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DOMINION RATLWAY SUBSIDIES. On Monday of last week, or within five

days of the close of the session, the Dominion government submitted to parliament proposals to vote subsidies to rail- \$9600. ways amounting in all to \$3,124,000. Of this amount about one million dollars was in revotes and the remainder was new. It is plain that whatever merit there might be in the proposed grants the withholding of the proposals until so late a period of the session was altogether vote, \$90,000. wrong. Ministers find it easy to forget that they are dealing with the money of the people, not their own, and that they are in duty bound to consider the right-

eousness and utility of such enormous \$102,400. grants. In this respect the Dominion government and the Davie government are wonderfully alike; from their actions they appear to think that the people have no rights in the matter, but must humbly accept the governmental decrees. As showing graphically the extent of the subsidies, the list of subsidies proposed and subsequently voted is here reproduced. It includes the four subsidies to lines in British Columbia:

A railroad from Newport or Windsor to Truro, or to a point between Truro and Stewiacke and Eastville, for 90 miles of such railway (a re-vote), and for a railway bridge over the Shubenacadie river, a subsidy of 15 per cent. on the value of the structure, in all, \$300,000. Nipissing and James Bay railway company, for 25 miles from North Bay, on Canadian Pacific railway, towards

Janues Bay, a re-vote, also for 43 miles from North Bay towards Lake Temamtire. gamang, in all, \$217,000. Lotbiniere and Megantic railway company, for 15 miles in addition to the 15

already subsidized and built, \$48,-000. Drummond County railway company, for 30 miles from St. Leonard, northerly

toward a junction with the International railway at Chaudiere junction, \$96,000. A railway from Lime Ridge, in the county of Wolfe, Quebec, northerly through the county of Wolfe and into the county of Megantic, a distance not ex-ceeding 50 miles, \$160,000. Strathroy and Western Counties rail-

way company, for 25 miles from St. Act Thomas through the counties of Elgin and Middlesex, toward Forest station on the Grand Trunk railway, \$48,000. Parry Sound Colonization railway company, for 20 miles from Parry Sound,

\$64.000. Manitoulin & North Shore railway, for ten miles, from Little Current to Nelson, on the Algoma branch of the C. P. R., \$32,000.

Union County railway company, for 32 miles from Iberville, \$102,400. Joliette and St. Jean de Matha railway company, for 12 miles from St. Jean de Matha to Ste. Emelie de l'Energie, \$38,-400.

Great Northern railway company, for 22 miles from the westerly end of the 30 miles already subsidized to the Maskinonge and Nipissing railway company, to a point between Joliette and Felix de offence. Valois. \$70.400.

offender. And are not the alderme Quebec and Lake St. John railway, for public servants, who are paid for what two miles of the Chicoutimi branch of they do? How much difference is there their railway from the east end of the 30 miles' already subsidized, and built, then between the two positions? It is about time that the true inwardness of eastward to reach the deep water at Chicontimi; also for 12 miles from the 50 miles on the Chicoutimi branch to Ha Ha | right has any man to expect the public

pany, for 30 miles from Port Hawkesbury For a railway from a point on the Intry, but Canadians have apparently come tercolonial railway between Norton and Sussex, towards Havelock, 30 miles, \$64,is done with their money. Of couse there were scandals to be ventilated dur-

For a railway from St. John to Barner ing the session; it would look unnatural ille, a distance of ten miles, \$32,000. now to have a session without scandals. For a line of railway from Cape la Magdalen to connect with the Piles branch of the C. P. R., three miles, But though the Curran bridge and Cape Breton hard-pan cases were bad enough in themselves, they were not up to the Canada Eastern railway company, for magnitude of many jobs that preceded

an extension of one mile about the end them, and therefore the sensation has of its railway, \$3200. been proportionately small. Still they Great Northern railway company, serve to show how inseparable corrup-30 miles from a point on the C. P. R. tion is from the Conservative adminis at or near Maskinonge or Louisville, towards the parish of McMichel des Saints tration of the country's affairs. on the river Mathewan, in Quebec, a re

