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The idea of colonial representation in the Horse of Lords is Mr. Joseph Chamberrains The Lordon Stand-ard says so, and it ought to know Joseph began a red-hot Radical but he intends to develop into another Pitt-

A bulky government return contains a implete list of the Canadian subscribers complete list of the Canadian subscribers to the fund for the relief of the listness in India. Over \$177,000 in all was cabled to Calcutta from Ottawa and a balance of some \$700 remains in the

Once more the Pope is reported to b Once more the root is reported to be ready with his long expected donunciation of theatrical and profane music in the churches. There is undoubtedly room for a sweeping condemnation, and aweeping it will be if rumor is well informed that Mozart and Haydn are on the list. The gentle sopranos are also warned that their record reign is draw ing to a close. The orche expected to fall under the ban.

Sir Donald Smith has not yet decided what title he shall take as a peer. He has discarded "Lord Glencoe;" and he would have a hard time explaining to the Macdonalds any right to it. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not staked his geographical claim out so far, and some of the other colonial premiers are uneasy in their minds. "Lord Woolcomoolno." in their minds. "Lord Wootcome was suggested to the Pren - of South Wales, but he could not be co

to take it.

A report appeared last week and was promptly denied that Japan and Spain had entered into a defensive alliance against the United Sates. In a diplomatic note which has since been published Japan signifies her single intention to preserve the status quo of Hawaii. The United States is practically committed to the annexation of these islands. Japanese diplomacy is a model of politeness and deference; but bel. ad this oriental character there is supposed to be a good deal of firmness.

The Canadian papers that are advis Dominion Government to stor erican miners on the Alaskan frontie in order that no more Klondike gold uld co into the United States, ca mean what they say. In the first place intil a Canadian road to the Yukon re on is built both Canadian and Americ miners must go into the gold fields from United States territory. The American officers could more easily stop the Caurdians than the Canadian police Canrdians than the Canadian police could stop the Americans In the second place there is no immediate desire for bringing the Alaskan frontier dispute between England and America to an acute stace.

A despatch to The Globe from Ottawa a caspacen to Ino cross from Ottawa contains the information that the Government has practically decided upon administering the gold of the Yukon 'for the benefit of the popple.' The Globe says editorially that 'some way should be found to secure the interest of the process o the people in their own property." way that recommends itself to the nent is the imposition of a graduated dity on the profits of placer mines s would mean that you and the other was may stay at home and read a royalty on the pr This would meen This would meet that you and the other follows may stay at home and read at your comfortable fresides the deeds of endurance in freezing cold and broiling sun, the perils of death in a hundred forms that meet the gold seckers of the Youkon, the disappointment which most of them must suffer after they have gained the Eldorado and spont more gold in getting there than they will over bring out of it; and that the stay-athome economists are entitled to a comhome economiate are entitled to a com-mission or share in the gross scrapings. The people may own the Yukon just as they own the whole Dominion. But the placer miner has as good a right to his "claim" as the agriculturist has to his farm or the citzen to his house. And hou an all cases return is only due to the

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A few lays ago in Toronto an able bodied man in the prime of life attempt-ed to commit suicide by throwing him-self under a street car. He was out of work, starving and in a sense, perhaps, insane. The local newspapers of the city a day or two before contained the story of a young gurl's suicide under circumstances as pitiful as can be imagined. It is enough to say that the cause of her self-destruction was the dread of shame Such cases as these dread of shame Such cases as these are typical of the records of suicides that fill the modern newspaper in this as in most countries. Persons of all ages and in every condition of life resort to the last of all crimes for causes that and in every condition of life resort to the last of all crimes for causes that every day fall within the let of average humanity—suffering and sin. The worst of it is that the statistics of suicides everywhere are increasing. Explanations, some feasible, are never warting. It is said the character of degenerate Rome is beginning to stamp itself uporthe face of modern society. In one sense that may be true. Practical paganism, as much vice and dissipation, underlies the uport of the present of th in similar typographical of frivolous or romantic account these shocking tragedies.

