## ial News.

STMINSTER. of J. B. Foster, died as 45 years old, a nainty, New Brunswick.

SLAND. died at 2 o'clock on er has been a resident he past three years, yed in Butte, Mont. nd to mourn her loss. ears of age.

S INLET.

ence of the Times.) r prevails at present opened the hospital, been delayed by an e Bella Bella Indians. bookkeeper at War. n on the sick list, but re are about 600 peo et there is very little

OUVER. feneral Baquedano is n port daily. Chilian ris has received ers and crew, and exp would have arrived al ladies and gentleed themselves in arat the Hotel Vancouofficers of the Gen-

Shaw are talking of by-law again this d is anxious to secure ace for all time on ad for the city to ac-Bay foreshore rights, interested in securing

letor of the logging oint, came down on one of his men, who ccident a day or two as J. Huggins, and it appears that he blood vessel in his some possibility of ound, but happily the d and the wound was nen the man arrived

a demented sailor, New Westminster on to be placed in the In the course of his medical men he rekilled a man named al a few weeks ago. gh had stolen money they were crossing Montreal he struck nd with an iron bar, to the water of the ys that McHugh was athorities knew noth-

celebration commiteen organized, and etting down to active ay. The organizing a Tuesday evening, in er. In the informal which it is suggested features of the celeed and carried that ruested to communi tary authorities, rethat the date of the aining of the Sixth it's Own Rifles be er date. Should the Esquimalt for July absence would cause nized Dominion Day puld be hard to fill. stances, however, it that the battalion the city. This matnost energetically by Mayor, and by the v, George Bartley, ed in their official caer of Militia and to , M. P., asking for poned until after the ration. It was also ohnson-Hackett race ttractive feature for gramme, could it be 2nd or 3rd, instead feature of the even-

\$500. TELEGRAPHY.

Great Britain During hirty Years. cribes in the Century

ninated procession.

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to reduce saloon li-

ng of the government ritain. government, in the ontrol of all inland ss of that department office has grown to The object of aswas twofold-first, to t telegraph tolls of is so high as virtualfor many kinds of ly, to safeguard the return to former not what one may bility of the introduc-m into the United atent that in Great vas long since attain-

ellhood that the sys

ost Office Department test available figures, not the people so far the system that they e date of the closing ary telegrams, which telegrams, cable me canked, and reduced three million ng 1898. In 1869, the s were sent; in 1899 messages. In 1869 for telegrams was a while the charge for -day, inclusive ents. In 1860 there hundred fice alone. Last year deficit of at least as department devoted ers, the system clear

hundred and fifty

## The Bank Of Montreal

Annual Report of Directors Read at a Meeting of Shareholders.

Prosperity of the Dominion -- Usual Dividend of 10 per cent. For the Year.

The report of the directors to the shareness of the year ending April 30th, 1900. is a substantial benefit to all commercial

Balance of profit and loss account, 30th April, 1899 ....\$1,102,792 72 Profits for the year ending 30th April, 1900, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubt-

Total ....... \$2,627,180.80 Dividend 5 per cent., paid 1st December, 1899 .. \$600,000 00 Dividend 5 per cent., payable 1st June, 1900 ..... 600,000 00