THE CORDAN SITUATION. Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypoo railway company, for 16 miles from Bob-More than one good judge believes that if China and Japan took to fighting over

coveted neutral ground would be uncom-

fortable and dangerous to both. At pres-

ent Japan goes no further than to insist

on certain political and social reforms

being effected by the Corean govern-

ment, in order that Japanese interests

in Corea may not be threatened with

damage. China claims suzerainty, and

therefore denies all right of Japan to in-

point or two rather than run the risk of

having Russia become a nearer neighbor,

caygeon to the Midland railway, and for another 16 miles from the end of the the Corean question Russia would play said 16 miles to Pontypool, a re-vote, the part of fox and grab the Hermit Kingdom for herself. Nothing would THE PROPOSED COMMISSION.

gave some years ago to China that she For some reason Ald. Wilson's propo would never occupy any part of Corea. sal about a royal commission to enquire How much would the Muscovite be likely into the honesty of the aldermen as a to respect that pledge if a war between whole does not meet with general apthe other two countries were to throw proval. Royal commissions have a bad a peculiarly tempting opportunity in his table. odor in Victoria as well as in Ottawa, and their findings are generally little reand Japan will avoid war for this very spected. The Commercial Journal puts reason, since Russia's occupation of the

the matter in this way: "It is notorious that in with certain purchases on behalf of the city certain aldermen have sailed very close to the wind, their position to say the least of it having been an anomalous Those of them under suspicion, one. or believe themselves to be, if they care for their own reputations, ought to be able to clear themselves at their own cost, or if this be impossible should re-We have every confidence in the integrity and honesty of Ald. Keith Wilson, who moved for the appointment of the royal commission, and for that rea-

and it is quite likely that they will come son, if for no other, see no object in putting the city to the expense which the proposed proceedings would involve. We are so are the more strengthened in this opinion game. are so foolish as to play the Russian when we remember that-should an enquiry indeed be deemed essential-the law A SENATE EPISODE. of the province contains the required provisions, and it is therefore to be regret-It is seldom that our senate has the

ted that since it was thought necessar chance of enjoying a sensation, and that petition. to have the matter investigated, it should not have been left to the mayor and three aldermen as provided by the municipa The moving cause was nothing less than The aldermen who are now so anxious a ministerial quarrel. Minister Angers, o vindicate their reputations at the public cost should have considered the possibilities there were of imperilling their

good names before they were connected with the peculiar methods said to have been resorted to. What do the taxpay-panies may invest their funds. Minisers as a whole care for the reputations of ter Sir Frank Smith opposed the amend-Mr. This or Ald. That? Suppose it were a clerk in any upblic department or an viously dropped by the cabinet at his employee of any commercial concern who suggestion. Sir Frank was naturally had laid himself open to the suspicion, nettled when the restriction proposal not to say the charge, of a misdemeanor -not to say a crime-would those for whom he was accustomed to work have which he had squelched in council bobbgone to the expense of an elaborate enquiry in order to give him the opporwould have either summarily dismissed him or placed him on trial for his alleged

ed up serenely in Mr. Angers' hands, and he made a tart reference to the minister of agriculture as the "temporary leader of the house." Mr. Angers resented this, as he does not acknow-The burden of proof of inno ledge Mr. Bowell's leadership. Senator cence would have been upon the supposed a majority Mr. Bowell urged Mr. An-

to the point of caring nothing for what Needless Length of Parliamentary Session Recently Closed at Ottawa.

> The Cause to be Found in the Government's Vacillation and Incapacity.

From our own Correspondent Ottawa, July 16 .- When parliament on the 15th of March, over four nonths ago, the public was informed through the government press that al-though the date of calling the session was late the legislation which the government had to offer parliament, was in readiness and would be submitted to the house at The people were told that the old policy, which was in vogue in the days of Sir John Macdonald, of keeping back all his important bills until the last days of the session, would have no place in the programme of Sir John Thompson. So t was argued that although the meeting stand in her way except the pledge she of parliament was not so early as it uld be the session would be a short one because of the action of the government in having all the business which It was proposed to introduce in readiness submission to parliament. The estimates, too, were ready to be placed on the Well, that part of the statement way? It is quite probable that China was true, and that was the only part. A few days after the house met the estimates were brought down. It is only right to say this much, but when that is admitted all is said that can be said. As to the other bills mention ed in the speech from the throne-in the first place the one given most prominence was the measure in regard to the fast Atlantic steamship subsidy. This bill provided for the increase of the proposed subsidy from \$500,000 to \$750,000 a year. For

