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INSANITY IN ONTARIO. From the report of the inspector of prisons and public charities on the asylums

of the province, which has just been issued, we learn that the number of persons of tration ansound mind in the five asylums of the province on September 30, 1882, was 2742. Adding to these the insane convicts in the the provincial penitentiary, the lunatics in the common jails awaiting admission to the asylums, those patients who were out on probational leave at the date named, and those for whose admission applications were on file, we have as the total number of idiots and insane persons within the official cognizance of the inspector 2938. Large as this number unfortunately is, Dr O'Reilly. points out that it probably does not by any neans represent the aggregate insane population of the province. The inspector says : "We all know that it not infrequently happens, especially in country places, that me people are kept in the family circle, so long as they are not violent or destrucpowers of chastisement rather than trust tive, from a mistaken but not unnatural to heaven to punish perjurers. aversion on the part of friends to send them to an asylum, or perhaps in the hope, usually illusive, that they will more speedily recover under home influences than by placing them in unfamiliar surroundings. weight of that of M. Gambetta-eleve The percentage of recoveries to admishundred grammes-is correctly stated by sions for the year, was-excluding idiots-

321 as against 33 the previous year, and the percentage of deaths to the entire population for the year, 6 08 as compared with 5.41 for the year 1881. Two important facts may be from the information contained in the report. One is that the curability of insame patients almost entirely depends upon to this figure is considered by experts to be their being placed under treatment while

the disease is yet in its incipient stages. The Great mental capacity undoubtedly other fact is that modern alienists are de- is intimately related to the struepending more and more for the cure of ture and volume of the brain, mental disease upon attention to the æsthetic and sanitary surroundings of the a big brain invariably puts its owner on a patients and the provision of suitable em-ployment and recreation, rather than upon brain weighed sixty four ounces, but so did the administration of drugs or the use of that of an English bricklayer in London. restraints, either chemical or mechanical. The question of whether insanity is in-oreasing more rapidly in this province than different on the province than brain of Ruloff, the Bingham murderer, Deside Web who diad a few years ago, unable through the general population is a difficult one to answer. As the inspector points out, there weighed sixty two ounces; Daniel Web-ster's, fifty eight ounces, and Guiteau's

in rates be not due, as Mr McKnight sta to any increase of prosperity in the soun it will result in an increase of prospe which may probably be equally as satisfac. tory. The preponderance of opinion seems to be that the decline is due to the greatly ncreased wealth of farmers and land-

Although such decrease in

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law's requirements.

mechanics institute. The directors and no doubt the members of the latter institu-THE OATH IN COURTS Judge Briggs of Philadelphia, the other lay ruled that atheists were incompetent, to take an oath in a court of justice. According to that authority the belief reappears, to hand over the whole affair to quired by the laws is a belief in the exist tence of an omniscient supreme being, who

the city. They make the following claume which certainly appear very strong ones why the offer should be accepted. The will impose divine punishment for perjury either in this world or in the next. If the procuring a new lot and building would rebelief he short of this it falls under the ban quire a long time, during which the people of legal condemnation. The faith of a witness should be a religious belief of some kind in the existence of an omniscient being who will reward and punish either here or hereafter for good and evil doings -a belief in a power as exhibited by the force of nature and calling it supreme, and yet to ignore that that power is the handiwork of the omniscient and omnipotent God, is totally insufficient to meet the Some modification of the oath seems to be necessary if that feature in the adminis-

