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> God's in His heaven, All's right with the world.

London, Monday, July 4.

The Hamilton Times, always and splendidly printed, has discarded its blanket-sheet make up, and will in future to printed after the fashion set by the Apventises — in eight-page form. The VERTISER — in eight-page form. The shange has decidedly improved the appearance of our sprightly contemporary.

What a strange idea of liberty the Hamilton Spectator has! It contends that the best offices in the gift of the people of Canada shall be reserved for men who refuse to become Canadians, and who clear that the country as soon as their government. out of the country as soon as their government pay is stopped; and it now further asserts that a school trustee who threatens a teacher with reduction of salary threatens a teacher with reduction of salary unless she consents to spend a public holi-day as his whims may dictate, is not guilty of petry tyranny. One of these days we may expect our contemporary to propose the revival of the Family Compact.

IT TURNS out that the death of Hon. John Robson, Premier of British Columbia, resulted from neglected injuries of a very commonplace nature. Mr. Robson was driving in a hansom cab, and accidentally shut the door on his little finger, crushing it. A physician who was called in at the Metropole Hotel, where the Premier was stopping, did not consider the injury serious, and it was not until Dr. George Serious, and It was not military was sent for six days later, that it was discovered that blood poisoning had set in. Dr. Oglivie amputated the finger, but it was too late, and Mr. Robson's life paid the

THE most important business of the Dominion Parliament, the consideration of vast expenditures of public money, has been reserved by the Dominion Govern-ment till one-half of the members have gone home and the other half are restless to get about their own business. Import-ant measures are also being rushed through without that consideration which should be given them. The Government should be compelled to have its public measures ready within two weeks after the House assembles. If the responsible Ministers acted promptly at the start of the session, there would be no "scamping" of legisla-tion at the close, and no temptation for members to demand additional indemnity.

He is 86 years of age. J. Henniker Heaton, who made a fortune in Australia, and is the champion of the scheme to provide a penny occan post, has also been returned unopposed as member for Canteroury. J. A. Picton, who with Sir J. Whitehead, has been re-elected for Leicester, is a well-known Congregational minister. He took a prominent part in the last Parliament. Both gentlemen support Mr. Gladitors. The other Mr. Page for laded are and is the champion of the scheme to pro

PETROLEUM IN THE NORTHWEST. The Minister of the Interior, in reply to Sir Richard Cartwright the other evening, regarding the investigations made in the petroleum territory in the Canadian Northwest. Mr. McConnell, the surveyor, who went over the ground, thinks there is an extensive petroleum area, about 400 miles square, in the territory of Alberta. But no basin has been discovered, as borings have not been made. There are indications, however, over a wide territory. Mr. Mc Connell calculates that there are 58 square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the same of the square miles of what is known as tar-sand—that is, the sq immence banks saturated with tar. So stonian members chosen six years ago and

dense, indeed, is the tar that it burns freely in a fire. The Minister says it would make first-class natural asphalt for roads. With-out boring, and it is strange that no boring out boring, and it is strange that no boring has taken place, it is only possible to surmise the depth of these petroleum beds. It is thought that in the neighborhood of Athabasea Landing, some 80 miles north of Edmonton, 1,500 feet would have to be bored to reach the basin; and it is estimated that further north, on the Athabasea River, it would be necessary to bore to a lower depth. Mr. McConnell's investigations this year will be extended further east over a track of country almost the same size as that explored before, and in which no white man has ever been.

It is to be hoped that the Government will carefully weigh the suggestions of Sir

question of question of a first public benefit question of the public benefit taken nosteps to lease any of these petroleum lands. It has even refrained from going to the expense of boring to obtain information as to their value. But it aiready has had applications from speculators in Canada and in England. The future disposition of the territory, therefore, must be faced. Our Administration will fail in its duty if it hands over these apparently valuable lands to speculators without express stipulations that shall safeguard the public interests. In Canada we may by the experience of cold ividuals be a constant of the control of

In the London County Council elections the Liberals scored a great victory because the elections were held on Saturday, and the workingmen, who can ill afford time to go to the polls, were able to use the customary half holiday in recording their votes. The Salisbury Government, warned by this experience, contrived to have Parliament dissolved so that the elections for the boroughs should not be held on Saturday, and it is believed that as a consequence many workingmen will be disfranchised, as the elections in the big towns take place on the three first days of this week. By Thursday we shall know the result of the contest in all the boroughs throughout the United Kingdom. These boroughs contain 2,397,785 of the registered electors, against 3,726,325 registered in the counties. The full returns from the counties will not be in for about two weeks, as in these the nomination may take place at any time up to the ninth day after the receipt of the writ, and the election may be postponed until six days after the nomi-nation. We will glean the drift of the contest long before then from the returns

vatives carried in 1886 by majorities of less than 500. In Ireland there are 103 seats, and the Nationalists carried 85 six years ago, while the Conservatives got 18. The sauguine opponents of home rule believe that the division in the Irish party will result in the Nationalists losing several seats in Ulster. One of these is West Bel-

seats which the Gladstonians have a fair chance of carrying. A few of these are in Scotland. There, as in other parts of the country, a number of the representatives returned in 1886 were selected to oppose Gladstone's Home Rule Bill. They went in as Liberal opponents of that measure, because of its Land Bill