years the subsidy stood at the former amount and yet no one took advantage of terfere. It would pay both to yield a lt. At one time the Andersons of Glasgow had about completed negotiations for a line but some trouble over the terminal arrangements at Halifax with the C. P. R. unset the whole affair. Now Mr. to appreciate this fact keenly if they Huddart has appeared on the scene, and with the promise of a subsidy of \$750,-000 he is of opinion that he can finance the scheme. At any rate he has got three months wherein to endeavor to do It is doubtful whether he succeeds. but time will tell. One objection made is that the contract is not open to com-It is made personally in favor which occurred in the "upper house" last of Mr. Huddart. But the fact I wish to week must have been peculiarly welcome. point out is that this bill, which was mentioned in the speech from the throne, was not proceeded with in the house of commons until last week. The French treaty at Sir John Thompson's request, pro- bill was not mentioned in the speech, beposed an amendment in the insurance act | cause at that time the government had which would have restricted the classes not agreed as to what action they should take upon it, but it was mentioned that the treaty would be submitted for consid-Well there was nothing done eration about the French treaty until last week. ment, which, it appears, had been pre- The franchise bill has not yet been touched, and these are all the measures which were included in the programme of the government submitted at the opening of parliament. Nothing was done concern-

last week. There was never a time in the history of the late Sir John Macdonald when important legislation was so carefully left until the last days of the session as has been the case this session. Notwithstanding the assurances of the govern-McInnes of Hamilton moved that the ment and their organs that everything amendment be not concurred in, and as was in readiness for work proceeding on it was plain that his motion would secure the opening day of the session. Cer tainly no fault can be found with the opgers to withdraw the amendment. This against them as to obstruction, which is the business should be understood. What he would not do, saying that the premier the general excuse for a long session on had instructed him to press it. Thereup the part of the government. The only

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with the people's money would seem DRAWN OUT TO MANY DAYS true that it cannot understand-the ac-rather like an outrage in any other coun- DRAWN OUT TO MANY DAYS true that it cannot understand-the acsion-that a mother could part with her young children for them to be educated in another country. The wild fig tree is said not to flower at all, yet people believe that it really does so, only it is at night, and then but for a minute or two, although if procured it is marvelously beneficial. Hence it comes to be applied to a visit from a friend after long absence-a great rarity. Another form of it is: "To meet with the flower of wild fig and to meet you are alike.'

There is a description of laziness than which it would be difficult to find anythg more explicit-"To die from starvation beneath a ripe fig tree." The teak tree (Tectona grandis) is the one tree of all others in India that is useful and indespensable; it is not, there fore, surprising to find this belief expressed as follows: "Among trees there is only one-the teak; the rest are old women." The same truth is expressed in a different way: "Wood of the teak and the child of a king." But these are the very best of their kind; as is the importance and rank of a prince among subjects, so is the quality of the teak among trees. Two saying relating to mange (Mangifera Indica) may be given: "Let us throw a stone into the mango tree; if it hit, it will hit; if it doesn't, it won't.' It is equivalent of "having a shot" at a thing-trying to get something out of a good and benevolent man; if it succeeded, well; if not, then there is nothing lost .-Times of India.

A STRANGE COUNTRY. Kafriristan, "The Roof of the World," In India.

China is absolutely governed by a ureaucracy, created by connections, examination, tempered by connections, interest and bribery. The universal ambition is to become a government official. There is the temptation of almost irresponsible power, with great prizes, and of many fucrative places; but, on the other hand, the blanks are innumerable, and the majority of the aspirants must esign themselves to mendicancy. Six or eight thousands competitors may be assembled. Each man is carefully search- girl who swings ten pound dumb b ed in case he should have concealed cribs or be one of thirteen at dinner on s about his person. Then he is shut up with | day, when there is food for only tan

