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Mr. C. W. McFarran, a well-known hicago business man, presently livng in Auckland, New Zealand, writes from that city as follows: City taxes in all towns and cities throughout this colony are raised by ssessing the annual rentals, less 20 per cent., which deduction is made in order to get at the net value the on the voters, but a Chinaman has to pay £500 before he can land in New Zealand. There is no tax upon personal property, but one on all inmes which exceed \$1,500 per year. nimproved real estate is assessed at per cent. on the actual value

Auckland has about 70,000 people, icluding its suburbs. Its imports or 1900 were valued at \$13,300,000, nd its exports \$13,400,000, with an ward tonnage aggregating 324,000 ons during the year. The amount of eposits in the savings banks of fuckland totalled \$9,500,000 last ear. It is a beautiful and thrifty ity. The mineral output of the Auckand district was \$6,000,000 last

Wellington, the capital, has spent \$1,500,000 on its drainage, which is aken four miles out in the ocean brough the hills, leaving the harbor appolluted. The schools in Wellingon are the finest in New Zealand. Vellington College has students from Il parts of New Zealand, Australi id England.

The principal cities throughout lew Zealand have their out-of-town ecreation grounds, tennis courts bowling greens and cricket grounds equal to any in America. Prominen business men'are as keen athletes a college students. There are clev public holidays each year. All we men 21 years of age have the same voting power as the men in parli. mentary elections, but they cannot tand for a seat in the House of Reresentatives. There are gramma chools, industrial schools, college iniversities; institutions for the mission houses, training schools homes for the aged and is children's homes, and ever comfort for the sick and feeble known

to modern progress. The colony art societies, and techinical schools galleries, public libraries The policemen in all the cities numer but 650, and are appointed and ontrolled by the Government of New Zealand, and reside in fine staion-houses. They carry no clubs o

pooting-irons, but are neatly unihe prisoner through the streets to a odicemen here summon a cab at once and take their charge to the police station. Here is a land where the people are

happy, prosperous, ambitious, and yet not given to money grasping, nor narrow. They value the true man and his character above riches.

Political life here is far purer and much in advance of that of older countries. The ballot is untrammel ed, and the member's of Parliament stand on their merits and vote as their conscience and convictions lead them, in regard to measures. It is a government for the people, where the laboring man has so much to say that it is, to a great extent a working man's paradise.

There are no snakes or poisonous reptiles in the colony. The Government will not permit any circus to import or bring any snakes into the

New Zealand's greatest attraction is the marvellous climate, the temperature rarely being warmer than 85 degrees, and its beautiful scenery and hot mineral baths. Snow is un known in the Northern Island. The flowers flourish equally as luxurious ly as those of California. Calla lilies grow out of doors in abundance all the year round.

The people travel hundreds of miles to make holiday. Extensive yachting cruises are planned and thousands of yachtsmen go out with their families, taking tents and camping para-Thernalia, for a cruise extending from one to two weeks. Even the young loys go in their little sailing boats, and on the beautiful evergreen mountain sides, down close by the water, you can see their snow white tents. always surmounted with a Union Jack, while out in the innumerable bays are great fleets of yachts riding

Cricket matches, golf and tennis hampionships, and bowling tournaients on the greens, are the chief ports, all heartily entered into, while trade and friendly societies and church organizations have their regular outings and picnies in the public domains and parks and the country. The Auckland Acclimatization Society's trout hatchery turns out 500,-000 trout annually, and 200,000 strong 3-months-old fish and 10,000 yearlings are liberated in the streams within the Auckland and Okoroire

district every year. The acclimatization societies, under Government regulations, impose a fisherman's license of 10 shillings (\$2.50) per year on all who fish with rod and reel. The restrictions the acclimatization societies have been able to institute are making New the fisherman's paradise. Red deer, ducks, pheasants, rabbits and wild boar pigs are very plentiful

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for or expected. In New Zealand on Sundays and mate-Ideal Hotel Life-As Brief of holidays every fifth man wears a speech as Spartans-The People Are navy blue suit of clothes. Soft caps arc worn by men in full evening dress going to the opera. The cut of one's trousers is not allowed to disturb a man's devotion toward sports and out-door fetes; it is not a country where there are four styles in a year. The people seem to be above the fol-de-rols of fashion. They are more of a hospitable, generous, old-fashioned stamp. They all dress well and live well, and believe owner receives. There is no poll tax in full enjoyment of sun and sea air as the best tonics. It cannot be said that drink is New Zealand's vice. Few dissipated faces are to be seen New Zealanders always want make matters as brief as possible, and use the shortest terms or words expressive of what they mean. For instance, "re" is used in writing letters that would otherwise commence with regard to your favor." and 'Memo' is invariably used instead of 'memorandum." It takes a little more time to say twenty-five cents than one "bob," as a shilling is termed here. A pound is called a

> They are a kind-hearted, good-naured and, above all, a considerate people. They are not a bit conceited, though they have achieved success commendable in the highest degree and have built up a wonderful government within the past fifty Many men are living here now who have helped change the original settlements to cities and great commercial centres, doing business with the entire world. They have built railways and established great commercial industries, making their country a recognized factor among the

The Wanganui River is the Rhine of New Zealand. It is a grand river of rare grace and beauty as it along on its way to the sea. The Maori houses are dotted about on the mountain sides, while cattle graze on the hillocks, and the lowertain peaks in view and float on toward the ocean.

