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New Parliament Buildings.

The parliament buildings are in a wors state now than ever. They are unwhole some, leaky, musty, ill-lighted, costly to heat and illuminate. Those who have to work there justly regard them as a pest house. Valuable records, documents, and the library are liable to be destroyed by fire any day. Yet what is the government loing to provide new ones? Apparently nothing. Mr. Gibson, the member for Hamilton, in his speech the other day denounced the present barracks and came out strongly in favor of new buildings, and city of the civilized world to buy its pro- an innocent man, to the gallows?

There is no doubt that the old piace is wholly unsuited to the needs of the province. It is unhealthy, dark, too small, and in a poor state of preservation. There is a large surplus in the treasury, and the revenue is greatly in excess of the legitimate needs of the government, although the surplus has been fargely reduced during the past few years. If Mr. Mowat is the man for the place he fills he will go on with the work. We think a suitable building ought to be erected for half a million; if it cannot, let a million be spent. We are told that laboring men are out of employment. Well, the expenditure of even half a million will find work for a good many of them. If half a million is enough for the purpose, he is wrong in not putting up a building to cost that sum. If it is not enough, he is wrong in not asking for a sufficient sum. The man who knows what is wanted and dare not go on with it for fear of opposition criticism is not fit to be premier of Ontario.

Mr. Mowat is too timid in dealing with this question. The province would support him in putting up suitable buildings, and he need have no doubt of that. Ontario is not so careless of the comfort of her servants as to seek to put them in danger, or of her documents and records as to have them in constant dread of fire.

Send Upper Canada college to the park (not the legislative buildings), turn the college block into Parliament Square, and on it erect a structure worthy of the people of Ontario. And let the work be commenced this session.

"Owning the cables ourselves, and not being required to satisfy the wants of small shareholders, who, having but small capital at their disposal, are obliged to expect quick returns, and clamor for mercy for their 'one little ewe-lamb,' we are in a position to take our stand and defy all attempts at coercion.

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"In founding this new transatlantic cable company we were of opinion that the time had come to give the public on a permanent basis a somewhat cheaper and at the same time a thoroughly reliable and prompt cable service. We have not prompt cable service. We have not started in this enterprise in order to strike the existing companies, or with a view of entering into a systematic war of rate.

The Times says that since Mr. Jay Gould became master of the Western Union telegraph company, and in that capacity made an alliance with the controllers of the existing system of Atlantic by Mr. Gould has been growing strong in youths, calm in the conviction of being the United States. Both in the United able to protect themselves, have wilfully States and Canada the public have good gone into the way of peril. But despite reason to wish that such competition as all this blushing and trembling and swagthat above promised could be extended all gering and sighing, nothing has ever come over the continent, or otherwise that the of leap year. It remains to-day, what it two governments would boldly take the has been as far back as history reaches, business into their own hands, and thus "squelch" the monopolists.

A General Complaint.

In the United States many furnaces and iron mills are shut down, and some cotton leap year. No girl who is pretty and atfactories are closed or running half-time. We have had a touch of the same thing order of things, and to seek instead of being ourselves in the cotton trade, while in sought. No girl who is pretty and attracother branches there is a marked slackness tive, and at the same time judicious, is goor demand. Well, say some people, it is ing to abdicate her privileges and outrage protection that is doing it all, both here her inclinations merely in order to accomand in the States. Only admit imported | modate girls who are not pretty and attracgoods free and there will soon be work for tive. And as for the men, does any sane all. It does not very clearly appear how human being suppose that they would counshutting up our own factories and buying tenance the innovation? Does any one our supplies abroad would increase the suppose that a desirable and ornamental sum total of work to be done in the coun- society hack would venture to an entertain youngest, the marquis Camden (a minor), try; still there are those who talk as if it ment if he knew that he might at any

low level of prices, and an outlook far from reassuring for the next twelve months. A cycle of activity seems to have come and be considered by sensible people, there is gone. The wild burst of speculation which set in with the American boom of 1879 aroused the slumbering markets of the world, and after four years of gigantic trading we are left very much where we began, except that we have larger stocks and a much heavier production. The stocks in Scotland and Cleveland amounted to 780,000 tons at the beginning of 1878, and we shall commence 1884 with about 1,075,000 in those two districts. The furnaces in blast in those two districts were 192 on January 1, 1878, and there are now blowing about 220. America, our largest buyer, is powerless to resist the depression in her own markets, nuch less to assist us even with a reduced tariff. Our shipbuilding department (latterly one of the mainstays in our home trade) is on the eve of comparative depression, in the place of unparalleled activity. Many of the yards are now working