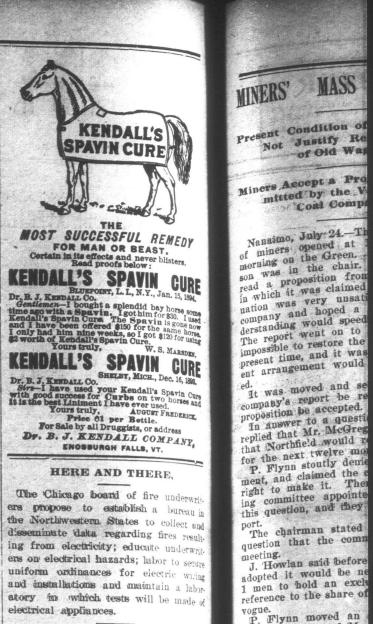
the examination papers for two days in an unfurnished cell about half the size of a roomy bathing machine. He brings his own food, such as it is, and in these dispiriting conditions he dashes off varius essays, and must throw off verses by the page. Should he come out successful, it is much to his credit; but even then, unless he has influential friends, is about 18 feet in diameter, and the he may wait indefinitely for the beginnings of advancement. All the officials, from the highest to the lowest, are compelled to be oppressive and corrupt.-Saturday Review.

A PENAL SETTLEMENT.

The Largest One in the World is at Port Blair.

Thirteen thousand convicts are living at Port Blair, in the Andaman islands, which is probably the largest penal setelement in the world. The Andaman islands are in the Bay of Bengal, and to ity. His failure to do so led to constant Port Blair is sent the refuse of 250, 000,000 people. The worst criminals of British India and Burmah, if they incur long sentences of imprisonment, are sent to Port Blair. Over eight thousand of them are serving life sentences.

instead of studs,-this is the word that The attack upon the chief official of comes from London. These brooche according to a baronet who has set t the islands is all the more noteworthy because since the settlement of Port pace, must be of diamonds surrou Blair was started ous Sepoys as the first colonists, there if it so pleases the wearer, he may st lement the pin by buttoning his do have been only two murderous assaults upon Eupropeans by the convicts; and reasted waistcoat with a set of big quoise studs. At all events, jewel yet to guard the colony of evil-doers only one company of British infantry and dress, whether for eveing or day wear several hundred Punjaub police are em, to be the mode and the serenely ployed, a very small force when it is style with minute pearl shirt stud considered that there are no prison walls | an inconspicuous scarf pin, must be b and that the convict barracks are scat- ished from gilt-edged society. As we tered all over the settlement, which is | man is adopting man's dress, why should several miles square. The hundred or not man wear her discarded dress? more boats and canoes required for the



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the proposition of Mr. cepted providing he wil Persons who believe in luck and signs will doubtless agree that it is equalize the work and to be struck by lightnin'g on or take hold of a circular saw J. Lago stated when on Tuesday, or tumble down s nmittee Mr. Robins a coal scuttle on Wednesday,

ended to demand the should pauperize one th the sake of keeping mor eded. For his part ept such a proposition R. Booth said the qu the last speaker was at the last meeting w

vertical row are placed in side of a transndent. T. Keith confirmed the J. Lago.

ing the lights on and off, it is possible R. Lamb said he had make long and short flashes, and thus t of the present system work, but he did not use the Morse alphabet. The gas ba onger than the presen whole apparatus weighs about 150 P. Flynn said he did pounds. This device enables the sigshare of the work. I nals to be given at a considerable altiqualization of wages b tude, and hence to be visible at a grea If th and the town. amendment he believed would restore the wage or at least he would equ H. Carroll advocated t A young Hindoo girl, named Nogin Dassi, aged about 18 years, committed suicide at Calcutta under very distress ion be put, and if this ing circumstances. It appears that her question could be settle husband, on the occasion of his brother's wedding, not having the means of mak

T. Keith indorsed th by the last speaker, an the company would carr of the Nanaimo men in present arrangement of ork.

A. Wilson said the pres would only hold good the present month. The the company did not re-matter except the redu Ed McNulty said shoud be adhered to. A secret ballot wa proposition carried by

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London, July 24.-1

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bay, \$44,800. Pontiac and Ottawa railway company, for 23 miles from the point of diver-

gence from the Pontiac railway to Ferguson's Point, \$73,600.

Ottawa and Gatineau Valley railway company, for 20 miles from the end of miles already subsidized towards the 62Desert, \$64.000.

Canada Eastern railway company, for six miles from Chatham to Blackbrook, also for four miles to the village of Nelson, \$32,000.