of justice is to command our Against this stands a mortgage of \$19,000. respect. It's a mockery for men to solemnly The city it appears would make by this, kiss the book, one word of which they do not believe. It's a mockery on the part of The city would be required to pay \$19,000 to the law to ask them to do so. Further than cover the mortgage and the board claims that this the ends of justice would often be thwarted were men to be disallowed giving \$40,000, throwing in the books, furniture the building and lots would alone bring evidence because they didn't entertain cer-tain speculative, beliefs. The suggestion etc. for nothing. They are told that the city does not want a lot of old books, but made long ago by Richard Cobden is worth they reply that they have some valuable repeating. It was his idea that no oath works of reference, comprising the full should be administered, but that the law numbers of all the quarterly and other concerning perjury should be read to magazines published for the last ten years ; every one about to give evidence. A strict Punch, in full ; the daily papers in full for the last eleven years ; the illustrated papers and vigorous enforcement of the law against perjury would prove a better preventive in full for many years ; and a great number of false swearing than a dozen oaths. For of others that could not be bought to-day the procuring of trustworthy evidence the at any price. This certainly looks like a courts will be obliged to look to their own very fair offer, in fact one in which the

away all the old books, if there are any, they would get at least \$10,000 more for THE WEIGHT OF GAMBETTA'S BRAIN. the building and lots than they are paying There will be occasion for an overhauling of theories relating to the brain if the for the whole thing.

BUTLER ON WOMAN SUPPRAGE.

Governor Butler recommends a, partial cable. It is quite possible, however, that experiment in the woman suffrage line by a some mistake has been made in transmitting the figures. The average brain of men law allowing ladies to vote in municipal weighs forty eight ounces ; the average in elections. But as the question after all must depend on the wishes of the ladies women is forty-two ounces. Gambetta's, as theniselves, he proposes that as a prelim reported, weighs but thirty-eight and fourinary they shall be given the opportunity fifths ounces. The average idiot brain to decide whether they will accept or reject the right to vote. He does not weighs thirty-five ounces, and any approach desire even in this expression of sentiment an indication of a weak order of intelligence. to subject the fair voters to the anneyance and vulgarity of primaries and polling places. So he gallantly suggests that all above twenty-one shall be registered and although it by no means follows that shall send their votes through the postoffice to the regular election officers.

This is a good proposition. The only objection is that the voting lady may in her own home be under undue influence from her husband. By the way, in the proposed registration, we conclude General Butler's meaning to be that the registered lady shall be simply generally described as

decided that they ed by all ch discouraged by all classes. The atten coerdion of the ring has not succeeded, we believe it will not succeed. Con still be had at the old price. Let no pay the \$6.75 a ton demanded by the ort a free library in ronto, it now remains to obtain and set in motion the machinery required for carrying it on. Among the many ways | and means but all go where they can buy cheapest, this way only can an odious monopoly, the last degree injurious to the commun be broken. proposed the most prominent is the chance of obtaining the building and plant of the

inechanics institute. The directors and no doubt the members of the latter institu-tion have come to the sonclusion that they cannot expect to carry it on while the free is different from the statements above. library is in existence, and are willing, it They, however, could not be found at the

## CANADIAN GOVERNOR-GENERALS (To the Editor of the World.)

Sin : No argument can be advanced against the right to select our own gover must of course wait for their new library. nor-general from among our own people The present building is quite large enough since it is admitted that our honor as a na for the purpose and more easy of access tien is coming to depend more and mere on than any other part of the city, being so that selection. It is shallow talk to say close to the corner of King and Church, a that public life could not afford to lose the close to the corner of King and Church, a point crossed by nearly all the street cars, The old music hall would make a first-class reading room when properly fitted up. The financial aspect of the case is this: The building and two lots adjoining are valued at \$40,000; books (about 11,000 volumes) valued at \$7,000; furniture valued at \$2,000; making a total of say \$50,000. Against this stands a mortgage of \$19,000.

make not an unworthy chief magistrate o the dominion. ALEXANDRIA. the dominion. Ventilation.