-\$1,200,000 00 Amount credited to rest account ...... 1,000,000 00

Balance of profit and loss carried forward ...... \$ 427,180 80 in the Mother Country, nothing else
The general statement presented showthe capital stock of the bank to ba much above the average; the great des-\$12,000,000, and the rest \$7,000,000. The truction of sawed stuff at Ottawa has, balance of profits carried forward for the no doubt, temporarily affected prices. The year amounted to \$5,427,180.80. The unclaimed dividends amounted to \$2,212. ber for the manufacture of paper pulp 01, and the half-yearly dividend, pay- promises to have important effects on able on the 1st inst., \$600,000, which, added to the capital account, made a enormous waste is going on in this mattotal of \$20,029,392.81. The notes in ter, and that some process of recovery circulation amounted to \$6,161,649. The whereby this indispensible material can bank and its different agencies had on be used more than once is looming in deposit, without bearing interest, the en- the future. Enormous strides are being rmous sum of \$10,709,069.34. The de- taken in this country towards the proosits bearing interest amounted to \$41,-963,536.97. Balances due to other banks developments now in progress reach comn Canada, \$15,549.28, a total of \$58.-822,804.59; making a grand total of lia-bilities of \$78,852,197.40. The assets come a factor in the supply of foreign were: gold and silver coin current, \$2,- | markets. 303,209.19; government demand notes, \$2,814,430; deposits with government though to a smaller extent in this counguaranteeing security, general bank note try than in Great Britain. This is due circulation, \$300,000; due by agencies of to a considerable rise in wages and mathe bank and other banks in foreign terials and supplies of all kinds, and like countries, \$11,840,790,26; due by the the other advances already noted, has

curities and assets, \$53,430,332.13; debts at any point in Great Britain. secured by mortgage or otherwise, \$52,- No better evidence of business ac-659.67; overdue debts, not specially se- | tivity can be had than the work done cured, loss provided for, \$42,583,99; by our great carrying companies. Takmaking a grand total for assets of \$78,- ing the returns of the Grand Trunk and

The general manager, Mr. Clouston, we get these figures: then said: In the statement submitted The gross earnings for the years 1895 to you to-day the principal changes and 1899, under the following heads, which have taken place during the past year are: the liabilities column shows an ncrease in circulation of \$700.000 and an ncrease of \$6,500,000 in deposits bearing interest, while on the other side there is a decrease of \$3.800,000 in the reserves neld in Great Britain, and an increase of \$10,600,000 in loans. A considerable percentage of the latter increase repreents a legitimate demand from commer- the foregoing in these years are \$36,636,cial customers for advances, arising out of the more active and expanding con- advance of 38 per cent. ditions of trade. The remainder is employed in special operations of a temporary character which would probably year; many of their vessels have found be closed out in the next few months. Canada has good reason to be well satisfied with the results of business for tha last twelve months. From every province in the Dominion, with the exception of British Columbia, come reports of universal prosperity, active trade, good

tory prices. The lumber trade never was in better condition; while the dairy exports have only been limited by the extent of the cold storage accomodation, which is still insufficient for the growing wants of the trade. Railroad earnings were the largest in the history of Canada, and the year ends in a blaze of universal self-congratulation. For the coming year there are some indications of over production, Stocks in the merchants' hards are too large, and in some districts collections are disappointing. In fact at the moment there is something of a check, which, however, may prove highly salutary, if the commer-cial community will only proceed with

crops, and generally speaking, satisfac-

matters have adjusted themselves on a more satisfactory basis.

The finance minister of Canada has inoduced a number of amendments to the Bank Act, which are now before the house. They are the outcome of ten years' experience of the working of the years' experience of the working of the present Bank Act, and will no doubt materially strengthen it, and make it a more workable measure. Full details of these expended in the former year was \$62,170,354, and last year \$65,107,222, or an increase of 4.7 per of these amendments have appeared in

caution till the new crop is assured and

the papers, and it is not necessary for me to refer to them here. Hon, George A. Drummond, the vicepresident, said: I do not doubt you will eceive with satisfaction the statements ow laid before you and the explanations of the general manager. The profits have chabled the directors to add one million of dollars to the rest, and pay the usual dividend of ten per cent, for the year. This rate of dividend has continued unbroken for twenty years, supplemented, because of exports over imports has been \$44,153,300, and this excess of exports over imports has in Kootenay mines for higher wages. of the general manager. The profits have 1898 ..... 130,698,000 164,152,700 1899 ..... 154,061,000 188,886,000

however, in four of these years by a happened only once before in the hisbonus. The addition of the rest is fully tory of Canada, i.e., in 1880, justified, I think, by the changed condi
One important evidence of better times tions since the year 1884, when capital is to be found in the comparative imand rest first attained the proportions so munity from losses by business failures long maintained of twelve and six mil-which in the respective years are as follions respectively. In 1884 the combined lows: 1896, \$17,300,000; 1898, \$10,000, steady the dividend.

