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LONDON, MONDAY, DEC. 12.

ROMANCE IN A BLUE BOOK. Many people think of government blue-books as the bottomless pit of barren boredom, as the Sahara of present city hall and the printed literature. But there are oases in the worst of them, and so many in a book like the annual report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police that the reader roams through a sequence of romantic and adventurous excitements, amidst an abundance of infor-

is up-to-date, unbiased information about mining, trapping and fur-trading, about crops, frosts and fires. The various officers and men, tell, however, principally of their experience in ern land, from the Montana border to Herschell Island. Here follows an extract from the report of Superintendent Deane, Calgary:

"The case of attempted murder is that against 'Sun-Call,' a Blackfoot Indian, who, in a drunken ht, attacked his brother, 'Old' Bull," the reserve in July, 1909, and nearly

"'Sun-Calf' had a month or so prior to this, stolen a horse from another Indian named 'Running Antelope,' and sold it. This incident came to light during 'Sun-Calf's incarceration here on the assault charge. He was sent to Strathmore for his preliminary hearing, and on Sept. 13. 1909, was duly committed for trial on the charge of horse stealing.

"That night was exceptionally dark, and the constable would have done well if he had kept his prisoner there another day.

"He started with him, however, from his detachment building for the railway station soon after cuffed and wearing his prison clothes. While on the road Sun-

to trace and recapture him, he made He became involved in some contretemps there which caused his pres-Lethbridge, he was enabled to revisit his native country and answer pending against him."

are perhaps the finest body of the crease, not decrease. kind in the world. They look after the details as well as matters crude

Creek, reaching Mr. Middlecon's workings at noon. I spoke to him and a summary of his statement to me is as follows: 'He has two men hunting for

so, assuring them of protection in eigners. case of trouble. As he employs some 30 or 35 men, all of whom are prospectors in this district, he thus gives them a grub-stake. He has tried buying Indian meat, but it is dirty and will not keep, and his men refuse to eat it. He has given his men strict instructions to shoot bulls only, and from what he says his instructions are being carried out. He further states that if he is not allowed to have these men hunt to supply fresh meat he will have to close down his workings. He appears to be making good, although his expenses are very high. He pays \$5 per day and board to the miners, and the board costs him in the high freight charges."

Inspector Jennings is another interesting diarist, covering the district between Fort MacPherson and Herschel Island. He is friendly to the Eskimo, and praises them as "a very healthy race." He writes:

the night, and at 3 a.m. made fire in camp stove. Going heavy owing to light crust on deep snow. canyon, the entrance to which is could just keep the sleds off the dogs, the grade being 5 to 7 per we entered the canyon, the river narrowing to 100 feet, and the sides ragged rock. No growth of any kind | on them. This place would be extremely bad in which to be caught by a wind or snow storm. At 4:30 p.m. we came to a small bluff on which was a little dry wood and

for dogs left. Mileage, 28. "March 27, 1910-Left at 7:45 a.m.,

wood of any kind for 25 miles, until we arrived within 5 miles the coast. We could not stop for lunch. Going hard, in some places glare ice and in others very deep snow. The canyon was very winding with a general direction N.E. At 3 p.m. we came to end of canyon, about 6 miles from coast, where river widens to 125 yards, and is shallow. Here we found an Eskimo family living, hunting sheep and deer, for the ship at Herschel. They had got 23 sheep and 5 deer so far. They gave us a warm welcome as is their custom, cooked some meat and tea for us and gave me some meat the dogs. Put up our tent here on the river and camped. Mileage 25."

Such are the true pictures of the wild north. In these annual reports The sad old maid should have a beau, there is an endless store of raw ma- On every bald head hair should growterials for novels and epics. Out of such human stuff, these records of real heroism and duty, should be fashioned not only a great social organism, but a literature worthy to reflect the new Canadian life.

WHY A NEW CITY HALL?