took a prominent part in the therman support Mr. Gladstone. The other M.P.s so far elected are
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flattonian programme, and are ration, many Englishmen and Scotchmen favor the Gladstonian programme, and are not prepared to follow the dissident M. P.s. The Minister of the Interior, in reply to into the Conservative ranks. These facts Sir Richard Cartwright the other evening, have to be taken into account in trying to estimate results, though they are, in a measure, offset by the quarrelling among Irish opponents of the present Adminstration, A detailed analysis of the figures leads the Pall Mall Gazette to predict that out of these 211 seats the Gladstonians will extensive petroleum area, about 400 miles carry so many as to result-after deduc-

we have 302, or, in other words, a Glad-stonian majority in Great Britain of 37. The Irish Nationalists are considered justi-The Irish Nationalists are considered justified in reckoning upon electing 80 members, while the Irish "Unionists" are credited with 23. Mr. Gladstone's majority in Ireland, therefore, would be 57, which, added to the 37 obtained in Great Britain, would give him a majority of 94 in the United Kingdom. The Pall Mall Cazette estimate is held by most supporters of Gladstone as below the mark; but if it is realized his friends will have good reason to be thankful, for it means a big turn over in the electorate. the electorate.

dividuals have become millionaires, and their heirs have continued to wax fat at the expense of their fellows, through the appropriation of valuable natural avenues to waith, the greater part of the return from which, it is now conceded, should have been retained for the benefit of the community.

A sit is alleged that the regulations framed under the Dominion Lands Act for the working of minerals have been found unworkable when applied to petroleum, the present is a very appropriate time to consider the whole question. There are too many monopolies in Canada now, and a Northwest petroleum monopoly would be particularly objectionable.

And no meri. In "these days of liberty of thought and utterance" it is in accordance with the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to discuss in the amplest manuer all questions of public interest, including the constitution of the state, without the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to discuss in the amplest manuer all questions of public interest, including the constitution of the state, without the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to discuss in the amplest manuer all questions of public interest, including the constitution of the state, without the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to discuss in the amplest manuer all questions of public interest, including the constitution of the state, without the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to discuss in the amplest manuer all questions of public interest, including the constitution of the state, with out the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to discuss in the amplest manuer all questions of public interest, including the constitution of the state, with the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to discuss in the amplest manuer all questions of public interest, including the constitution of the state, with out the spirit of the spirit of the time that every citizen should be allowed to disc

has no right to retain office.

THE FALL OF HERRY M. STANLEY.

[From the New York Recorder.]

Poor Stanley! He to rewore his American allegiance last May in order to become a candidate for Parliament on the Tory ticket, and what is the result? Mobbed and hooted on every platform where he appears, his wife insulted and the most serious charges made against his administration in Africa!

Stanley has made the great blunder of his life. His fame was secure. His name filled the world. What to him was a seat in the House of Commons, especially on the Tory benches? As a political organization that party is centuries behind the age, and yet Stanley, who opened up a continent to modern civilization, endeavors to ally himself with political medievalism! The spectacle is as pitiable as it is lateresting.

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VITRIOL IN WAR.

[Kate Field's Washington.]

I have been asked to preach the gospel of peace in this review, and to advocate the abolition of war. It seems to me that the best way to abolish war is to make it absolutely inhuman. From this point of view the recent invention of a French officer has special significance. This ingenious gentleman has created a rifle which will hurly vitriol in the faces of the enemy. He suggests that it be used solely against savages who are making frenzied rushes; but as many savages tattoo themselves and otherwise scarify nature in order to attain their ideal of beauty, it by no means follows that vitriol will terrify them; whereas in civilized warfare such a weapon would be more potent than all the builets that ever were cast. The man who loses a leg or arm with composure, and who meets death without flinching, would run from a charge of vitriol as from a volcanic cruption or any other cataclysm. There are some things the bravest dare not face; the hideous consequences of vitriol are among them. As an agent of peace, therefore, this poison may become a woudrous benefaction. On what field will the new rifle make its debut? in those constituencies which the Conser-

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here would be no "seamping" of legislation at the close, and no temptation for members to demand additional indemnity.

Some notable men have already been returned to the new Parliament of Great Britain without opposition. Among others is Right Hon. Charles Palham Villiers, who has represented the buay manufacturing borough of Wolverhampton for over half a century. Mr. Villiers was the pioneer in the agitation for the abolition of the protective laws in Great Britain, and he was a strong advecate of free trade and the bolition of the Corn Laws before either Cobden or Bright entered the House of Commons, and forced the issue to the front. The venerable stateman is the oldest member of the House in point of years, but notin point of sorvice. Mr. Gladistone, though soven years younger than Mr. Villiers, was first elected to Parliament 60 years ago next December, and Mr. Christopher R. M. Talbot, of Glamorganshire has represented that shire for 55 years, having had a contest only, three times during that period. Mr. Talbot is Lord Lieutenant of his county, and enjoys the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's Heaton, who made a fortune in Australia, and is the champion of the scheme to provide the seample of the state of the seample of the form to prove the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the distinction of thaving refused a peerage. He is 86 years of age. J. Hennike's the di

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