on their last ships, and there is little prospect of fresh work while the freight narket remains in the present unremuner-

merely local one either, but one affecting the two hemispheres. This being the case, we must look for some great general cause capable of producing so large an effect, and that will probably be found to production which has been developed by improved machinery and improved methods of manufacture. The fact is that the Spectator (conservative) of the same ducts and pay for them. But although this were seen to be true per se, we should still have to look deeper to get at the bottom causes of a phenomenon which is now puzzling the clearest heads and the "best authorities "amongst us.

> The Old Dodge. There is a man in New York known to fame as Billy McGlory. This individual kept one of the lowest and most dangerous unlicensed liquor dives in that great city a resort for the most dissipated and worth less characters. The city government felt that it was time to close Billy up as he had done enough harm and he was consequently arrested, charged with various offences under the license act and lodged in the tombs with every prospect of staying there for some time. Billy is a genious and Billy wants to get out. He announce

that if they will only set him free he will take the road as a temperance lecturer, and cry down the great evil which he has so long supported and helped to spread. He \$300 each for reporting the business of the will scarcely succeed although a great deal of maudlin sympathy has been stirred up this country the reporter is rewarded with and hundreds of letters congratulating a one-horse jack-knife and some two for him on his change of heart are pouring in five, four for ten, lead pencils. on him from ladies, clergymen and others. But Billy has not experienced a change of

gressive role of the sterner sex; that in this year the disappointed, the unsought and the neglected have their opportunity. For of four bigamists, or is he an eight-times centuries this monstrous fiction has been kept alive by writers of all degrees. For centuries the wits have cracked their jokes and the grannies have mumbled their faded tales. For centuries credulous girls have believed that special privileges would accrue to them every fourth year, and blighted spinsters have looked anxiously though in vain, for some one to set the fashion. Timid bachelors and experienced widowers have quadrenially shuddered and quaked in apprehension of cables, the desire to escape from the neces- a danger which they had feared all their sity of using lines even indirectly controlled lives, but had so far escaped. Intrepid the most absurd and inexcusable humbug

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steel trades generally is very grave, for we tion. It may serve like that other idiotic mona is Alderman Sir Robert Walter Car-

nothing quite so preposterous in our opinion as leap year.

The annual reports of the various theological colleges in the United States show that the number of young men studying for the ministry grows smaller every year. While the growth of agnosticism may have had something to do with this, there may be perhaps a greater reason. There is too much old fogeyism in the churches, and while every other field of labor allows full swing an anibitious young man with ability and modern ideas is sure to be sat upon by some old fogey as soon as he enters the church. It is a terrible thing for a young clergyman of spirit to chafe and fret under some old man whose ideas belong to the last century. That is what is driving young men out of the ministry.

There are some queer people in this world, and Edmund Tappan of Oyster Bay, N. Y., is undoubtedly one of them. He was arrested for complicity in the murder of the Maybees, a crime which has now become a matter of history. Before he was The want of a market for productions is in jail long he made a confession to the the great complaint, and the evil is no effect that he committed the murders, giving all, the horrible facts in bloodcurdling detail. It now turns out that he did not commit the crime at all, nor could he by any possibility have done it. The real murderer Rugg has been arrested, and lie in the immensely increased capacity of there is now no doubt that Edmund Tappan had no complicity in the butchery The question is, what on earth possess him to make a bogus confession which modern machinery is outrunning the capa- but for an accident, would have sent him,

A bill is before the New York legisla ture prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to boys. Why not introduce a bill to the same effect in our own legislature? . The boy smoker is a nuisance and a reproach to the age. He is to be met everywhere puffing at villainous cigars and not only making himself a nuisance but ruining himself both morally and physically.

Lawrence Barrett, one of the greates American actors, is about to make a star ring tour through England. A fair exchange is no robbery. The Wildes, the Langtrys and the Irvings have made fortunes here, while Lotta, Minnie Palmer and Mary Anderson have set the London world agog. Lawrence Barrett is an actor of the highest class and Americans in London will have no need to be ashamed of the greatest Cassius on the stage to-day.

The reporters who attend the Connecticut legislature are allowed by the state session. That is something like it. In

Cable Competition.