of the shareholders of the Bank in the year 1884 with the present time there are evidences already, however Montreal was held in the ready said, the liabilities of the bank had head office, Montreal, on the 4th arisen from \$26,000,000 in 1884 to \$59,inst., with the vice-president, Hon. Geo. 000,000 in 1900. The number of agencies Drummond, in the chair. A large or branches had arisen from 31 to 52. ttendance of the shareholders was pres- The number of the staff had increased from 299 to 562. The deposits had increased from \$22,588,000 to \$63,445,000. and the loans in Canada had increased olders at their eighty-second annual from \$30,000,000 to \$53,500,000. So that general meeting was then read by E. S. to earn approximately equal profits, Clouston, general manager, as follows: double the business must be done and The directors have pleasure in present. the cost of doing it proportionately in-The directors have pleasure in presenting the eighty-second annual report. its banking business done for about half showing the results of the bank's busi- the prices ruling in 1884. No doubt this

> and manufacturing business. The board has had occasion during the year to lament the sudden and unexpected death of two of its members-Hugh McLennan and W. W. Ogilvieand has recorded its deep sense of the loss which the bank has experienced in being deprived of their prudent counsels. The board considers itself fortunate in having been enabled to fill these vacancies by the election of James and R. G.

> In the general trade and commerce of the country we find evidences of the period of prosperity into which we have entered. Good harvests and good prices, especially for dairy produce, have caused prosperity throughout the country. Immigration has been less rapid than can be wished, but with the activity in all branches of trade and manufacture dustry has been prosperous, and prices consumption of a special class of timsome districts. It appears to me that duction of iron and steel, and when the pletion, we may hope that Canada will

Fuel has advanced materially in price, of the bank and other banks an important influence in checking ex-Great Britain, \$4,008,131.55, a total of pansion of business. It appears to me \$15,648,921.81 due by agencies; Dominion | that the fact that steam coal of similar and provincial securities, \$518,624.29; quality in Nova Scotia is costing more United States railway bonds, \$1,570,365. in Glasgow, Scotland, than in Montreal, 25; notes and cheques of other banks, may very well be recorded to the credit \$1,571,052.97; making a total of \$24,726.- of our protective duty on the article, the 621.61 in securities, bonds, notes and Montreal coal having been carried nearcheques; bank premiums, \$600,000; cur- ly a thousand miles. At the pit head rent loans and discounts, and other se- Canadian coal is very much cheaper than

the Canadian Pacific railways together.

compared as follows: Passenger traffic, 1895, \$10,133,000; 1899, \$12,836,000; an advance of 26 per cent. Freight, 1895, \$23,129,000; in 1899, \$32,809,000; an advance of 42 per cent. Mail and express, 1895, \$1,804,000; 1899, \$2,269,000; an advance of 25 per cent. Miscellaneous, 1895, \$1,570,000; 1899, \$2,764,000; an advance of 70 per cent. The totals of tial, and has a glass front. 000 and \$50,677,000 respectively; or an

The North American steamship comprofitable employment in the various transport services connected with the South African war, and the decreased tonnage thus available for their regular trade has tended to enhance freight rates, more especially on export cargoes. The volume of imports carried by the Canadian lines was somewhat less than during the previous twelve months, the freight rates were somewhat dearer and the number of vessels fewer. The volume of exports was smaller, and the average of freight rates, more especially on grain and provisions, was higher. The current season has opened favorably, and the volume of export traffic is likely to be fully equal to the available tonnage during the next two or three months. The passenger traffic was moderately and westbound during the year. They complain of the large advance in the price of coal and of the enhanced wages,

consumption in the year ending 30th April, 1899, was \$54,282,140; and for the year ending 30th April, 1900, \$59,997,-767, an increase of 101 per cent. On the

cent.
The aggregate trade of Canada by years is as follows.