The ratepayers are asked to vote \$75,000 toward the cost of a new city

city is not in a position to spend money on luxuries. The financial con-This year's report, just published, sequences of the Niagara power unis not an exception to the rule. There dertaking have not yet asserted themselves. The problem has been complicated by the keen competition of the grammar that was out. London Electric Company, and no one at present can see the end of it. A large sum will have to be voted for patrolling and ordering the vast west- storm sewers in the near future, and a system of garbage removal is a crying need. For a period at least the ratepayers should limit their expenditures to absolute necessities

If the county authorities were ready to co-operate in the erection of joint municipal buildings, which would be mond Wolff as Lord Randolph Churchill's a credit to London and Middlesex, the city would be wise to seize the opportunity. A building worthy of this city cannot be erected for the sum proposed. Better wait until the county is willing to join, or until the ratepayers' burden is lighter.

The present city hall is by no means a blemish architecturally. There is real dignity in its massive stone front. amendment which would "draw the There is a lack of room, but this may badger. be easily remedied by converting the auditorium into offices retaining the council chamber. Why should the 1 city provide a public meeting hall o'clock, the prisoner being hand- which is used for public purposes only two or three times a year? Calf gave a sudden lurch, shook off nicipal meeting hall is a relic of vilthe constable's hold, and, in his lage days when it was the only hall in moccasined feet, disappeared in the the place. Toronto has no auditorium South Piegan reserve in Montana. space and money in communities which, like London, have half a dozen ence and identity to be revealed, and large halls which can be rented for from thence, through the good of- public purposes. The city hall audifices of Superintendent Wilson at torium can be converted into comthe three charges which are now ing will serve until the city, either Great Britain is becoming more demo native country." Crime is far from ing in keeping with the metropolis of prevalent under the watchful care of Western Ontario, In the meantime the

beat is in Yukon Territory, writes as 24 to buy Christmas presents, is the only person who can be excused for plan of imperial union must be a union "On the 16th I left for Hiatt eleventh-hour Christmas shopping.

Only one of the 34 men killed in the about shooting moose out of season, mining disaster in Alberta Sunday bore an English name, Canadians, Britishers and Americans are leaving him, paying them wages for doing the hardest and roughest work to for-

> On Saturday the Liberals won 9 seats, the Nationalists 1, the Laborites 1, and the Unionists 2. Every day will see the coalition majoritymount, as Scotland and Wales are now being polled, and the Liberals have nothing to lose in rural England.

The British Liberals on Saturday recovered another county constituency -the Cricklade division of Wiltshirewhich they lost in January. The Conservative wave has receded slightly in the south of England, and the neighborhood of \$2 per day owing to Liberal wave has receded slightly in the north of England, This is the explanation of the elections in a nut-

The Massey-Harris Company have purchased a harvester works in the United States. They will give United "March 26, 1910-Left camp at States competitors a taste of the com-7:45 a.m. Colder, about 45 degrees petition which the latter have given Many People Killel and Great tossed about on the sharp rocks by the heavy sea. On account of the fury below. Natives were cold during the Canadian implement makers-by invading their home territory. Is it At possible that the Massey-Harris peo-9:15 we made glare ice and began ple have made this move to forestall descending a long approach to the the reduction or abolition of the duties called by the natives the 'Blow on implements? In either event they western portion of the country a few Hole.' We all rode, and in places will have two strings to their bow.

Sir Joseph Ward, the prime minis-The mountain peaks are from ter of New Zealand, has laid before Seville is submerged and it is feared 2,000 to 3,000 feet high. At 2 p.m. parliament the motions he proposes to that the entire city will be under bring before the imperial conference, water shortly. A railroad bridge at back to Seattle and sailed again on the These include the setting up of an imperial council, the reconstitution of a critical condition. the colonial office, extension of the powers of high commissioners, uni- at Graceres, Aranjuez, Castillo, Casversal penny postage, development of trains were derailed today at Palencia green wood, and here camped. Dogs telegraphic communication within the and several bodies have been observed tired, as the ice was very hard on empire, an "All Red" mail route be- floating down the river at Valladolid. tween England and Australia by way Telegraphic communication with the of Canada, an imperial court of apwind S.W., which was in our peal, and wider legislative powers for wrecks along the coast. backs. Still very cold. From here on the canyon in some places only 50 feet, but very deep. It was fortunate we camped where we did last night, for we did not see any more peal, and wider legislative powers for the oversea dominions with regard to shipping. There will be pienty of work take LAXATIVE BROMO Quining Tablets. Druggists refund money if it falls to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

[S. E. Kiser.] wish that I were Santa Claus,

And might leave blessings everywhere: At yonder little hut I'd pause, And laughter soon should echo there; The crippled boy should cease to sigh, And be as strong as you or I, And find out that the world is fair.