Railway from Cross Creek station on the Canada Eastern railway to Stanley village, New Brunswick, six miles, \$19,-

ling, vacillating, shiftless methods pur-Restigouche and Victoria railway company, for 20 miles from the western end | sued by the government. It is only necthe 15 miles already subsidized toward essary to call to mind what was done Grand Falls, \$64,000.

Central railway company of New Brunswick, for 15 miles from Chipman station to the Newcastle coal field, \$48.-000.

Tobique Valley railway company, for 15 miles from the present terminus at Plaister Rock easterly, \$48,000.

Towards the restoration or renewal of the railway bridge on the South Eastern over the Yamaska river at Quebec, a subsidy equal to one third of the actual cost of the renewal of the bridge, but the grant not to exceed in the whole, \$50,-

Boston and Nova Scotia Coal and railway company, for 10 1-2 miles from the north end of the section already subsidized to Broad Cove; also for 25 miles from a point on the Cape Breton railway at Grangedale towards Broad Cove, a revote, \$113,600.

A railway from Port Hawkesbury to wards Cheticamp, 25 miles, \$80,000. Manitoba Northwestern railway com

pany, for one hundred miles of the extension of its main line from its present western terminus towards Prince Albert. the company relinquishing 3200 acres of the land grant per mile, and upon condition that the whole road is operated as a continuous line of railway under one management, \$320,000.

For a line of railway from the junction of Elk and Kootenay rivers to Coal Creek, a distance of 34 miles, \$108,800. Railway from Abbottsford station, on the Mission branch of the C. P. R., to the town of Chilliwack, 21 miles, \$67,200. Nicola Valley railway company, for 28 miles from the western end of the sec tion of their road already subsidized, \$89,

600. Nakusp and Slocan railway company, British Columbia, for 38 miles from Na-kusp to the forks of Carpenter creek, \$121.6000.

Pontiac and Kingston railway company, for 22 miles from Portage du Fort Upper Horne Centre, via Shawville, \$74.000.

New Glasgow Iron. Coal and railway company, for five miles from Sunny Brae to Kerrowgare, \$16,000.

South Shore railway company, for 35 miles from Yarmouth towards Shelburne, \$112,000.

Cape Breton railway extension com-

to pay for re-establishing his character when he has allowed it by his own act and deed to become besmirched?" THE DATE SESSION.

The session of parliament just closed was certainly remarkable in more than

one way, and especially in the disproportion between its length and the amount of work done. No one who has paid any attention to the work of the two houses can find any good reason for stretching the session to over three months. The explanation of course lies in the dawd-

ed on and chuckled.

in regard to the tariff to see why par-

liament was kept in session so long and The fleet that sailed the wild waters of so uselessly. We all remember the great the Tay Canal, otherwise known as John fourish with which the government set Haggart's Ditch, has come to grief. It about the work of tariff reform. Two consisted of one small steamer called the ministers and two controllers perambu-Rideau Belle, and its disaster came lated about the country for some weeks through a collision with the lock, in conasking the people what they were to do sequence of which she sank. It is not about the tariff. The bill which resultrelated that any brave man was present ed from all this investigation was to emplate the heroism of Bullinger, menbrought down with reasonable prompti- tioned in Mark Twain's celebrated baltude-but what then? Immediately there lad. While the Rideau Belle reposes calmdescended on Ottawa the Red Parlor ly on the bottom there is not one gallant hordes, and Mr. Foster set about finding ship left to plough the waves of John "clerical errors" in the new schedule of | Haggart's Ditch, for the digging of which duties, which were rectified by a proper the country paid the nice sum of \$600,-

amount of "marking up." Time after 000. time changes were made in the tariff

until the bill was hardly recognizable There was a Baptist Young People's and the duties were put up to something convention in Toronto last week, and like their old mark. This ridiculous several of the delegates from the States method of dealing with the tariff had, took their bicycles with them. It is re- the session has been a long and unprofit of course, worse results than the waste lated in a Toronto dispatch that the cusof the time of parliament, for it unset- toms officials seized the bicycles, requirtled business without affording any com- ing the owners to pay \$15 duty on each pensating advantage. None but a set of or else make a deposit of \$50 as security incapables could have kept up consulta- for their return to the States. Some tions and conferences for months and very small things are done in the service

then have introduced a bill requiring so of the customs revenue on either side of much tinkering. Pleasant to think that the line.