Entered for Exporte Consumption, Exporter \$1895 .... \$105,252,500 \$113,638,80

Stories About "Oom Paul"

capital, rest and profit and loss account 000; 1899, \$10,727,000. If we accept the aggregated \$18,306,000; in 1900 they reigning stagnation on the stock exwere \$19,130,000. But the total liabili- change due to a general pause in specuties to the public, which in 1884 were lation and dearer money, the indications \$25,941,000, had risen in 1900 to \$58,- are of a continuation of good times. It 822,000. I by no means desire to cou- is probable that some revival will be vey the impression that the ability of consequent on a decline in the cost of the bank to meet its engagements de- staple raw materials which appears probpends on the size of its rest, but ohvi- able. It is impossible to follow the proously an increase of the rest is quite in gress of all branches of trade, but the order, and no doubt will meet with your general result, with some special exapproval, as an increased rest not only ceptions, is the same, full employment, gives additional stability but helps to press of business, good prices, advanced steady the dividend.

| wages. In the middle of all this we are The eighty-second annual meeting A further comparison of our condition apt to forget that bad times will recur, slight, of a reaction. The high prices of lumber and labor are causing a cessation of building, and iron and steel are getting cheaper.

consequences now unforseen.

ing to an end. Its progress day by day, get there promptly. When he was a ing buttons like children, so, giving a the old woman, bundle and all, into his indeed, hour by hour, has been watched younger man he was a mighty hunter of contemptuous grunt, he moved away and saddle. Then taking the horse by the with feverish anxiety. The successful big game, and every Boer one gets into smoked his eternal pipe. Happening to bridle, led the animal carefully onwards relief of the heroic beleagured garrisons conversation with has a stock of thrill-look across at the game a little later he and the capture of the Boer centres has cld man did in his day and generation. ereign in exchange for some counters, given occasion for general rejoicings. Once, when out lion-shooting with a and light was at once let in on his dark-That a considerable body of Canadian flint-lock rifle, he had a peculiar exper- ness. He bounded from his deck chair, history, been fighting on another contin- ed in the elay bank, muzzle downwards, he waded in and ent, side by side with the best soldiers and, all unknown to him, got jammed of the Empire, and proving themselves by courage and soldierly qualities equal to the honor, has intensified our interest. To ourselves it is a source of pride that among them is a corps of mounted infantry, consisting of 589 men, equipped, armed and carried to the seat of war through the liberality of the president of this bank. Heavy as is the price exacted in war for any benefits-not in treasure alone, for that is secondary-but in blood, Canadians now occupy a place among the nations not hitherto accorded them, and can realize as never before that their country is part and parcel of the Empire, while the most distant shore where our flag flies is but a portion of our heritage.

No one who has made himself acquainted with the facts can doubt that the war was not only a just and most righteous, but also an unavoidable one or only to be escaped by Great Britain onfessing herself unable to protect her | veldt. She soon arrived at the conclucitizens, and abandoning all pretensions to Imperial power. I hail the resolve that the territories now conquered at | such a heavy price, shall be held under the British flag, with the security of life, liberty and property which it everywhere guarantees

This bank, departing in some measure from precedent, has contributed liberally and Paul threw some odds and ends of to Imperial and home organizations, having the care of our soldiers and their dependents for their object; for this I do not doubt you will give your approval. though the Psalms are magnificent, they Our duty would not be done if we fail are no good to stop horses with. He did to recognize to the full how much this little force has accomplished for the credit and best interests of Canada, and recognized to the full how much this little force has accomplished for the day he noticed that gangrene was setting the party had gathered round a camp fire and the conversation turned upon literating its white crest higher as the deed the edges of the piles beyond. move: "That the report of the directors now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders." This motion was seconded by A. T. Paterson and carried.

