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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS. It has become necessary once more to call the attention of our subscribers to the large number of subscriptions which remain unpaid after repeated appeals for prompt settlement.

It appears that there are rich coal fields in the Northwest, and that the eyes of the speculators are upon them. The Government is being urged not to grant mining privileges, which would be used for the purposes of speculation and not for the development of such mines.

The Irishmen of the present generation are evidently losing all taste for military service in the British army, and they are stopping at home "with a vengeance."

When a murder takes place in Ireland, it is set on foot as a agrarian, and the entire Government of the Castle is on the qui vive for the murderer.

a noble protegee as a reward of the convictions obtained with their assistance, is decidedly immoral and disgraceful. Its only effect is to breed crime, because it puts a premium upon the information of persons guilty of atrocious murders, by giving them a free pardon, which they know that their hands are stained with the blood of the victims as the man who actually fired the fatal shot or delivered the fatal blow.

The political out-look in Germany is by no means reassuring; the condition of the people is not ameliorated by the arbitrary and iron rule of Bismarck; coercion in Germany leads to the same results as it does in Russia or Ireland, to secret organizations, conspiracies, and to the employment of desperate means whereby to accomplish an object.

PROTECTION IN THE UNITED STATES has evidently seen its day of usefulness, and the people of a solid and flourishing Republic are no longer in love with it. They have no further need of protectionist duties which weigh heavily upon the many while enriching the few and creating all-powerful monopolies.

FREEDOM OF OPINION IN ENGLAND. It has been generally accepted that in England, at least, if not in other parts of the British Empire, freedom of opinion was the inalienable right of even the humblest individual. No man should be made to answer for his thoughts or speech while on English soil.

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the occurrence. The violation of this much prized right was perpetrated by the head of Eton College, and is as flagrant as it is unjustifiable. An under master of this venerable school, Mr. Joyne, had travelled through Ireland during last summer. He happened to be in the company of Henry George, when the latter was arbitrarily arrested, and whose arrest he shared.

THE LATE SIR HUGH ALLAN.

The year eighteen hundred and eighty-two has marked the closing chapter of more than a usual number of men, eminent in the various walks of life, and identified with either the intellectual or material progress and development characteristic of this century.

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just been published; it gives the number of hands employed, the amount of wages paid, the value of materials used and the value of the products for all the establishments of manufacturing industry in each of the States and Territories. We find that throughout the country there are 253,840 establishments, where the average number of hands employed is 2,738,950; of this number of operatives women and children only form twenty-six per cent.

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results, in Canada they will not fail to create a similar state of affairs. The most desirable state the national finances could be in is to have the expenditure and revenue fairly, if not equally, balanced in favor of the latter.

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without windows and hear without words, and that Beauty is noblest and best which is most pleasing to the all-seeing eye. He saw all things which He made in the beginning, and He saw that everything was beautiful and good, and He said so. He said so of every thing except of His last and greatest work, the body and soul of man.

NEWFOUNDLAND—ITS PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS.

Str. John's, Nfld., Nov. 30, 1882. It is a strange fact that the island of Newfoundland—the oldest of the British colonial possessions—is so little known, and yet there are many places worse, and I may say, better. To some Newfoundland is known only as a fishing station, or in the words of the immortal Burns:

In the interior of Newfoundland there are millions of acres of agricultural land which if cultivated, I venture to say, would produce crops equal, if not superior, to those raised in Canada and the United States.

The island is now being rapidly developed by the introduction of foreign capital. A railway is in course of construction which is to traverse the island from St. John's to George's Bay.

In many parts of the island splendid specimens of lead, silver, and sometimes gold have been found, and already in Little Bay, on the north-east side of the island, an extensive copper mine is being worked with profit to the owners.

The railroad is to connect with this great mineral region, which is supposed to be the centre of our buried treasures. At some future period I shall give you readers an account of the opposition met with by the Government while passing the Railway Bill, and of the famous battle fought at Foxtrap Bridge between the sturdy matrons of Foxtrap and some of our celebrated politicians and judges while the rails were being laid in that direction.