To him who sits and counts his gains And never thinks of those in need. 'd teach that brotherhood remains A greater thing than gold or greed; d make him wish to help along And put within his heart a song, So that he should be glad indeed

I'd make the load a lighter load That poor old patient Dobbin draws; The actor stranded on the road Should still be gladdened by applause; I wish that I were Santa Claus.

A COERCION. [Victoria (B. C.) Times.]

It looks now as if it might be necessary for Great Britain to pass a coercion act for the purpose of compelling the Ulstermen to obey the laws of the country.

THE McBRIDE GOVERNMENT. Yale has decided that the McBride Government is all right. Yale's view is shared by all of British Columbia who appreciate good government and know a good thing when they have it.

RESOURCES OF THE LANGUAGE.

[Owen Sound Herald.] When we saw a report from Digby, N. S., in the Toronto News of 21st inst., a stating that a man had his skull crushed 'in a lonely spot," we decided that the man was not only seriously injured, but also bald-headed, but when next day's Toronto Globe stated in its Hamilton news that a Polock was shot "in the foreign quarter," and also in its Fort William dispatches that a Dago was stabbed "in the coal dock section," our ideas of anatomy became hazy, and we began if it could possibly be the

PARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE. [Glasgow Herald.]

Mr. Harcourt's pleasantries about the Opposition pastime of "badger my leader" recalls the most zoological exchange of amenities in Parliamentary history. It was in 1884, after the Aston riots, and the fighting men of the Opposition were in full cry after Mr. Chamberlain. The irritated him into a perhaps intentionally punning reference to Sir Henry Drum 'jackal." but the Speaker ruled that as a figurative xpression "iackal" was permissible, and Chamberlain had spoken "with his usual "With his usual courtesy Sir Henry cheerfully substituted. Mr. Chaplin suggested that Mr. Chamberlain might as well call them "hyenas"; and finally Lord Randolph, taking advantage of the Speaker's ruling. announced his intention to move an

GIVING HERSELF AWAY. 'What makes you think she is uncul-

"She thinks Ibsen's plays are stupid." "Well a lot of people think so." "Yes; but she says so."

A CHANCE FOR POETS.

End 'em, mend 'em, bend 'em, rend em, lend 'em, tend 'em, send The auditorium is not a feature of the 'cm, and defend 'cm-all rhyme more or his way in course of time to the up-to-date city hall. It is a waste of less with referendum, and so the British campaign poets ought to be in clover.

THE ONLY WAY.

[Toronto Star.] The fact is that the unity of the empire can be maintained and strengthened only upon democratic lines. The coionies are modious offices, and the present build- British because they are self-governing. single-handed or in company with the who are leaving Great Britain to settle Note the naive sarcasm in the county authorities, is in a better po- in and develop Canada belong to the nonphrase, "he was enabled to revisit his sition than at present to erect a build- privileged classes. As Mr. Hawkes says: "The man who is building up Canada is the man coming down the Suskatchewan the Northwest Mounted Police, who value of the present property will in- getting off his wagon and walking to with a voke of cattle and a load of wheat. keep himself warm; wondering if the frozen ground may break his wagon The man or woman who has to wait axle; not those of us who sit up nights and crass. Constable Simons, whose for the pay envelope on Saturday, Dec. figuring how much toll we can take off that load of wheat before it gets to Liverpool." The basis of any rational

> HAVE YOU BOUGHT 'EM YET? [Chicago Record-Herad.] The days are passing swiftly-just

of the people.

swiftly as they may: Have you bought 'em yet? The early birds are taking all the choicest worms away; Have you bought 'em yet?

There's no time like the present if you've duties to be done; The one who keeps delaying never is the happy one; task becomes more awful with each

rising of the sun-

Have you bought 'em yet?

Have you bought 'em yet? The strife becomes more frantic as the brief days come and go; Have you bought 'em yet?