WATCHES THE SNOWSHEDS. Novel Occupation a Western Woman

Has Chosen and Fills Well. Mrs. Paul Reicke sits hour after hour lofty peak in the Sierra Nevada mountains watching for fires in the snowsheds bargain for a new gun. that line the railroad through the rocky fastnesses. She and her husband have love expedition, but found that another undertaken the task for the company, young man had arrived there before him. The man watches for fires by night, the The other suitor was a bit of a coxcomb.

woman in the daytime. front that juts out from the main range hawker's van, and when Paul Kruger across the canyon of the Yuba river, op arrived on his rough but useful horse, The signal house is small, but substan- made to suit the outfit,

There are fire alarm signals situated grown sons, some of whom are in business in San Francisco

arise. In his absence, should he remain over night, Mrs. Reicke remains at her post without sleeping. It is then that her position is enough to awe any wobut their profits are, nevertheless, said man, or even a man. Absolutely alone As regards the port of Montreal, the last two years compare as follows: The total value of merchandise entered for consumption in the consumption itation closer than four miles-isolated in this tremendous solitude, with nothin this tremendous solitude, with nothing to do but to sit at a window and with a field glass patrol the distant line of civilization across the canyons and other mountain tops throughout the long day, and perhaps throughout the long, dark night as well—that is a position which few women would have the nerve to occupy and one in which few women would be trusted.

Gace after he became President of his beloved Transvaal, a German speculator called upon him with an interpreter who could talk the Boer dialect. The German wanted certain concessions. He was a sprince young man, who fancied that he was a heaven-born diplomat. He had been warned would be trusted.

ANOTHER STRIKE IMMINENT.

(Special to the Times.)

Life of the President of the Transvaal.

How He Treated a Rival Suitor-His Great Horror of Gambling. -

the Boers, old Oom Paul Kruger, by his devil in a dress suit in his family circle One important factor, which may affect our manufacturing industries, is the

le is what Joshua was to the Jews of and the fools, is an argument of his, hobbling along with a bundle. She looked evidence of a spirit of aggression in outside markets by the great American com-binations and trusts; this may produce of what I have binations and trusts; this may produce of what I have binations and trusts; this may produce of the saddle. He passed her, then looking heard concerning him be true, then he is er to England he notice a young Boer ever his shoulder noticed that the old dame Nothing in recent times has excited so well worthy of their worship. He is applaying "Nap." The old man watched the hung her head wearily as she plodded Nothing in recent times has excited so intense an interest in this country as the parently a rough old man, who loves to get right at the root of a matter, and war in South Africa, now happily drawof Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking, ing tales to tell concerning things the saw an Englishman toss the Boer a sovvolunteer soldiers sent out by the Do- ience. His horse stumbled and fell with minion has, for the first time in our him on the edge of a sluit, his rifle pitch. Fixing the Boer with his glaring eyes, full of stiff soil. He had not proceeded far after gathering up his gun before he came upon a healthy-looking lioness. Oom Paul looked at the great carnivora and thought what a splendid door mat her hide would make. The lioness looked at Oom Paul as if she fancied he would make a first-class lunch; so the two foes stood glaring at each other across the narrow sluit. Oom Paul dropped on one knee, sighted the big brute full between the eyes, and pulled the trigger. The old flint-lock burst and knocked him heels upwards on the veldt, shattering one of his thumbs terribly. The lioness was not hurt, but she was dreadfully scared. She heard the noise of the explosion and saw pieces of iron

and mud flying all ways at once, whilst A Brawny Young Boer was making a circus of himself on the sion that she didn't want a lunch of that kind, and disappeared from the scene, whilst Oom Paul gathered himself up and tied what was left of his thumb up in a red cotton handkerchief and started to walk back to the nearest farmhouse, which was three days' march away. His horse had bolted when the gun exploded, the Psalms and some other vocal furniture after the beast as it disappeared in the dim distance. But he found out that is a man who never wasted anything in all his life. Then he walked along stolidly until he reached the farm, where the