From Our Continer Whoever approaches this apparently simple yet actually complicated and bewildering question, is at the outset in partial or complete despair. For, from the beginning, the mission of man has been to fight day and night against the admission of the element, without which existence is impossible. Black death, plague, leprosy, all manner of diseases have been the wit ness of his victory over an element which. excluded, can always find its own revenge, and even to-day, with all the enlightenmen of this most enlightened century, the battle still goes on.

city would make \$10,000, for if they gave Theoretically, we all admit that it must rule. Practically, we deny it hour by hour. Millions of dollars have been spent in perfeeting systems, all of which have come to nothing. The senate chamber and house of

representatives at Washington are both de liberately arranged in such fashion that sunlight and air are alike impossible, and the latter can only come from force-pump in the cellar. It is true that air-hole under each seat are warranted to give pure atmosphere, but repeated persona observation has shown that when the openings are not used by our respected law-makers as spittoons, they are plugged with paper, this being the case with so large a proportion of them that one need not at all wonder at the character of the

legislation going on above. In our churches, theatres and all publi In our churches, theatres and all public places the same ingenious methods prevail, and if, as sometimes in railway cars, ven-tilators are opened, there is always some enterprising man with cane or umbrella who shuts them, and then returns well pleased to his place, to breathe with calm enjoyment the rejected effluvium of all the laboring langs about him. We, who would shrink from drinking from a stranger's or even a friend's sup, or eating from a plate already solided by use, drink in unbesitating-ly the breath-mot as it enters the lungs, pure, outer air, but as it is thrown out-laden not only with the natural weight of deadly carbonic acid gas, but with what.





## CHINESE MONGOLIAN How the Native planted by Worthy of At the East. The represent labor unions of t pointed a com to collect statist labor question, its investigatio copy of which w Trades and Labo The time has must be taken to A bill was intro sepate last Dece California totally gration into the other California mised to support The people desir of all interested in of labor through agitate this quest the senate, and the Tic opinion to b to show that th importance and The experience of coolie labor on th to speak with eve to its pernicious a competition is will be certain to can down in habi the level of the should be honoral degraded by being with a debased an struggle between labor the latter is ] coolie brings neith him, consequently underbidding the maintains his fami manner and has h honorable toil is subsistence. The c the sole purpose of money he can. To crowded together as out regard to sa hundred of them be not large, enough for type of their sle a sardine box, quence they have evils engendered ing and close perso years' training to w etition with his five ellow Mengelians h live upon the least pc and food. The confli California has, so far, of the "survival of the "survival of the fitte such is a common to the uch, is a curse to an by the enrichment and few, and as such we m pon the just distributi In 1877 a congressic appointed to take av from all classes of the to arrive at an intelli influence and pre unrestrained Gainese impartially invastigat their re, oft they spo "making their way by istics and by dispensi-se mere necessaries in The late Senator Mor-other members of the ing that "it has becon-that the Pacific coast become American or A "the Chinase have ad put them far in adv possession; they can American would starv wages which will not necessaries of life to an The evidence taken to state senate committee gration, at Sacramento mony was taken from

as in the common jails, at the time of con federation, a large number of the chronic insane class, owing to the inadequacy of the public accommodation provided for these unare correctly stated, the ex-dictator of the fortunates. As soon as accommodation was French republic was certainly the most reprovided it was largely availed of by this markable man physically, as he was intel class, who generally speaking, once admitted lectually, of the epoch in which he lived. into an asylum, remain in it till they die. Scientists everywhere will await with The presence of this element in our asylum much interest the detailed report of the population, and the consequent irregularity of the accommodation provided for

autopsy. recent cases, so disturbs the POLILICAL NEPOTISM.

conditions which are necessary to Governor Butler of Massachusetts, has ascertain the number of insane persons in directed a blow against political nepotism. the provinces at any given time that In his recent message was the sentence: trustworthy calculations are almost impos- " Would not it be better to enact by law sible. This difficulty would be obviated if that two of a family by blood or marriage the relatives or attendant physicians of in- should not hold appointive office in the sane persons were bound by law in all same department of the state government, cases to report them to the inspector as and further, if there are two or more they are compelled to do in some countries. already in, the one who appointed the relaunder heavy penalties for neglect. Even tive shall go out ?" the decennial census is not of much assistance In Canada the enactment of such a law as the custom heretofore has been to would find favor with three-fourths of the classify idiots and lunatics together under people. The members of many families are. the general description of persons of unsound brought up to look forward to being shelmind. For philanthropic as well as econoved into government positions that will secure to them a large salary with little to mic reasons some plan, not too expensive, should be adopted by the government do. From the blue book one would be led

