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good deal of interest in this city at present relates to the fire department. The recent application of the call firemen for made." ease of pay has raised the queswith a paid force of firemen always on bodies require the infusion of a little viduty. It is estimated that the increase gorous life, and even if Mr. Barnstead of of pay asked for by the men would the Recorder is not a member of the amount to \$16,000 per year, and this Council itself, his presence may have some would pay the wages of quite a large per- effect upon the ancient of days who nament force. Possibly to provide a suf- and dream in the ficient force would cost a little more, but there would be, it is argued, the greater The Nova Scotia government, in decid advantage of having a body of men aling to create a pension fund for school ways available, always ready, and perhaps teachers, is taking another forward step

even with the very large number of call courage members of the teaching profesmen now required to ensure a good firesion to remain in the service. later St. John will find it not only ex- The Socialist candidate in the province edient but necessary to change the sys- by-election in North Toronto got 280 tem now in vogue. Of course the condi-votes. Mr. McNaught, Conservative, got ions will be changed somewhat when a 3,839, and ex-Mayor Urquhart, Liberal, 2,but no one can tell what effect this Socialists are very few in will have on the work of the department. It will always be necessary, however, to have a good fire-fighting force, and the

hould be well paid. It is only a question of the relative value of service by a et, paid department, and a scatter-

AN ONTARIO PROBLEM

come to rely upon it instead of upon their

Continuing, Mr. Hanna said:—"One of NEW CONSUMPTION CRUSADE onspicuous consequences of the tem is that it has a pauperiz-

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ponsibility of heads of departments is reognized. The Star of Wednesday says: "The new Fire Committee, which met for Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world wide the first time yesterday afternoon, laid Cold and Grip remedy, removes the cause down the principle that Chief Benoit ture of E. W. Grove. 25c.

A question that is discussed with a him. He is to have power to discharge

The Times is glad to observe that a Hapresent semi-volunteer system lifax newspaper man has been appointed the example of other cities, clerk of the Legislative Council. Such and see them.

nore quick to respond the moment an in educational policy, which, if a workalarm of fire is sounded than is the case able scheme is adopted will tend to en-

ritation water supply has been secur- 418. Toronto is still Conservative, and the

Canada's gift of flour to the famin tion of a paid force always on duty stricken section of Japan is a timely bene-

an undivided bench it laid down the new principle that railroads cannot deal in the The province of Ontario is confronted by a condition with which New Brunswick was called upon last year to deal. It is, "The devising of a system for the care and treatment of the insane which will more adequately combine government and individual responsibility in regard to sharing the burden of maintaining the provincial lunatic asylums and which will not tend, as at present, to make the asylums refuge places for the senile, the destitute and the weak, who should more properly be cared for by relatives and friends or by the municipalities to which they belong."

The case was stated this week before the Canadian Club in Toronto by Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary of Ontario. We quote from the Mail and Empire-report of his address:—

"He guoted some rather startling figures nodities which they haul over their the Caracian Provincial secretary of Ontario. We quove from the Mask and Empire—sport of his address:—
"He quoted some rather startling figures to show the alarming increases in the growth of the start of proportion to the growth in number of inhabitants. In given the provincial insane asylums, he sigl, was three times what it was in 1871, and over twice what it was men in Ontario and Quebec and New Brunswick, and two-and-aquarter since as much in Ontario as in Nova Socia. We have in the institutions for the brane in this province 6,000 people. These are maintained at an annual cost of quite 11,000,000, if we allow anything at all for espital account. For the maintenance of but 1,200 of these (or about 20 per cent.), is anything contributed by the patients, or by those morelly or legally responsible for their care and comfort. This means that 38 per cent. of the cost of maintenance is derrayed by the province."

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By a wrong. It encourages the relaxation of effort, let down the more lone and super the virility of the recipient. The trouble with all government help is that the help is so pleasant to take that it is apt to create an appetite for more. After one experience of government help is that the contract to have been illegal, and enjoyed the contract to have been illegal, and enjoyed the contract to have been illegal, and enjoyed the contract to have been illeg

ing tendency. It deprives the communities and individuals of all incentives to the exercise of that oversight which only they can give, and it supplies them with potent, and in some cases irresistible inducements to charge upon the province the care of the senile, the destitute and the weak, who by any stretch of the imagination can be held to be mentally defection. Therefore, when a patient comes here, working in conjunction with the lofective."

This is exactly the condition of affairs that confronted the government of New Brunswick and led to recent legislation. Hon. Mr. Hanna states that Ontario must face the question, and endeavor to find a better system; although he feels that it must be done without adding a heavy additional burden on the municipality. But the insane asylums must not become charman and advise them on matters of home hygiene.

fection. Therefore, when a patient comes here, working in conjunction with the local medical officer of health we shall endeavor to have the home thoroughly disinfected. Then we should invite all the members of the patient's family to come here and be examined. If any are consumptive we should offer to take them in. If they are free from the disease, we should impress upon them the absolute necessity of fresh air and sunlight in the home, and advise them on matters of home hygiene.

ity homes for those who are not insane.

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WHY FRANCE INSISTS

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(Ottawa Journal.)

The Sultan of Morocco, practically the last of the descendants of the Moorish conquerors of Northern Africa to have maintained a semblance of immunity from Frankish aggression, might well view the outcome of the international conference at Algebras with less concern than is entertained by any of the other participants. His Oriental philosophy—for, of course, the is an Oriental in spite of his geographical environment—must have convinced him that in any event his day is done. It is easy to picture him in the posture of rare enjoyment of the differences of the modern would powers as to the poleons

tency with which for the greater-part of a century it has sought expansion in this part of the world. One fact not generally taken into account is that the French African possessions greatly exceed those of any other power, aggregating 4,000,000 square miles, the bulk of the territory lying in northwestern Africa. It acquired Algeria in 1830 and since that time its sphere of influence has steadily increased until it includes not only Tunis, obtained in 1881, but the whole tract comprised in the French Sudan, with outlets upon the Atlantic at Senegal, French Guinea, Dahomey and the French Kongo. It thus possesses a continuous stretch of territory surrounding Morocco on the east and south and cut off from it on the west coast by only a small block of land held by Spain. surrounding Morocco on the east and south and cut off from it on the west coast by only a small block of land held by Spain.

The British government in April, 1904, consented to the proposal to allow France a free hand in policing Moroccan territory, Spain giving its assent a few months later. Until Germany brought forward its objection to the arrangement in March of last year, the plan apparently had the approval, tacit or expressed, of all the first-rate powers. In view of these facts and considering also that France promises the "open door" and full and equal protection to the trading privileges of other powers, it may be expected to remain firm in its opposition to the German demands.

In the meantime the president of the United States, who by recently acquiredation from the centres of world mischief, is peculiarly qualified to act as buffer in such marters, is reported to be employing his offices to smooth out a difference which, relatively insignificant in itself, migth easily set the world in arms.

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