On another occasion he was out on a as coxcombs go on the veldt. he had a Red mountain, on the brow of which showy horse and a gorgeous saddle and stands the signal station, has a bold, bare a new suit of clothes fresh from the posite Cisco station, four miles away with saddle to match and clothing home-

The Other Chap all along the interior of the sheds, only passed some remarks which caused the a half mile separating one from the next, lust of battle to surge up good and and there are track walkers to keep a strong in the future President's blood. constant lookout night and day to turn but the maiden, who had the shrewd in an alarm if they see anything wrong. sense to know the difference between a But there might be fires which they mule and a man, made him promise not would not see until too late and the en- to lay a hand on the other fellow, betire chain of sheds might be singed off cause he was not worth the bother that the landscape while they would be run- would be certain to follow such a blow Shakespeare or Goethe bare written the together. ning to the nearest alarm box, even if as young Paul Kruger was sure to give. Songs of Solomon? If I want to read of they did not see the flames, if the wo- The dude somehow got an idea that Kru- hunting, I find it in the Bible; if I want man up on the mountain top did not ger had promised the damsel he would to read of love, where in all the books in flash a much quicker alarm into Cisco not strike him, and, as even in those all the world is love described so simply by telephone and have the fire trains days Paul was noted for his love of the rushing to the scene within 60 seconds rushing rushi rushing to the scene within 60 seconds truth, he thought he might very safely of the time the first smoke appeared. The people of culture and knowledge of the control of the time the first smoke appeared. The people of culture and knowledge of the control of the time the first smoke appeared. The people of culture and knowledge of the control of the control of the scene within 60 seconds truth, he thought he might very safely in a light very safely in the safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely in a light very safely in the safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely in the safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely in the safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely in the safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely into the control of truth, he thought he might very safely into the control of truth and the safely into the control of truth and truth he safely into the control of truth and truth he safely into the control of truth and truth he safely into the control of truth and truth he safely into the control of truth and truth and truth he safely into the control of truth and truth he safely into the control of truth and t saddle, he fired off an unbearable lot of insolence right in the young man's teeth. Paul stood it until human nature could stand no more. Drawing back until he got the full force of his giant strength well behind the blow he lashed out, and caught the horse behind the ear. The brite staggered from the shock, as if a second-class earthquake had risen up and smitten it, then fell flat on its flane, breaking the rided he girl, "You proup issed you would not hit him, no matter what he said." "That is so, dear," said the young veldsman, with a twinkle is in his eyes, and I kept my word to the letter, for I didn't say I wouldn't hit his books of the part of many books teach better than be was a sprace of the girl, you proup and women would be the proup of the part of many books to the letter, for I didn't say I wouldn't hit his book of Transvala, a German speculation of the german warred certain concessions. The German public his heat and as and no more concerning that and said no more concerning to the property of the part of the world had been warried.

The German public his head women of the world had been warried and all and had been warried the warried had been warried to the world had been warried to be warried had been warried to the warried had been warried to the warried had been warried to the world had been warried to the warried by the his the warried by people of culture and knowledge of the insolence right in the young man's teeth, world. Mrs. Reicke is quite young and Paul stood it until human nature could comely, Mr. Reicke is the father of stand no more. Drawing back until he rown sons, some of whom are in busi-less in San Francisco.

Mr. Reicke goes into town once a week

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Caught the horse behind the ear. Tafor supplies and to attend to whatever business connected with the company may

To Go Straight to the Point when dealing with the old statesman, but

der his great rough brows. you know Johannesburg?"

way to find a feeding bottle with his tions of that kind, pass him out of the son ever read in the songs of Solomon.

the reverence felt for the greatest of all gambling in any shape or form, and the come to feed themselves, not you. countrymen and women, writes a corress as a pack of cards. There are only two

Inundated Him With Lauguage which the fiery and fluent prophet Jeremiah might have been proud to possess. Years afterwards that Boer called Oom Paul in his home in Pretoria, "Sit," President called for some coffee for his guest, and then went on with his pipe. "Don't you remember me, uncle," said