Two conspicuous men—Bennett of the New York Herald and Bonanza MacKayhave joined together in the Atlantic cable business, in opposition to the cable monopolists who have so far controlled it. It having been rumored that they had no intention of laying any new cables at all, but only of getting the old companies to buy them off, Mr. MacKay writes to the London Times saying that they man business, and will certainly do as announced. Two cables have been ordered from the Messra. Siemens; the laying of the first is to be commenced immediately, and both will be laid and ready for work ere the ensuing summer be over. They own both cables themselves, and have no intention of entering into any agreement or coalition with the existing companies. We quote:

An Exploded Humbug.

Leap year has sone social and senti.

But Billy has not experienced a change of heart, at least it is not likely. Billy is not just they been of the wast to get out and take something. It is the old dodge. Get a whisky head into a tight place and he will be goff on any plea. They are utterly selfish and cowardly at heart and have dome more to bring the temperance questions into contempt when they take the platform than anything clies. Strip off their wings and the white robe of repentance of the which is alleged covers Billy Mc-Glory now, and you will find underneath the unlicensed rumseller of fifty years standing, as deformed and brutal as eyer. If we are to have champions of temperance let us have them as pure as ice and white as anow and not round shouldered with fifty years of depravity and crime.

There is a find the diadoge. They are unterly included the making of money and finally died a millionaire. He, who was once the buody and increase of soft surface and he will long any please the will only a please of 500 bushes, and price seedly any and prices continue steady. About the making of money and finally died and into a tight place and he will long any please the will be a reclaimed to the control of a recluse and stre There recently died in Kingston a they loved best fifty years ago said the fatal word that darkened all their future

We would like to ask the man who writes the head lines in the Mail what a four-fold bigamist is like. Is he the father married man?

Secretary Folger of the United States treasury is evidently a man of sound common sense. In referring to the inspector the application of Mary A. Miller of New Orleans for a license as a master of a

Warner Henley, aged 90; the youngest, H. R. H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, aged 30. The oldest duke is the duke of Cleveland, aged 80; the youngest, the duke of Newcastle (a minor), aged 19. The oldest marquis is the very rev. the marquis of Donegall, dean of Raphoe, aged 84; the try; still there are those who talk as if it were next to a certainty.

But what will they say to the fact that just now the cotton trade is far more depressed in free trade England than in protectionist America. As for the iron trade, take the following from the London Times:

The present condition of the iron and about and extravagant beyond descrip tion. It may serve like that other idiotic mona is Alderman Sir Robert Walter Carlonal were next to a certainty.

In ment if he knew that he might at any moment be borne down upon by any serve is the earl of Cottenham (who is the oldest peer in the realm), aged 90; the youngest is the earl of Cottenham (a minor), aged 9.

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den. M. P. for the borough of Barnetspie, aged 82; the youngest, Mr. Matthew Joseph Kenny, M. P. for the borough of Ennis, in Ireland, aged 23. The oldest Judge in England is Vice-Chancellor the Hon. Sir James Bacon, aged 85; the youngest, the Right Hon. Sir Charles Synge C. Bowen, lord justice of appeal, aged 47. The oldest judge in Ireland is the Hon. John Fitzhenry Townsend, LL.D., of the court of admiralty, aged 72; the youngest, the Right Hon. send, LL.D., of the court of admiralty, aged 72; the youngest, the Right Hon. Andrew Marshall Porter, master of the rolls, aged 47. The oldest of the Scotch lords of session is the Hon. Sir George Deas (Lord Deas) aged 80; the youngest, the Hon. Alexander Smith Kinnear (Lord Kinnear), aged 50. The oldest prelate of the church of England is the Right Rev. Richard Durnford, D.D., bishop of Chichester, aged 81; the youngest, the chester, aged 81; the youngest, the Right Rev. Ernest Roland Wilber-force, D. D., bishop of Newcastle-on-Tyne, aged 44. The oldest prelate of the Irish episcopal church, is the Right the Irish episcopal church is the Right Rev. John Robert Darley, bishop of Kil-Rev. John Robert Darley, bishop of Kilmore, aged 33; the youngest, the Right Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, bishop of Cork, aged 49. The oldest prelate of the Scotch episcopal church is the Right Rev. Robert Eden, bishop of Moray and Ross (Primus of Scotland), aged 79; the youngest, the Right Rev. James Robert A. Chinney-Haldane, bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aged 43. The oldest baronet is Sir Moses Montefiore, aged 99; the youngest, Sir Thomas Lewis Hugh Neave (aminor), aged 9. The oldest knight is Sir George Rose Sartorius G.C.B., admiral of the Fleet, aged 93; the youngest, Colonel

> FINANCE AND TRADE. TORONTO, Wednesday, Feb. 6

In Chicago the war whoop of the bulls is Shipping apples to England has only bee moderately successful this year. An eastern firm sold a large lot in Liverpool recently at 19s. per brl. Greenings and Baldwins are sold at \$3.95 to \$4.