which would insure full and accurate to believe that whole families are being statistics on this point. supported by the people's money. How many Langevins was it that an Ottawa A REDUCTION IN MORTGAGES

correspondent recently showed were in the The Monetary Times contains a summary of returns from the registrars of various counties throughout Ontarie on the number another cabinet minister were provided for of mortgages registered last year, 1882, as shortly after he got in power? Let nepotcompared with previous years. The results ism be disfranchised. show a marked and general decrease, particularly from the return of 1881, during which year the number of mortgages was exceptionally large. Some difference of opinion exists among prominent persons as judicature for Outario, has been appointed to the cause of the reduction. Mr. to the vacant puisne judgeship (\$4000) McKnight, registrar of North Grey, in a of Manitoba. The superior court (queen's lengthy communication states that as far bench) of that province now consists of as his own division is concerned it is not by any means owing to an judges. improved condition of the borrowing community, but to the gradual cheapening of money for some years past. Not long ago loan companies had slight difficulty in getting over 10 per cent per annum for their

money. As money became pleutiful and competition increased the rates lessened down to 8 per cent, then to 7 per cent, and last year borrowers could be accommodated satisfaction. Mr Taylor will go up to his at as low as 61 and 6 per cent. Naturally new duties in two weeks. enough, mortgagers who obtained funds six

er twenty-one," and that the statemen one-half ounces. To the physiologist and comparative anatomist the figures given for M. Gambetta's brain will seem well-nigh incredible. But if they

NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

Mr. Monk has introduced a bill into the killed.

THEALLEGED COAL RING. Ewo of the Dealers Holding Out Against it-Trying to Coerce Them.

(To the Editor of The World.) Sir : We were not present at the meeting said to have taken place at the Rossin ouse, nor was any one deputed to repre-

service of the government? Was it not 17 or more ? How many brothers-in-law of

THE NEW JUDGE OF MANITOBA. Thomas Wardlaw Taylor, of Toronto, master in ordinary of the supreme court of Wallbridge, chief justice, Dubuc, Taylor,

At a meeting of the bar of Winnipeg it was urged that the new judge should be well versed in chancery law and practice, and in a memorial to the government at Ottawa the name of Mr Taylor was suggested as possessed of the desired qualities. The government accepted the suggestion. The appointment appears to give universal

There were more writs issued in Manitoba

corresponding degrease in new mortgages, feet, and yet are said to make large profits. tempt to make those who can least afford it we are presently to see,

"over twenty-one," and that the statement of her exact age shall not be required. Otherwise it might be difficult to get a return.

