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A QUIBBLING MAGISTRATE.

interview in the Globe, which bears all the eararks of having been carefully prepared in advance, the ch came within his jurisdiction. Reference is made in the interview to the authorship of the edi-in question in which the Magistrate, we regret to to the Police Magistrate had he made enquiries in

is need for reform in the method of administering in the Police Court, the Magistrate refers to "an as having written the article and says in the

ents which were untrue. The Standard was made tather the statement, That it is unfair to any COURT'S CONVENIENCE. It also entails additional expense to the community for NO GOOD PURPOSE.' Now, continued the Judge, the writer of this effusion is either grossly ignorant, or shamefully malicboth, and in any view of it he is egregiously istaken. I would like to ask the man on the street who is not learned in the law-whether or not it is easier for the Judge or more to the 'COURT'S CONVENIENCE,' to say I remand, or I commit, or I dismiss. If the individual in question does not know what he is talking about, one would think that respect for The Standard and its readers should have

enced him to remain silent.'.
"Well," said the reporter, 'you will, perhaps, tell
why the remand is preferable to the 'I commit?" me why the remain is preservative to the "It will give me pleasure." His Honor replied, "to refresh your memory in the matter. The facts and circumstances of many remands are well and painfully known to sorrowful mothers, wives, sisters and brothers, as well as to the clergymen of every and brothers, as well as to the central denomination, and to the employers of labor, at whose request such remands are made and for a good purpose, but not by any means for the 'court's convenience,' as has been maliciously stated. Quite the

wives, sisters and broken the mands are made, but the Magistrate does not state that any of these agencies were at work in this case. If they were, what good purpose was served by the delay? That information is not sup-

Magistrate consults his convenience in cases of this kind. He wastes time and the money of the citizens by confining unsentenced prisoners in jail while he pores over cases decided in the London courts which he cites at length in giving his judgments. This procedure occurred in the case in question. In the opinion of The Standard, and we are not alone in this contention, the great majority of the cases which come before a court of summary jurisdiction can be decided fairly and yet promptly on their merits. The Magistrate might well take a lesson from his brethren on the bench in the London transport of the content take a lesson from his brethren on the bench in the London police courts where similar cases are disposed of with recognition as custodians of the law.

Is on Princess street."

The Standard is not concerned with what the Magistrate may have heard at street corners, but it would appear that before making a charge of this nature an enquiry of the editor of The Standard as to the surface. an enquiry of the editor of The Standard as to the author ship of the article would have been the more honorable course to have pursued. ritten by the editor of The Standard in The Standard hair. It was written with no maintains in the out as a protest in the public interest against methods which have too long prevailed in the Police Court and which The Standard and many responsible citizens believe are not based on justice or fair play.

CANADA AND THE BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE.

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Closer trade relations within the Empire have long been the aim of Mr. Foster, the present Minister of Trade and Commerce, and already during one short year in office he has completed a treaty with the West Indies and has opened negotiations for a trade agreement with Australia. A further step towards cementing the Empire was recently announced which will be of almost incalculable value to Canadian interests. Mr. Foster has concluded with Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State in the British Cabinet, an arrangement by which the whole of the British consular service extending to every part of the globe, will be at the disposal of Canada.

By this agreement the range of external business available to Canadian exporters will be greatly widened and authentic information as to the resources and development of the Dominion will be available at British consular offices the world over. Under this new arrangement the Foreign Office will furnish the Department with repies of all trade reports from its consular offices as soon as they are published from any districts which may be specified by Canada. All Canadian firms or business men will be at liberty to apply direct to any of His Majesty's consuls in any part of the world for information as to the sale of Canadian products, methods of business pursued, and the best means of getting in goods. Pritish consuls will be supplied with statements of

lists of the principal industries and sources of supply. These officials have received instructions to pay particular attention to any reports of interest to Canada. Canadian trade commissioners will have full liberty to apply to British consuls for assistance and advice in trade matters, and special Canadian trade representatives will be given every assistance possible and will have all the information of the British consular offices at their discovery.

These arrangements resolve themselves into this, that Canadians can use the British consular system to obtain information about foreign countries, and that foreigners can repair to British consular offices and obain information as to Canadian conditions and opportunities. It is also to be noted that an avenue is opened

REDISTRIBUTION.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.) The effect of the next Redistribution Bill upon the representation of the Maritime Provinces is being discussed more or less in the Eastern press. Those Provinces will undoubtedly lose five out of their present particles. liamentary contingent, and there is a prospect of further losses in the future. When Premier Flemming of New Brunswick was here he spoke to some people about the desirability of fixing an irreducible minimum of representation. We observe that The Mail and Empire thinks this suggestion deserves consideration. Of course, nothing of that kind can be brought about without an amendment to the British North America Act, but no difficulty would be experienced on that score if the Do-minion Parliament desired the change.