The wholesale dry goods houses report or lers coming in freely and remittances good. Several direct shipments of teas have bee placed on the market.
Fifty shares of Northwest land were sold af

A cable to Cox & Worts quotes Hudson Bay t £22§, and Northwest Land at 56s 9d. The New York stock market shows coal stocks firm and higher, but all others seem Chicago was stronger all round to-day. Porl

vas up to \$17.821. Wheat was strong, bu weakened before and sold off on call Toronto Stock Exchange

MORNING SALES.—Commerce 20-50-20-20 at 118. Imperial, 10 at 1277 after board. Fereral, 20 at 1264. Western Assurance 20 at 110 after board. Northwest Land 50 a 62 after board. Canada Landed Credit, 7 a 210. Farmers Loan and Savings, 100 (new stock) at 112. Stock) at 112.

CLOSING BOARD.—Merchants 109 to 107 sales 10 at 108. Imperial 128 to 127½, sales 2 a 127½. Federal 127½ to 127, sales 10-50 10-50 a 127, 10 at 127½, 10-50 at 127½. Standard 110½ to 109½, sales 20-5 at 110. Western Assurance 111 to 110½, sales 15 at 110½, 50-29-10 at 110½. Free-hold 165 buyers, sales 25 at 165. Western Canada, sales 6 at 187½. B. & L. Association, sales 20 at 102½.

Montreal Stock Exchange. Owing to the carnival festivities there was o business transacted to-day. Local Markets.

THE FARMERS' MARKET.—The receipts of grain on the street during the past week were fair, being as follows: Wheat, 3,500 bushels; bearley 5700 bushels; oats 1600 bushels; peas 900 bushels; receipts of 900 bushels. Hay offered to the extent of 980 leads and straw 40 loads.

Markets by Telegraph.

MONTREAL—Flour—Recuipts 250 barrels. Sales, none reported. Market quiet and steady at unchanged rates. Quotations—Superior \$5.55 to \$5.60; extra \$5.40 to \$5.45; spring extra \$4.80 to \$5; superine \$4.50 to \$4.75; strong bakers \$5.00 to \$6; fine \$3.60 to \$3.70; middlings \$3.40 to \$3.50; pollards \$3 to \$3.25; Ontario bags \$2.10 to \$2.60; city bags \$2.90 to \$3 for strong bakers. Grain—Wheat, red winter \$1.20 to \$1.22; white winter, \$1.16 to \$1.18; spring \$1.18 to \$1.21; corn 72ic to 75c; peas 89c to 90c; barley 55c to 75c; rye 60c to 62c; oatmeal \$4.50 to \$4.57; cornmeal \$3.50 to \$3.75 Provisions—Pork \$19 to \$19.50; lard 1let to 12½c; bacon 13c to 14c; hams 13c to 14c; hogs 88½c; cheese 11c to 13½c; butter, townships, 20c to 22c; Morrisburg 19c to 21c; Western 15c to 18c.

the application of Mary A. Miller of New Orleans for a license as a master of a steamboat, he directed that she be examined, and if found qualified given a license. "I know of no reason," he says, "in public policy or in good morals, why a woman if she is skilled, honest, intelligent, hardy and prudent enough may not have command of a steam vessel and navigate it and manage and conduct business carried on with it." And he adds: "Having been put on God's foot-stool by Him she has a right to win her bread in any moral, decent way which is open to any of His toiling creatures. She chooses to do so as master of a steam vessel. It is an honest calling. If she is fitted for it, though clothed in skirts rather than breeches, she has a right to follow it, and no man should say nay."

THE OLDEST AND THE YOUNGEST.

Some Statistics Regarding Prominent People in England.

The oldest member of her majesty's privy council is the right hon. Joseph Warner Henley, aged 90; the youngest, H.