the interests of the country are in the The Toronto Evening News published hands of men like these. The French a history of the paper showing the phetreaty afforded further evidence of their nomenal progress of the last half year. incapacity. Sir Charles Tupper was allowed to negotiate a commercial agree-Speaking of the time E. E. Sheppard ment with France which even Mr. Foster was the manager, the article said: "The was obliged to call one-sided. Though eccentricities and peculiarities of the paper at that time were due to his erratic this affair should have been disposed of a year before, the bill to ratify the treaty views, which eventually made it neceswas not submitted until about two weeks sary to dismiss him, after which he

before the close of the late session. Re- started the Saturday Night. Three guarmarkably prompt work! Then the min- ters of a column were used in belittling Sheppard and his management of the isters, though they had long ago determined on the increase of the Atlantic News. As a result his solicitors wrote fast mail subsidy, kept back the propos- the management of the News demanding

al until the very end of the session, for a retraction or an apology for the statewhat reason no man seems to know. ments made, or threatened a libel snit. Sheppard declares he was not dismissed. They treated in the same way the railway subsidies, of which we spoke yes but sold out his interest in the News and

terday. This cavalier way of dealing retired.

on Mr. Bowell said Mr. Angers must time that obstruction can be resorted to take the responsibility if the government is in the estimates. Well, take the estimates this year, and the speed with which were defeated, and Mr. Angers in anger they have been put through the house jumped up and said: "Fortunately, hon- was something marvellous. orable gentlemen, I have only one lead- militia estimates and over \$1,500,000 was er." By which he meant, of course, that was put through in about 15 minutes. There was nothing beyond a general and he followed Sir John Thompson, but not

intelligent discussion on the different Mr. Bowell. All the senators were much items in any of the departments. Insurprised, and some of them highly deed, it is difficult to find any one amused, over this pretty quarrel among cuse for the long session. The real fault ministers. The end of the affair was is to be found in the general incapacity that Senator McInes' motion was car- of the government to handle public busi-To charge the administration with ness. ried and the government were defeated, incompetence is too severe, but certain it is they have displayed an incapacity to while the government's opponents lookdeal with parliamentary business which has had no parallel in the Canadian par-

EDITORIAL NOTES. liament. One day the premier would announce a

certain policy in a given subject and a bill would be introduced upon it. party kicked. The bill lay upon the order paper. As time progressed the rebelling forces gathered and finally the bill was either dropped or so mutilated as not to be discernible by the first minister himself. Take a case in point. Twice in the

house this session the premier gave his policy on the Dominion franchise. He introduced a bill and made a full explanation of it, promising to resort to the provincial lists and franchises with certain amendments. There was no haste about the announcement. He repeated it twice. To-day in the house the premier states that he will withdraw all this bill except that part in regard to the revision of the lists in the redistributed districts and the preparation of the lists. This is a sample of how many other subjects

are being dealt with. Altogether from these and other cause As to the political outlook. able one. that I shall deal with at another time. SLABTOWN.

HINDO PROVERBS

Some About Trees That May Be Heard in All Parts of India.

Among the proverbs that speak of the banyan, there is one says: "As the banyan so are its hanging shoots; as the her, so the son." This probably means that if the tree be in good soil and well nourished, it will be well and thriving, so will its shoots; just so the father' health and character will be reflected in his son. Tales of brinjals growing on a banyan tree is an expression equivalent to "travelers' tales"-a gentle hint that the narrative is drawing the long bow. The nimb (Azadiracha Indica) recails the saying, the appropriateness of which can

understood by those who know its thick shade and who also know what the burning heat of a tropical sun is: "A mother's love is like the shade of the

nimb tree." It is a heautiful thing, this Hindo nother's love, seldom if ever absent, and carried often even to such excess that it towns, forests and rivers would be perbecomes weakness. It is so deep and ceptible if they existed.

