Guelph for him, and they readily offered him \$1,000 a year over and above what he was being paid for his pro-fessional work by the Mowat Government. The transaction needs no comment. It but adds to the proof that the Ontario Govern ment is economical to a fault.

MINOR JOTTINGS.

To THE list of intrepid and able women travelers must be added the name of Madame le Ray, mother of the Duc Madame le Ray, mother of the Pada d'Abrantes. This lady, who is an ardent archæologist, has been for several months engaged in Eastern exploration. After having visited Babylon and Nineveh, she traversed the Persian deserts, amid terrible privations, in order to reach India. For five days and five nights her little caravan had to encamp in the dangerous wilds, without meeting a living creature, or even had to encamp in the dangerous whose without meeting a living creature, or even discovering a single trace of human habitation. During all this time the cold was so intense that Madame le Ray's fingers were frost-bitten, and her guides became seriously ill. She managed at last to reach the Persian Gulf, where she embarked for India. India.

BREVITY seems to have been the literary virtue that secured for Lieut. Stair, the brave young Canadian, the privilege of acbrave young Canadian, the privilege of accompanying Stanley across Africa. The explorer says he received many hundreds of letters from applicants who wished to go with him. Many of them were so long that he didn't have time to read them. One letter, however, struck his fancy. It was right to the point, and contained not a word too much or too little. Stanley telegraphed to the writer, "Come," and Lieut. Stair put in his appearance, the young officer who ascended snow-crowned Ruwenzori as far as he was able in the two days' time given him. This may prove a useful hint to those who in future apply for service under Mr. Stanley.

THE problem of making rooms at once healthful and comfortable during cold weather is not an easy one to solve general rule as to the temperature of living noms limits the degree of heat to 68 degrees rooms limits the degree of heat to 68 degrees or 70 degrees Fahrenheit. But the lean, the aged and the invalid often demand a higher degree of heat than this to be really comfortable, while those who are young, adipose, in health, going in and out of doors constantly and taking abundant exercise, find rooms so heated almost intolerable. Those who require a higher temperature, higher than 70 degrees, should put on extra flannels rather than more fuel into the range or furnace. The question of ventilation is even more difficult than that of heating. If one uses a stove the oxygen in the room must supply the fire as well as the lungs of the inmates, and unless it is constantly re-inforced from the outside it will become exhausted, and the air of the room will be unfit to breathe, both from the exhaustion of the oxygen and from the exhalations from the bodies of those who live in it. A good way to ventilate is to close the doors between the living room and the one adjoining; then close the windows and open the connecting doors. This has been used with success in the case of invalids. Another way is to raise one of the sashes a few inches, and have a strip of wood fitted snugly in below the sash. The air will then enter upward between the sashes and will cause no draft. or 70 degrees Fahrenheit. But the lean, the

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CURLING. The final play for the Ontario the most important trophy of the the Province, began Thursday of the Toronto rinks. The winners teen districts of the Ontario Bra

teen districts of the Ontario Brai Royal Caledonian Curling Clu pected to take part in the final a Toronto. This year two of talled to report the results of the ary contests, and were accordiont. In yesterday's play the re-FIRST DIAW. St. Marys beat Lundsay 5, 21 shot Hamilton Thistles beat Belleville Bobeaygeon defeated Barrie by 1 Bobcaygeon defeated Barrie by 1 Walkerton beat Woodstock by 12

SECOND DRAW. The winning clubs in the came together in the afternoo following results:

Hamilton Thistles beat Bobcay

onto Granites beat Elora by 20 lph beat St. Marys by 17 shot Guelph beat St. Marys by 17 shot This leaves four clubs in. Hamilton Thistles vs. Walkert onto oranites vs. Guelph. The Secretary of the Four Bro Toronto, has received a letter Jersey City Club, stating that Stephens will leave there Satu

Stepliens will leave there Satus for Toronto to play the Four Bron Monday for a Grand Natio Club medal. Owing to there be in the vicinity of Jersey City to from that place intend to rem week if they can be accommon matches by the city clubs. The matches by the city clubs. The of the Four Brothers' Club has Yonkers Club to be there at the to play for last season's Gramedal, which was not played for owing to the lack of ice.

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The consolation material for of in the taukard play began I'nt prizes are tour pair of stones, I Mr. Thomas Thorborn, of Beit and the results were: Woodst Belleville by 12 shots; Toronto the consolation of the consolation

BASEBALL.

SWARTWOOD RELE
LOUISTILLE, Ky., Feb.
by the Board of Arbitration
C. E. Swartwood, of the Ha
Baseball Club, has been made

managership of the Toronto

Eight men have applied for
of manager of the Toronto I

The directors of the Detremaiting for something to be of reorganizing the Interrescent Mills asys that as eastern cities that are inclined as the make formal applies sion he will call a meeting of Knight, London's late out now under contract to the under contract to the

alses a larger bat than any off al. Ollie Beard said the o can hardly swing the bat Kr alone hit a ball with it. I turned to order at his home arines, Ont." A Cleveland dispatch sa

Zimmer, the two-times s changed his mind about wh given him by the local Brothe Manager Powell, of Ham ranged the following gam practice: Baltimore, April 3 4 and 5; Harrisburg, Pa. 6 mington, 8 and 9; Philadelphi City, 12 and 15; Newark, 13 Haven, 17 and 18; Hartior Worcester, 22 and 23; Boston Manager Powell is arrangin Providence, Brooklyn and Neburg has also asked for two designs of the providence of the providence

A rifle and gun club has be Port Dover, Ont., with Mr. / president and Mr. H. D. Editary-treasurer. THE TRIGGER.

SPRINTING. Two unknown professions dropped in at Three Rivers year caught some would-be sports The victims were mostly from and one of them, M. C. Barry, place, dropped \$1,950. The vicut warrants of the place of out warrants after the race, but late. The sprinters eluded the

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