The progress of two great strikes, one in England, the other in the United States, attracts world wide attention Although nominally different issues are at stake on the widely separated scenes of struggle, the principle in both cases of struggle, the principle in non cases is pretty much the same. The forty thousand British engineers now out are contending for an eight hour day; the American coal miners are protesting against a reduction of wages. The Englishmen believe that they have a American coal miners are protesting against a reduction of wages. The Englishmen believe that they have a right to share in the blessings of this scientific age of industry by the enjoyment of longer hours of rest or leisure; the Americans insist that it is a crime against civilization to cut wages down to the bare limit of subsistence. The strength of organization is relied upon by both parties in the struggle. In England as in America it is organized capital pitted against organized labor; and the motto of all is "peace through war." There is no pretence of desiring concession or compromise. The English workmen are the aggressors; the American capitalists have thrown down the guage of war. This shows that both camps merely waited until the time was considered opportune to begin the conflict. The workmen were ready first in England: the capitalists folt the consciousness of their superiority in the United States. Times have been prosperous of late for labor in Great Britain, whilst on this side of the ocean the industrial depression has fairly crippled the army of wage carners. The conditions of this industrial war are essentially savage on both sides of the ocean, because the aggressors have acted upon the solf-same principle of attacking when they believed the adversary to be at their morey. However we have only to recognize the right of the workingman to advance himself, his family and his class with the times in order to appreciate the justice of his principle, whether he happens to be the aggressor or the aggressor bethe aggressor or the aggresived party. If science benefits the common and the does not ask anything unreasonable in domanding that he shall labor only 48 hours per week, receiving for his time a decont living wage. The features of

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Proposed Reception to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Various suggestions are appearing in the public prints regarding the welcome home from the Jubilee awaiting Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There is no room for divided or lukewarm feeling about this matter. Perhaps there is not another man in Canada who could have represented the Dominion in a more advantageous light before the world than the French Catholic pre-mier, with his attractive personality and the naturalness with which he is able to harmonize his silver voice to al! manner of conflicting sentiments, the occasion demanding such display of his many sided character. Political papers may be displeased over some of nis atterances; but the public will not take Jubilee talk too seriously, La Presse of Montreal takes him to task for saying that the French-Canadians are faithful to Britain because she gave them freedom. Perhaps Sir Wilfrid's allusion to the granting of self-government to Canada smacked of the Tory way of putting it rather than the rough. Rouge fashion of saying that the rebels of 1887-8 brought Britain to her senses. It is a distinction without a difference. The fact is that Canada enjoys to the full the oon of self-government. This fact its lesson for England still, a lesson that was personified at the Jubilee by a French-Canadian leader of the leading colony of Britain, who talked more loyalty than all the other colonial premiers put together. Can-didly, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has acquitted himself well, and his Canadian fellow citizens will only do their part by showing their united appreciation of his Jubilee performances.

Relapse into Gold Fever

Canada has had a serious relapse of gold fever with the alleged discovery of almost fabulous quantities of the precious metal in two creeks in the Klondike district of the practically unknown Yukon region. The Klonunknown Yukon region. The Klon-dike is close to the boundary of Alas-kan territory and comparatively near to where the head waters of the mighty Vukon river touch the Arctic Circle These facts give a vague idea only of the immense distance and almost accessible location of the gold fields. to which thousands of m States, and from England, as well as Canadian points east and west. But distances, no matter how great, afford no indication of the difficulty of getting into the Klondike. A man must have money to reach Victoria, British Columbia in the first place from any-where in Canada, the United States or Britain. From Victoria to Juneau. the largest town in Alaska, is the next step of 890 miles. There the journey to the Yukon region begins, for, like the fabled "Isle of the Blessed," the gold fields of the northland are still "away, far away." Further progress by boat seems blocked by snow-covered moun-ains that rise abruptly to the height of 6,000 feet. But the great Lynn fjord here opens the way for 60 miles, then throws forward like two prongs the Chilkott and Chilkat nlets, whereon specially constructed steamers continue the journey north, on the former as far as Healey, the ng post of Captain Healey, an Irish iersman. Still the everlasting mountains face the gold seeker; and he must cross them on foot over glacier ice, dragging on his Yukon sled food to maintain him for a couple of months, as well as artisans' implements for the construction of a boat and raft, for use after Alaska's icy mountains have been crossed, and more than 1,000 miles of weary rowing across lakes and hazardous shooting through gul-leys and rapids remain to test the endurance of a body all iron and a soul all greed before the golden streams of Klondike can be gained. Never was a more inhospitable Eldorado discovered. At Fort Constantine, which is within the gold region on Canadian territory, the meteorological record of the North-west Mounted Police last year showed that the