work of the settlement are far more carefully guarded than the prisoners are themselves. There is no chance to es- tertainment of the members of the A cape except by capturing these boats. Even then there would be little hope of freedom, for the Andamans are far in their city this year." In addition from land and lie in a region of tempests. The only refuge is the forest, for the members whenever that where runaways are sure to die of star- meets, ther are to be several sp vation, if they are not shot by the natives. The authorities, therefore, have cluding trips not only to points of so little fear of any attempt to escape est out of the city, but also to that as many as five hundred of the con- | rious factories, laboratories and oth victs are often sent ten miles away with- teresting spots in the city. Several out any guard except their own officers. Even in this isolated place a remark- at the same time. The American Che able incident occurs now and again to ical Society will probably have a vary the monotony of incessant road making and forest felling. Nearly 11 parts of the country, and President Ha years ago sounds were heard like the vey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the

warship had gone ashore on South Andaman. The station steamer was sent to carry relief to the crew, but no wreck was found. The noises came from Kra- the tuber richest in mineral salts, katoa, 1500 miles away, where the most tremendous volcanic disturbance of modern times was in progress.

Years ago the ship Runnymede sailed from Australia and the ship Briton from England, each having on board a bat-talion of the Eightieth Foot. The regi-only this, but when the potato is ment was to be re-united at Rangoon. One dark night a terrible storm caught both the vessels near the Andamans, and a great wave carried them high on the shore. Next morning the regiment, without a man missing, was re-united on the island. The battalions had travelled around the world to meet, and a for cooking the tuber with the jacke stranger meeting had never occurred. In preparing potatoes for cooki The administration of this penal colsoups, stews, etc., the cuticle should ony is a remarkable system of rewards

removed by rubbing with a rough and punishments. Invariably good concoarse cloth, like crash towelling. duct secures better food, increased com-An Australian mining journal forts, and finally wages for a day's. work. Twenty years of obedience to the sponsible for the following story: rules secures a pardon for life convicts. Pardons are often granted for deeds of ner im that country, who was fine gold by sluicing, was aske gallantry, and murderers, red-handed saved it. He replied that he and with weapons ready, have been seiz- | the common amaigamation pr ed by their fellows, who risked their used a novel and ingenious the common amalgamation pro lives to gain their coveted freedom. The the purpose. After amalgama attempt to assassinate the chief official quicksilver I get a potato, said of the colony may result in restrictions er, cut off one end and scoop that the convicts have hitherto escaped. -New York Sun.

ity in it large enough to tak of amalgam. I next take a pilece of flat iron and place The photographers of the Paris Obser- the fire, and then upon that I vatory have just finished for the Acadpotato with the cut side down emy of Sciences the clearest view ever amalgam gets hot the 'silver' secured of the moon. They have pho- and goes all through the pota tographed her surface in sections, which can't get through the skin. fit, making a great image five feet in dicool I have my gold button on ameter. The work is so perfect that | and my 'silver' all in fine glo the potato. I break that pota

der water and I have all my silv

Brooklyn people are making an ments for the proper reception and e erican Association for the Advancem of Science, which is to hold its meeting the usual excursions generally prov excursions for the various member er mational scientific societies will number of delegates present from firing of big guns, and it was thought a partment of agriculture, will preside. The peel or skin of the potato, like bark of medicinal roots, is the pa constists of a dense contical layer ered with a pellicle of epidermis. latter is valueless as a nutrime its removal in the usual way re nearly all the true skin and conse the pellicle prevents the solution, consequent waste, of valuable mattens, In the process of baking t latter fact does not hold true, bu greatest ease with which the pells be removed from the cooked tuber, oult loss of true peel, is reason suffi

large and influential agricultural societies England, Scotlan Wales, and which, at Right Honorable Her president of the gov agriculture, urged that venting the fraudule meats in British ma upon the government, producers and consum ed that the merchan should be enforced meats by the government manner through the printed in large type. Earl of Winchelsea, Marquis of Bristol, th tley, and the followin iament: Sir Herbert Howard Vincent, H. Dr. Farquharson. (nfluential character and the great agricult t represented it was ed that the governme self to be dragged int

American meat, and nounced has therefore ole surprise as well ially as efforts to boy and mutton have sign The sixth biennial s national congress on opened at The Hague ing been postponed fing to the non-arrive delegates. Eighty pa on topics within the gress. Every Europer as the United States sented. The question by the congress in t are as follows:

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