"I remember you well," was the tart reply. "Have you a pack of cards in your pocket, and do you still gamble?"
The visitor said he thought the room was very close, or badly ventilated, or something of that kind. Anyway, there was more air outside, and he went out in a serve the great bore of Hang-chau—the hurry to get some of it.

friend offered to show him the sights of thus describes the impressive phenomeno the modern Babylon. Oom Paul fell in as it appeared at night: with the idea, and the Britaiu gathered him in to see a ballet show, thinking to and it dazzled us to look up to it. Each get some fun out of his shocked feelings, one stood evenly within the circle of his but Oom sat and watched the whole show with evident interest.

fresh, ain't they?" said the Briton, with a and it was three-quarters of an hour after sly wink at the old patriarch. doubt," came the reply, through a cloud White Thing was seen, a ghastly line adof smoke; "but I'd rather have the old vancing as evenly over the water, and as shoes of the one I left behind in Africa Quickly, as the dark shadow of an eclipse than I'd have all the women you've got sweeps over a landscape. Nearer and in England, on the stage or off it. She nearer it roared, growing was good enough for me when she was whiter, until we could see the whole cas-

was no room to doubt; the thumb had to ture. There were Englishmen, Hollanders, it licked the edges of the piles beyond be taken off, or he had to die an agoniz. Germans and Boers present, and each of which the junks lay. There were shouts ing death out there alone on the veldt, them had much to say concerning celebrat. and yells, and the usual boatmen's pandeso he sat down, and, using the heel of ed writers of prose and poetry, except monlum let loose on the junks as the roorhis boot for a block, he hacked it off Com Paul. He smoked his eternal 'long ing wave approached. A rocket sizzed, with his knife, and tossed the part ne stem," and held his peace. The Germans did not want to a jackal that was growl- and the Englishmen nearly came to strip- sounded, but all small sounds of earth's ing round him, for Oom Paul Kruger ping off of coats concerning the relative merits of

Goethe and Shakespeare.

old "Tant" would have made much of silent figure at the camp fire, saying, speeding, rushing, whirling madly, irreeach day, field glass in hand, upon a his wounds; but the tough young pioneer "Look here, now, Oom Paul, which do sistibly on. only laughed, and at once commenced to you think the greater writer of the two-

even then, celebrated man, with brutal frankness. "Mein Gott!" ejaculated the German;

"here is a man whom the Boers call great, fascinated gaze. In the fierce after-rush and he has not read Goethe." "Never read Will Shakespeare?" howled by, until one had a dizzying sense of danthe indignant Briton; "then what the ger to come, but past fleeing from Somedence have you read?"

"Only this," said Oom Paul, pulling a

The German pulled his head well into his hat and said no more concerning Goethe. The Britisher Grew a flask from a side pocket, and washed the taste of Shakespenre's name down his throat, and took an early opportunity to change the topic of conversation into a channel bear line a strice, but its had in it an express victory. This boy was soon after converted, and many years later to friend that he was still enjoying the fits of that gaspel exercise.

In a new airship designed by a tight, a series of four case was a strice. when dealing with the old statesman, but like a lot of other young men he thought that the music of his voice would prove irresistible, so commenced his oration carefully prepared beforehand by saying: "Oam Paul Kruger, President of the Transvaal, you know Johannesburg, do you not?"

"What is he saying?" demanded Kru
"What is he saying?" demanded Kru
Shakespenre's name down his throat, and took an early opportunity to change the topic of conversation into a channel bearing on the next day's shooting, whilst Oom Paul Kruger, President of the flekering shadows fell, read once more the flekering shadows fell, read once more the tale he almost knew by heart concerning Beaz and the maiden Ruth.