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the will true will are obviously exaggerated. At all events no one should set out for Yukon without having given mature thought to the matter of escaping from it again with or without gold, as

good or ill-lack may ordain. There is another phase of the gold ever upon which a word or two must be said. Within the past year thoube said. sands of industrious Canadian and women have put their dollars five, ten, one handred or five hundred investments, into Rossland gold mines. It is safe to say that not one of them will ever see a farthing of their savings again. It is a fact that in as short a space as 254 minutes prospectuses were prepared for publication in the daily papers of Toronto, inviting sub-scriptions of \$1 shares to develop Yukon gold mines. If people are so foolish as to be caught in this fashion all we can say is that the Yukon craze will make some persons rich; but the gold will not come out of the creeks of Suppose a Toronto Klondike were to print the prospectus of a mine in Iceland, how many Canadians would invest their money in it? To do so would be far and away a more sensible thing than investing it in Klondike. They might easily get to Iceland and back before they nenetrate into the Yukon, in ords they have absolutely no means of knowing what they are invest-ing their money in. The Ross-land craze abundantly proved the childish simplicity of the public if the fever is to break out again over the Yukon fairy tales, Barnum did no tell half the truth in his famous opinion of the public given from per

Masonic Rites and the Public Schools.

experience.

On Wednesday, July 21, the c stone of the new Victoria Public School in the city of Brantford was laid with " Masonic honors." The School Board on the occasion presented an address to "the Most Worship ful Grand Master" (a man name Gibson, by whom the ceremony was performed), the language of whic sented to the representative of the Queen or to Her Majesty herself might appear just a trifle slobbery.

Excessive appreciation of the condescension of the "most worthy sir" was indulged in, and great pleasure was expressed that the corner was dedicated according to "the pnored forms and ceremonies of the eraft." The same forms and cere monies denied the names of God and Christianity in connection with the proceedings; but recorded the full name and wonderful dignities of the "Right Worshipful Brother" who is now the D.D. G.M. (whatever that may be) of the Eighth Hamilton Masonic district.

Masonic district.

If public school buildings are not intended for Masonic lodges and are not owned by the "craft," what is the meaning of all this interesting tom-foolery over the spending of the Protestants are members of the Public School Boards of Ontario and that none but Protestant children are taught in them, are these reasons why the schools should constitute a mere side show to a secret society? Are all Protestant tax-payers Fr masons ? and if so are th hocus-pocus into the functions of pub lie boards and bodies? It is scarcely right that they should be represented in that light without their sanction. Supposing, by universal consent or by majority dictum, or in any other way, the Protestant supporters of lie schools in Ontario have placed under the protecting ægis of Free-masonry, what is then the meaning of calling the schools public schools instead of Masonic schools? Furthermore why should the public pretence be sustained that the education of the young is intended to be conducted upon Christian principles when upon Christian principles when the temples of the young idea are laid according to ceremonies in which the name of God is never used, nuch less the Christian religion? Certain classes of public shouters in this country are never done talking about their British

The erection of public meritations oh ools ander Masonie suspices is no British institution; it is a thing borrowed from the Masonic centres of rowed from the Masonic centres of New England, where the princip sof Bob Ingersoll long ago superseded religion in the name of the Savieur of Mankind. Godless indeed are schools intended to be when their foundations are thus laid.

Health Authorities and Scarlet Feyer.

The other day the medical health department of the city of Toronto struck consternation into the untutored struck consternation into the unturored minds of half the mothers in the city by placing the blame for the epidemic of scarlet fever upon the custom of milk distribution in bottles or "jem jare," as they are called. The scientitic opinion of Dr. Sheard would, of implicit respect that is Lie to his effica had it gone no further than to attack the bottles. But the medical health officer, while he arranged the "jem" germ-distributor, also prevented its being discarded. If the bottle is procleaned it is all right : but wi bottles are returned dirty to the milk men they may have possibly been in contact with the mouths of sick per sons. Any way some of them come from houses where there is sickness. When washed on the milkman's premises with the same brush the germs of disease are merely impartially distri buted among the customers. Such was the line of scientific explanation. Ninety odd cases of scarlet fever had been definitely traced to one dairy, said It is hardly necessary to add that this information was startling in the extreme, and a canic was pr vented only by official assurance th the particular dairy (the name of which was not mentioned) had been closed by order of the authorities, and that an efficient system of inspection over all other milkmen would be carried out. Thus re-assured the put the milk bottles were not sel out. Thus re-assured the public and separated. Sensations soon subside. In a week the scare would have been forgotten only that the provincial board of health happened to meet. There has always been an impression at large that the city and provincial boards of a long pole.