Dining cars are attached to all express trains, and a full meal, with hot meats, can be had at what seems a ridiculously low price.

The New Irish Viceroy. The Earl of Dudley, the new Vice-Parliamentary Secretary Board of Trade from 1895 to 1900. The Marquise de Fontenay says of him that, after a tour of the colonies, he table and hard-working Peer, most domestic in his tastes. He served in the Yeomanry cavalry in South Africa, is extremely rich, and has Worcestershire and Staffordshire, and estates in Jamaica. 'His transformation may be ascribed to his lever wife. Miss Rachel Gurney, aho, after her father's ruin, earned er own living for a while as sales treet, London. There-she attracted he sympathy and interest of the of Bedford, who virtually dopted her and removed her from the shop and took her into society Indeed Rachel Gurney was married to Lord Dudley from the house of the ate Duke of Bedford and his Duchess, and even went so far as to cause herelf to be inscribed in those pages of the various "Peerages" devoted to he Earldom of Dudley as the adopted daughter of the Duke and Duchess Bedford, no mention at all being nade of her real parentage. This created such an unpleasant amount of comment that in the later editions of the "Peerages" issued in the year ollowing her marriage a printed slip was inserted opposite the page bearing her name intimating that she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gurney. This is the only mistake that the present Lady Dudley may be said to have made, and, n view of the peculiar circumstances of her father's ruin, it was, perhaps, pardonable. At any rate, she serves much credit for having converted her husband into a usefulnember of society.

Golfing Story of Balfour.

Among the many stories told of Mr. Balfour's golfing, says a contemporary, the following is not perhaps so well known as some others:-There used to be a famous old worthy on the golf links at North Berwick who invariably carried for the present Prime Minister. One day, when playing in a foursome, Mr. Balfour was followed round the links by a small knot of people. Among the spectators was an individual with what was afterwards described as "an irritating cackle of a cough." He always coughed at a critical moment, and contrived to do it just as Mr. Balfour was about to take a long, critical put. The old caddia, who had borne the cough patiently enough until now, put out his hand and stopped the player. Then, turning to the little group of onlookers, asked, with a great excess of polite-"Can any of you gentlemen oblige this man wi' a jujube?"

Kitchener's Way.

British public opinion is strongly in favor of keeping Lord Kitchener at home instead of sending him to India. His lordship does not stand so well with the aristocracy, to many members of which he has given offence by refusal to meet wishes. For instance, says the London correspondent of The Detroit Tribune, there is one great noble-man who desired that his favorite son be sent home from South Africa. So he telegraphed to Kitchener: Please send my son home at once; urgent family affairs." Kitchener replied: "Your son cannot return at all; urgent military affairs."

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SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Provincial Health Officers Visit Berlin's Farm-Dr. Amyot's Paper on the Subject and Discussion Thereon.

Just before the close of the annual meeting of the Association of Executive Health Officers of Ontario the members were driven to the Berlin sewage farm, which they examined with the utmost thoroughness. Upon returning to the Court House a paper was read to the Association Amyot on "Sewage Dispos-Dr. Amyot has been conducting a series of investigations at the Berlin farm during the past summer on behalf of the Provincial Board of Health. The experiments have been watched closely by Berlin's people owing to the peculiar situation of the town the question of sewage disposal there is unusually difficult. The rapid growth of the last few years has increased the quantity of sewage, until there is now some half-million galions a year. This is much stronger than ordinary domestic sewage, as the waste of four large tanneries is Some years ago a sewage been installed; but the plant has been found insufficient to meet the situation, and the effluent to the small stream is not pure. Dr. Amyot not only described the experiments being conducted there, but also dealt with the general question of sewage disposal and the process of putrifaction. Dr. Amyot said finally that the reason that the Berlin septic tank has not been effective in disposing of more than 50 per cent, of the organic matter is that the tank is altogether too small; that, in fact, one tank is being used to do the work of seven or eight, according to the results obtained with septic tanks in other sewage disposal plants.