Travelling once with a party of wealthy in the opposite direction.

ger, glaring at the self-satisfied one un- speculators in a sparsely-populated portion er his great rough brows.

of the Transvaal, it was discovered that by some untoward chance the hampers containing the food had gone astray. They "Know Johannesburg," roared the vet. were all so hungry that some of them were erau. "Yes, I know it. I knew it when his mother was in short petticoats. I shot elephants there before he knew the godless money hunter tried to be blasthemously humorous at Oom Paul's expense. "You are a great believer in the sense than to waste my time with ques sald, with a curling lip. "I am, and always shall be," was the quiet response door, and tell him to keep out if he eve: "Well, then, seeing that ravens took food wants to see Johannesburg any more." to Elljah in the wilderness, why don't Whereat that young German gathered God send some to me by the crows? I'd up his hat and his perfumed handker- have heaps of faith afterwards if he did, chief, his gloves, and gold-headed cane, old man." Kruger looked the scoffer full and fled, whilst Oom Paul growled in a in the eyes for the best part of a minute, voice of thunder something which no per- then he said, "Because Elijah was a prophet with a mission in life. You are only All Boers who profess to be really a fool with an appetite, and if God sends Men in Britain can scarcely conceive genuine in their faith have a horror of the crows to you, sir, they will probably At one time he was very fend of riding on horseback, as nearly all Boers are. Once when out for a ride

be good to you for your kindness to one so old and helpless. There are not many who would do as you have done. If I had been young and comely, as I once was, I could then understand it." "If you had been young and comely I should not have dared to do it," said he, with just a suspicion of laughter in his hard-set eyes. "Not dared," she said, "and why? should I, then, have eaten you?" "You might not," said he, with a low chuckle, "but," pointing to his wife, who was standing said the President, gruffly. He sat. The smiling on the stoop, "I think she would

> TIDAL WAVE IN A RIVER. Traveller in China Describes the Great Bore of Hang-chau.

On one of many visits to China, Eliza Ruliaimah Scidmore, author of "Java, the Garden of the East," etc., made a visit to the mouth of the Tsien-tang river to obtidal wave that sweeps into that stream When he was in London an English three times a year. In the Century she

The moon was riding at the very zenith, cwn clear-cut shadow on the ground, at that moment of the moon's transit, and What do you think of the girls; nice and the bore was due; but it was a calm night, our unaccustomed ears had caught the first The paint's fresh enough, I don't far-distant, muttering undertone before the young, and she's good enough for me cading, bubbling, frothing front, with some fire-crackers sputtered and gongs recreatures were drowned as the fearful White Thing crashed past, and a frightful hissing, a seething, lashing, and swirling of still higher billows succeeded—the most At last the Englishman turned to the one sinister sound of water ever heard-all

As the ten-foot wall of foam reached the Goethe or Shakespeare?"

"Never read either of 'em," growled the, it floated the junks loose at the instant. Each junk rode to the flood's fury bow on, and continued to rise, to lift itself bodily up, up, along the sea wall before one's the water went swifter and more swiftly thing held one fascinated to the spot, although in the fewest minutes, barely a frayed and tattered Bible from his pocket, quarter of an hour, two-thirds of the whole "and I have not half mastered its glories body and mass of the flood tide had flung yet, though I have rend it day and night itself against the wall, and, it seemed, for well night forty years. When I have might continue to rise with the same force cxhausted the Bible, I'll perhaps find time for hours. A sait, fresh smell of the sea. for Shakespeare and Goethe. Tell me, had the breath of the ocean's coolest, deepest either of those men more wisdom to teach under world, came in with the awful tide. than I can learn from the Book of Pro- A ghastly mist succeeded, Shreds of vapor verbs? Could either of them write such scudded over the triumphant moon, and g'orious lines as King David, the ancient the sea's curtain fell on one of the most poet of the Jews, has left us in his won- sensational, spectacular performances the drous Book of Psalms? Could either Pacific Ocean and the moon ever make

MOODY'S HANDLING OF A BULLY.

In a new airship designed by a Haltian, a series of fans are mounted in a car partially supported by a gas balloon, the fans being used to drive air through adjustable pipes, which are adapted to turn toward any point to move the ship