health have not the same implicit faith in each other's opinions that the public have in the opinions of both. At the time of Dr. Sheard's startling attack upon the milk bottles it had not occurred to anyone that he might have been prodding his brother scientists of provincial jurisdiction with At all events a meeting of the provincial board was held las week; and it must have been rather confusing to the very elementary know edge of sanitary science posse the general public to read that the milk hottles and milk hottlers had been discharged without a stain on thei characters by the second scientifi court. The scarlet fever epidemic was under discussion, and reasons were advanced to show that in not a single case had the disease come in the milk, or in the bottles; on the contrary other causes were suggested which did not give the city health authorities so much room for congratulating them selves as they were disposed to occupy. Doctors differ, patients die and the long-ruffering public doubt conflict of opinion more than a little professional icalousy between two medical hoards After all, the public pay both boards and the public have the right to sa ne right to say that a scientific verdict shall be rende ed entirely free from any sort of petty nere the lives of many are at Which board is to be believed? Is this a case where doctors conscient tious differ? Or is it not? If it is then the real cause of the scarlet fever epidemic should not be suffered to remain in doubt, and an independent in-vestigation should be set on foot.

Rabies in Yancouver.

Like other young communities, ancouver, B. C., has become aware Vancouver, B. C., has become aware of the perils of bigotry by experience.

A notorious scamp named Riordan, alias Ruthven, an Irish-American im-postor of the "ex-priest" class, was Riordan, it apthe school master. pears, repeated in Vancouver slauder-ous statements which he had made in a hundred different places in the United States. A local priest had him arrested, to the great disgust of the mob. The Catholic churches of the city were then stoned, and a trial in the courts followed, during the course of which Catholic citizens

testified to their intention to break the peace if further mades to their charch were to be allowed by the authorities. The receipt of the follow-ing depatch is said to have prevented a conflict and made the Protestant mob ashamed of itself:

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Bullalo, N. Y. July o.

Five indictments charging victor
Rothwen alias Victor A. Riordan, bogus
Catholic priest, with swindling, were
found in the Court of Sessions, Eric
County, N. Y. in the January term
1893. Rathven was tried on one indictment in the Supreme Court at Buffalo,
Edward Hatch, Justice, presiding

Rothwen was convicted on Jan. 2c.
1894, and sentenced to the Eric County
Pententary for one year, which sontcree he served.

For other indictments are still
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DANIEL J. KENNEER R.

District Attorney.

It appears to us that the decision of the Catholics to defend themselves by any necessary means must have been the fact that put an end to the riving. Hatherto Vancouver has not male a name for higotry; but its first attack seems to have been a bad one. Desperate decisions are sometimes necessary. It is to be hoped that Vancouver has had a lesson that will last it a long time. One can fancy a Cockney mob going crazy over Lord George Gordon, but we must have something worse than London held when a Canadian crowd arioting in defence of a blackguard of whom nothing else is known than that he has always lived by guardism since he was expelled from n Irish school.

The Irish University Question

Our Irish exchanges of July 18 inform us that the Orange anniversary passed off quietly in all the towns of the North. That is to say the rank and file of the brethren are reported to have got " peaceably drunk," and to have confined the demonstration have confined the demonstration of their sentiments to "oursing the Pope" and "discoursing the usual party tunes." At Belfast they "pro-tested against the Government's inten-tion to found a Roman Catholic University." The same subject occupied he attention of the Orangemen of Dublin, who met in the Round Room of the Rotunda. Col. Saunderson

said:
An instuated blunder on the part of
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Col. Saunderson is very candi Catholics are the victims of political partisanship in Ireland as ensurements.

It is no question of right or wrong, farty faction. The but simply one of party tactics. The Government cannot afford to lose a few Orange seats in Ireland. Mr. Balfour himself has said that there is now no conceivable reason why the najority of the Irish people should be ented their rights in regard to higher education. Col. Saunderson can afford to be candid. He knows that his threat to injure the party carries more weight in Mr. Balfour's eminently moral mind than anything else he could say. Mr. Balfour realizes the true character of the link between Toryism and Ocangeism. As long as Toryism places a disability upon Ir Catholics, Catholics, Orangeism will pay the price in partisan servitude. This fact is universally realized not only in Ire land but in England as well. Mr. John Morley expressed the public knowledge of the bargain in the House

John Morley expressed the public knowledge of the bargain in the House of Commons during the recent debate on the University Question. He said:

It comes to thus, that a measure which the right hou, gentleman (Mr. Bafour) has given the House such enormal that the right hou gentleman (Mr. Bafour) has given the House such enormal common of the world the summan of the said of the world common of the said of the said of the said of the world common of the said o