Mr. Thomas Macfarlane of Ottawa read a paper on the treatment of comestic, sewage with moss litter. described a moss closet that, he said, completely dries. disinfects and deodorizes organic matter, and at the same time preserves its full fertiliz-The system, he claimed required little attention, and is

very inexpensive. The discussion of sewage disposal was opened by Mr. Willis Chapman, E., who suggested that perhaps after experimenting with many forms of sewage disposal municipalities night return to the broad system which had never been abandoned in favor of septic tanks, etc. merely supplemented by them, in old country plants. He deprecated the parsimony of the average Council man who feared to lay out enough noney to procure a proper plant. To lustrate the extravagant expectations of some people in connection with septic tanks, he said that an Alderman-looked into a septic tank and said: "I don't believe this tank is any good: I can't see a blamed Wring thing in it."

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Before giving his consent he concluded to meet the lady in person and investigate herself and family. A night or two after his arrival in this country there was a ball at the Bit ish Embassy.

Mr. Endicott, then Mr. Cleveland Secretary of War, and his daugh a were among the guests. Mr. Chan berlain particularly noticed a state and beautiful girl whose unaffer of dignity greatly pleased him. in a ed to be presented. To his s r ri and gratification he was introc to Miss Endicott. During the endice evening he paid her assiduous actor tion. The next day he called at he father's residence. He soon because satisfied as to the social states the Endicotts. He finally succum to the charm of the fair gill and stead of sanctioning Austin s si addressed her himself and presen c a handsome young stepmother stead of a prospective figuree to waiting young love .. perlain accepted the inevitable and is said to be respect. ly devoted to hi stepmother-Thille hia Press

Professor Geddes describing bis first sight of Thomas Carlyle in a avorite walk as Chelsea, says. There was no mistaking the figure already familiar from photograph and engraving with its still vigorous and steady stride, the shoulders only slightly bowed, the long over coat, the broad-brimmed hat, the hair and beard only grizzled, not white. A vigorous, well preser ed, healthy old man, a good touch of color still on each cheek-bone, teeth (apparently genuine) white and well preserved; in short, by no means the worn dyspeptic I had expected from his own and other accounts, and not by any means looking his years-then eighty-three or thereby. - Here, then, at length was the great teacher before me, my then here as man of letters. To give him more than ample space to pass, yet to take off one's hat reverently as becomes the student to his most venerated teacher, was instinctive; one did not think of never having been introduced. The salutation was courteously yet absent-mindedly returned, with eyes that only looked half into, half beyond my own; and so this liberty of salutation was never repeated. And though meetings in the body frequently took place I nevstanding longed. He was generally alone, as Old Age and Thought must ever be. Only two or three . times have I seen him in company.

Cost of Ocean Speeding.

Much has been said of late regarding the speed of the German Atlantic greyhounds. Not enough, perhaps has been said re anding the cost of the North German Lord, Kaiser Wilhelm II., is designed to do twenty four knots an hour at an expenditure of 40,000 indicated horsepower. Our Thite Star liner Cedric, the largest thip in the world, will go seventeen knots with 11,000 horsepower. But The Shipping World, the Naise s now hands to work her. as'y enough, of her crew of y forty-five will be ordinary sail-. h recaird when t mechanics of various orders - London Telegraph.

Cerregie's London Palace Andrew Carnegie is to become one the vabobs of Park lane, the most fashioneble and he h priced street in London. He has purchased from the young Duke of Westminster a plot of ground in South street, leading into Perk lane, just leyond the handsome house of J. P. horgan, Jr. It is said the house will be as much like Mr. Carnegie's great mansion in Fifth avenue, in New York, as it is possible for a London house to be and that the cost will be something like \$5,000,000. Mr. Carnegie will have for his immediate neighbors Lord Brassey, the dowager Countess of Rosslyn, Lady Henry Somerset, Alfred Beit, the richest man in England, and Mr. Eckstein and J. B. Robinson, two other South African mullionaires

Housecleaning by Air.

The first stationary compressed air eaning apparatus to be placed in a hotel in the United States, if not in the world, was put in operation is Milwaukee recently, says The Milwaukee Sentinel. The compressor i located in the basement, and from it pipes led to every floor of the building, with places thereon for athose. It is an automatic piece of mechanism, and when in use the air pressure is kept at eighty pounds to the square inch. The air current is sent through the carpets, furniture and bedding, driving out all dirt and rendering them sweet and

The Earl of Dudley.

The Earl of Dudley, the new Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, is an ardent sportsman, a keen golfer, and a great yachtsman and traveler. He takes much interest in polo, and is presi-dent of the Ranelagh Club. He has excellent links at Witley, and it is said that he gave the Duchess of Connaught—who is now a good play-er—her first lessons in the royal and

Big Leaves of Bread. The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The 'pipe' bread of Italy is baked in loaves two feet or three feet long, while in France the loaves are made in the shape of very long rolls, four or five feet in length, and many cases 6 feet.



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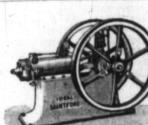
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