The race, you should remember, is but seldom to the slow: Have you bought 'em yet? The one who waits till others shall have

kindly cleared the way Might as well sit back expecting green or black to turn to turn to grey: people who accomplish are the ones who start today-

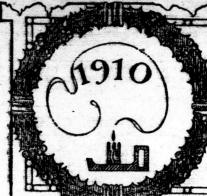
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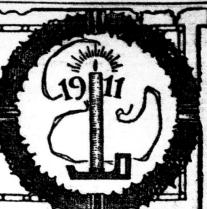
Madrid, Dec. 11.—Spain has been severe than that which swept over the

days ago Many people have been killed or injured, and the low-lying districts are flooded everywhere. The lower part of Alcula has been destroyed and numerous villages in that direction are in

Railroads have been washed away provinces is entirely suspended. Reports have reachel here of ship



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Leave Wreck of the

Olympia. A HUNDRED IN PERIL BAD IN ESSEX AND KENT

Craft Reaching Liner.

[Associated Press.]

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.-News is anxiously awaited concerning the fate orchards are menaced by an enemy of the 106 persons on the steamship whose inroads have caused R. H. the southeastern end of Bligh Island, Lewis, of Hamilton, provincial inspec-Prince William Sound, Alaska, during tor of San Jose scale, to sound a note a furious storm yesterday morning, of alarm. He declares in his report to Steamers and launches are hurrying to the aid of the vessel from Seaward, Valdez, and Katalla, and if the gale is not an orchard in the Niagara dispermits the passengers should reach trict that is free from it. The scale is

Valdez say that no word has been received from the wireless operator on very rapidly during the past season. the Olympia that would indicate that states Mr. Lewis in his report, "owing any of the rescuing craft had arrived, to the favorable conditions and dry The only means of communication be- weather. In Southern Ontario, where tween Seattle and Cordova and Val- the scale is doing its greatest damage, dez is by military cable, operated by spraying is being carried on more ex the United States army signal corps. In Bad Fix.

When the cable office closed for the night the last word received by the preparation and application of lime operator at the parallel winds and sulphur would not only be beneoperator at the naval wireless station ficial, but very much appreciated by at Cordova was that the passengers the growers. and crew were still aboard the Olympia, which was being pounded and less they see that the steamer can hold orchards.

together no longer. For several of the Olympia this is the shortly after it was found in orchards second ship wreck experienced within near Niagara-on-the-Lake and ten days. They first sailed from Catharines. In 1900 it was reported Seattle Dec. 1, on the steamship Northwestern. The vessel was but a few hours out of port when she went on the rocks in False Bay, San Juan Island. Her passengers were brought Olympia.

> The Olympia, built in Glasgow, in 1883, was operated between the United Kingdom and China for several years. Later she was transferred to the North Pacific Steamship Company, and plied etween Seattle and the Orient. In 1904 she was sold to the Northwestern Steamship Company, which later was absorbed by the Alaska Steamship Company, a Morgan-Guggenheim corporation, her present owner. When the Olympia was under British regisshe was known as the Dunbar Castle.

The vessel carries a crew of 54 officers and men.

ORCHARD PLAGUE SWEEPING ONTARIO

Crew and Passengers Unable to The San Jose Scale Spreading Rapidly Throughout Province.

as Seas Too Heavy to Permit of Rescuing In the Niagara District Scarcely an Orchard That Has Not Been

Attacked.

Toronto, Dec. 11.-Western Ontario aldez today.

Latest dispatches from Cordova and the counties of Essex and Kent.

"The San Jose scale has spread"

"The San Jose scale has spread" tensively, especially in the vicinity of Leamington, and it would seem that more and continued instruction in the

Protect Nurseries. Mr. Lewis suggests that nurseries tossed about on the sharp rocks by should be protected as much as pos sible from any source of dangerous inof the storm, the passengers will not fection. Two of these he considers to be attempt to take to the small boats un- neglected fence lines and infested

San Jose scale made its first ap-For several of the fifty-two pas- pearance near Chatham in 1897, and

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o have been located at East Lonlon Prof Dearness, and Prof. Lochea iscovered it at Essex Centre. It soon ppeared in the townships of Saltfleet orth Grimsby and Clinton.

"In the Niagara district the distrioution of the scale," continued Mr Lewis, "may be said to be general I s found in every locality, and also bove the mountain wherever fruit growing is practiced, In the Fenthill istrict nearly every apple orchard is infested. It is found around Burling-ton, but the infestations are light and

"In Western and Southwestern On tario the scale seems to be spreading It has taken a firm sheld near Tillson-

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