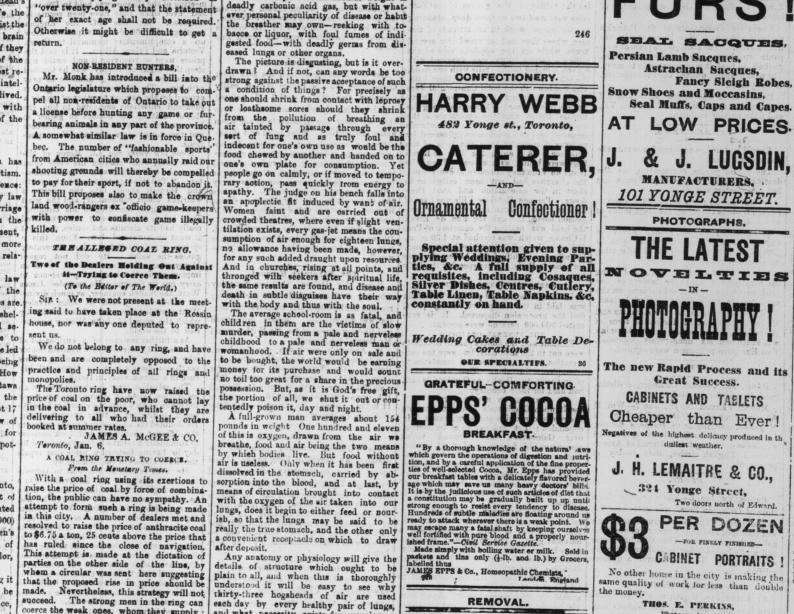
eased lungs or other organs. The picture is disgusting, but is it over-drawn ? And if not, can any words be too NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS, Mr. Monk has introduced a bill into the Ontario legislature which propess to com-pel all non-residents of Ontario to take out a license before hunting any game or fur-bearing animals in any part of the province. A somewhat similar law is in force in Que-bec. The number of "fashionable sports" from American cities who annually raid our shooting grounds will thereby be compelled to pay for their sport, if not to abandon it. This bill proposes also to make the crown land wood-rangers ex "officio game-keepers" with power to confiscate game illegally

crowded theatres, where even if slight ven-tilation exists, every gas-jet means the con-sumption of air enough for eighteen lungs, no allowance having been made, however, for any such added draught upon resources. And in churches, rising at all points, and thronged will seekers after spiritual life, the same results are found, and disease and death in subtle disguises have their way with the body and thus with the soul. The average schedurow is as feit and

The average school-room is as fatal, and children in them are the victims of slow we do not belong to any ring, and have been and are completely opposed to the

resolved to raise the price of anthracite coal to \$6.75 a ton, 25 ceats above the price that has ruled since the close of navigation. This attempt is made at the dictation of parties on the other side of the line, by when a circular was sent here suggesting that the proposed rise in price should be made. Nevertheless, this strategy will not succeed. The strong men in their ring can coerce the weak ones, whom they supply; thut one strong firm stands out and resists the attempt to raise the price. The result will be that the public will not pay \$6.75 to the tactics of the ring, at an earlier stage. met defeat. In September its, members lowered the price for a few days, with the wiew of compelling others to raise price under a threat that they would have to sell at an abnormally low price if they did not the members of compelling others to raise prices under a threat that they would have to sell at an abnormally low price if they did not the members of the ring the to the price of the raise prices and what necessity exists for good. The tactics of the ring, at an earlier stage. Here the price for a few days, with the a tan a abnormally low price if they did not the taction of the ring the price of the price of the price of the price for a few days, with the a tan a abnormally low price if they did not the taction of the ring the did not the price of the raise price. Here the state of the raise price of the raise price of the price for a few days, with the a tan a abnormally low price if they did not the price of the raise price of the they did not the price of the raise they did not the price of the raise price of the they did not the price of the raise they did not the price of the raise price of the raise price of the raise for the price of the raise price of the raise the price of the raise price of the raise price of the raise the price of the raise price of the raise the price of the raise the pri

enough, mortgagers who obtained funds six or eight years ago on high rates were not slow to take advantage of the fall by bor-rowing money on the reduced rates to pay off former mortgages whose rates were from 2 to 3 per cent higher. This accounts for the desided increase in the number of discharges and renewals as also for the discharges and to make farge profits.



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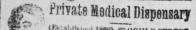
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Chinese in California is nearly twenty per cen-number of male white arms. Although formi-total population of C less than one four-hund the revenue required for-ment. In the city of number from 35,000 in winter, w from the country. In h the senate committee assessor of San Francisc in the city have person amount of \$500,000 an amount of \$200,000 an amount of \$200,000 an amount of the taxes, althou one-sixth of the populat. Nearly \$8 000,000 a China annually by th Pacific cost. • The Chinese women a wholly for the purpose o

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help build up the country out wives or children; the not assimilate with the Car continue their heathen custom; evade our laws,

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