There is some danger that Prince Edward Island may

before many years find herself reduced to the position where she will have only one member in the House of Commons, a contingency which we do not imagine was anticipated by the framers of the Confederation Act. Indeed, those who recall the campaign for the union of the Provinces will remember that one of the anticipate results was a rapid increase in the population of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The possibility of the thet little known West drawing away thousands was not con sidered. That the exodus to the United States would be mmigration was expected to fill up the vacant areas at

For the first time since Confederation, Ontario and there will undoubtedly be strong pressure for som action on the part of Pallament to meet the case of the East,

The Police Magistrate is begging the question. The Standard is well aware that justice should be tempered with mercy and that remands for a few days may be necessary for a good purpose. The point The Standard makes is that in the case of the prisoner in question, dard makes is that in the case of the prisoner in question, and there are many like it in the course of a year, there was no justification for jailing a man, who was afterwards declared innocent, for twenty-four days. It is all yery and the propose of the commemorate the triumph of the National Policy and to celebrate the announced determination of the Canadian people to retain and keep the safeguard of the commercial and fiscal

Current Comment

Sir Wilfrid's Frank Admission,

Still Prices Go Up.

(Winnipeg Telegram.)
It takes far less human labor to produce human food With regard to the authorship of the article the Magistrate says: "The Standard recently had an editorial which the editor did not write—which was written. I am informed and believe, by an individual whose office sed and better off in every way than they EVENING

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

At a session of life insurance agents held in Chicago it was decided that people of the Jewish faith were the best risks, because their religion has little to excite its adherents, and is most conducive in natural living. About the worst risk among women is the housewife, only the chorus girl and the domestic servant having a shorter life avectory.

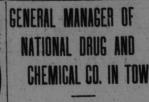
The Horse Still With Us.

One of the strange things of these latter days is the fact that the auto has not displaced the horse, as was freely predicted, but as more autos are turned out the fewer horses there are to be secured and the higher the price. Horses are actually at a premium right now all over the world.

Eliminating an Inducement.
(Buffalo Express.)

Suicide Point at Niagara Falis has been cut off. Any point anywhere that gets such a title should be cut off. The suggestion in the phrase may do a great deal to make the name more and more appropriate.

Uncle Sam Uncomfortable.
(Chicago Daily News.)
Uncle Sam, not having the legal mind or the judicial temperament, does not feel quite comfortable in having his canal policy justified by a technicality, while the other nations shoot out at him the lip of scorn.



boodstock, Sept. 23.—Mrs. David ndrews and youngest son Willie i. John are the guests of Mr. and Alex. Scott of Kirkland.

The encouraging revival of religion progress at Newburg in connecwith the U. B. church at that it is expected that a goodly ber of converts will receive bapsoon. Rev. J. J. Barnes is in ge of the meetings.

s visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. ohn Thibodeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McLauchlan of Junenburg, N. S., are here on their vedding trip and are the guests of he groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. ohn McLauchlan.

Wm. A. Clark, Houlton Road, who was so badly injured a short time go by being thrown from his wagon, rapidly recovering.

Randolph K. Britton of Upper Woodstock, who was quite low from a paralytic stroke, is better this week. George Howard, a well known citien, is quite low this week, but his riends hope for his recovery.

Mrs. G. W. Slipp while attending the W.C.T.U. convention last week no Campbellion, was the guest of her school was supplied by Miss Genera Shaw.

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Hopewell, Sept. 22.—John Russell, ho went to Prince Rupert a year nd a half ago, returned to his home ere on Friday.

Herman Steeves, who has been a reddent of this village for some time loved his family to Hillsboro last reek.

week.
Joseph L. Allingham, of Gagetown, is visiting friends in the village.
Rally Day in connection with the Methodist Sunday school, was observed here on Sunday, a very interesting address being given by Mr. Harvey, theological student of Mt. Allison. Mr. Harvey has been supplying for the church during the summer in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Thomas Stebbings, who has been spending some time in England.

N. B. TURNIPS.

New Brunswick turnips are to be shipped as far as Florida this fall and winter.

On Saturday E. L. McClung was here from Jacksonville, Fla., and closed a contract with ex-Ald. W. W. Boyce to supply a Jarge quantity of turnips for the Florida market.—Fredericton Gleaner.



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