Butter quiet and unchanged. Eggs dull at 33 c. Cheese firm at 11c to 14 c. C. CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Wheat went to the front to-day in rapid fashion, advancing steadily with only slight fluctuations, and closed 13c higher than yesterday. Trading was unusually active. Excitement ran very high during the greater portion of the session. The sudden advance of prices is attributed to the rise in provisions, firmness of foreign markets and fears that colder and freezing weather might affect the growing winter crop. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat higher, February 92 to 94c. March 92 to 94c. April 1c over March, No. 2 spring 92 to 94c. April 1c over March, No. 2 spring 92 to 94c. April 23 to 31c. Corn higher, 33c to 53 c. February 52 to 50c. Oats firmer, cash 33c to 53 c. February 52 to 50c. Oats firmer, cash 33c to 53 c. February 32 to 53 c. March 52 to 53 c. Rye firm at 78c. Pork irregular cash 31.7.60 to \$17.62 c. February and March \$1.35 to \$3.75. April \$4.75 to \$9.75. Bulk meats—shoulders \$7.40, short ris \$9.65 to March \$9.62 to \$9.75. April \$9.75 to \$9.75. Bulk meats—Shoulders \$7.40, short ris \$9.65 to \$0.65 march \$9.62 to \$9.75. April \$0.00 bush, corn \$19.00 bush, steady and unchanged. Receipts—Flour 18.000 bush, Shipments — \$6.000 bush, corn \$19.000 bush, cash \$2.000 bush, corn \$19.000 bush, cash \$2.000 bush, cash \$2.000 bush, barley \$3.000 bush, cash \$2.000 bush, cash \$2.000

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Senseless—The Games-Trot

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Toronto had to Granite three rink at Montreal. It is said that H salary of \$3500 fro baseball club. They have potato may be) at the ska The potato races mashers.

Sir John Astley, is said to be wrecke family estate in N be offered for sale. The following ba practicing at St. 7 Bob Emslie, Billy John Quinn, J. and

The New Jersey s tion of cruelty to an petition the state I the hunting with d Fred. Archer, the is 27 years of age. his living in the sading scored his fir Daisy in 1870.

Dr. Hodgson's b. class, is the only repart the Montreal car. The six events have the three minute and the 2.45 fifteen At Montreal, Fel by Mr. J. G. Ross, lutes 8 sec. Mr. Ros sporting editor of amateur champion b The popularity of said to be rapidly s young ladies of Ne that will strengthen can carry up coal and the pavement ought

The latest story of Louis Union baseball a well-known leagu sign a three-years Lucas must want a guncht to be able to on

ought to be able to g The Hamilton Tim not been heard of Wr from the Barrie pig-ronto parties will be they had hear a Strou out and do the right hour of the day hour of the day.

Tae dominion gove amend the pool bill. which it is enforced i treal pools are sold, it sold, in Guelph, Wo and other places it is simply discriminates Owing to the fail gerald) in the propose was to have taken pla early next month, it visable to put off the entries, and it is also fee of \$500 will be red Smith s which is creat horse lovers, as she is heels to the best of pete at the ensuing Ontario jockey club. preserves some mystee Some say she was briland last fall, and oplace in the race for the transfer of the same say the was brilled by the same say she was brilled by the same say the was brilled by the same say the was brilled by the same say the s

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Williamstown. It as of alleged fox hunters trap in which one of broken. It refused twas kicked, and it was higher trap in which was higher trap in which was higher trap in which was higher trap in the same trap hounds. The injured then another attempt run, but it would not oil was poured over it was cut off. When t that it could not be n The Britannia footh Windsor Hotel, Monting and presented the D. McGibbon, with a some silver service as teem and regard. A local, captain of the clation in a neat spee Gibbon appropriately ter subsequently prese to the best players on fifteens of the club du winners were: First fi

winners were: First fi Arnton, jr., R. Macle ond fifteen—Messrs. I at the old lacrosse gr Feb. 16. Following a upon: 100 yards in hea quarter mile, half mile, boys 15 and under in co which will consist of cu be on exhibition at i King street west, on T On Saturday the 23rd its annual steeplechase its annual steeplechase from a point north of ton, about three miles. The club will asset tramp at 3 p.m. on S.

the Champion of C Thompson of Clevelan glove fight for \$300 the match were that it under the Marquis of It was short and sharp