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## The Premier's Escort.

itia delegation, it is probable that the mitary school regulars are out of the tachment from the Northwest Mount-Boldiers, but a species of regulars. The more striking than that made by a detachment of the First Hussars of Lon-

recently spoke in this Wooley's lecture on 'Chrisesting and instructive; but he ought Ontario. In the matter of real Christianity, good citizenship and practical temperance, Ontario is far in advance of any part of the United States."

It cost the country \$15,000 to put down hog cholera in Essex, Kent and Elgin larger sum if the Government had permitted the disease to run its course.

## Cheap Travel to Central Markets.

the change would be financially advan-

formerly stimulated by the cheap fares. kingdom. Scotland heads the list in Without these people living at a dis- the consumption of spirits, with Iretance cannot be prevailed upon to jour- land second. Here are the figures: them, and their aid to make ordinary passenger trains profitable will be en-

Is it wise to discourage this special to discourage holiday jaunting by with-

## Mr. Blake's Wonderful Power in Drawing a Witness.

The London Sun-a representative metropolitan paper-thus refers to the cross - examination of ex - Premier Rhodes by Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., in the great South African raid in-

"Of all the men who have tested Mr. Rhodes up to the present, Mr. Blake was, in my opinion, far and away the most formidable; and I see from the notices in the Chronicle and Daily trained and acute observers who represented these journals. A superficial made from time to time, in this provobserver would not have seen the art ince at anyrate it is conclusively provoof Mr. Blake, because it was art that concealed itself. Indeed, coming into ed that in sobriety and in restrictive the room suddenly, looking at the beaming face of Mr. Blake on the one side, and of Mr. Rhodes on the other, ahead of any section of the United one might well have come to the conelusion that whoever else was antagonistic to Mr. Rhodes, he had a stron friend in Mr. Blake, and whomever taken Mr. Blake to his bosom. from Mr. Rhodes the most pregnant and the most complete admissions of the most complete admissions of of the gentlemen who examined the South African statesman. It is the courteous counsel that it studiously courteous-that beams and smiles that you ought to be on your guard against; for he is the dangerous because the skillful antagonist. And I know that some of the men who are most deeply interested in this great struggle felt all this, and that the one moment they felt most anxiety after the first day was when their chief and their spokesman was in the hands of the great Canadian lawyer." no longer 'n a compromising wood-

The National Drink Bill.

Dr. Dawson Burns, the English Great Britain and Ireland. "The Nayear the United Kingdom spent more

Dr. Burns is at a loss to account for

perance societies had fewer members, or were less active in the past year, or it is possible in social affairs contrary currents may both be acquiring greater velocity and volume for a time. There may be more who do not drink, and those who drink may drink he more. This increase, however, his increase, connected as it is with a succession of his evasion of "I think such circumstances, ought to excite serious reflection in the minds of those who, feeling that the national drink er man than your cross-examiner. oill ought to be reduced, have ex- "Smarter!" was the self-apprecia pected this to arise from the gradual echo. operation of moral causes, especially the progress of education. Yet Lord igham pointed out long ago that the influence of education on intemperance is slow and indirect, whil he causes which make for intemperance are direct and powerful.'

The population has increased, and that is taken to mean that those who £4 2s 8d to £4 9s. The following summary shows how each country stands in regard to the expenditure per head on alcoholic liquors in 1896 and 1895:

United Kingdom .. . 3 15 6 3 12 9 In beer, England stands away at the

Population Beer-Bbls Scotland.. .. 4,186,849 1.412.486

England there is thus consumed about a barrel of beer; but as a larger portion of the population is too young to drink intoxicants, and many are abstainers from choice, it is estimated that the beer drinkers really consume several barrels a head annually. In England, the exact average consumption of beer is 35 1-2 gallons; in Scotland it is a little over 12 gallons; and in Ireland it is 17 gallons. These fig-The railway companies are already ures afford food for reflection to Candiscovering that the abolition of cheap adians. In this country the consumpmarket days is hurtful to tion of beer is only from 3 to 4 galtheir business. The cheap fares were lons of beer per head of the population wiped out because it was believed that in a year; in England, however, the liquor is consumed by large numbers tageous to the companies. Now that of the population as an accompaniment the contrary has been proved to be the to meals, just as we in the Dominion case, there are hopes that in this one drink water, milk or tea. In this rerespect, at least, the former order of spect Scotland and Ireland have in recent years been following the example Much of the market day traffic was of the neighboring division of the

> Total gallons head cotland .. .. .. .. .. 7,362,466 Ireland.. .. .. In the consumption of wine, England

eads, as follows:

Ireland .. .. .. .. 1,586,125 Taking the whole United Kingdom the average consumption of spirits last year was about a gallon, and of wine 0.4 gallons. In Canada the consumption of spirits drunk in a year wer inhabitant, is about half that in Great Britain and Ireland, and of beer less than one-fourth the quantity con-

sumed per capita in the motherland. News that this was the opinion of the the Dominion, and progress is being ince at anyrate, it is conclusively provmeasures we in Ontario are away

Once more the X rays have been turned to account in the exposure of A Baltimore man demanded then subjected to the test of the X settle for \$25, but the company was Saving Public Money

It is announced that Hon. Mr. Sifton

If, as is proposed, the London council

of which Hull is the principal muni-"The fact does not show that tem- cipality, takes place one week from to-

> A GOOD FORGETTER. He had just gotten off the witness stand in an election investigation, and his friends were congratulating him on must be admitted that you are a smart-"Why, sir, I've forgotten more

When the twigs begin to rustle And the birds are all a-bustle When an azure sky discloses When the brook that sang so sadly Welcomes every sunbeam, gladly Frolicking; When to wood-songs' subtle rhyming Countless echoes soft are chiming, Then it's spring.

than he will ever be able to find out.'

When your clothes seem dank an And you cannot hear Since a cold Gave your head that buzz ecstatic, When you throb with sharp, erratic When good-natured folk assure you

That they know just what will cure most harrowing melancholy Mongst your friends who would be Then it's spring.

-Washington Star.

A CANADIAN ROMANCE. "The Forge in the Forest," by Charles D. Roberts, is a genuine Can

adian romance by a Canadian. "Where the five rivers flow down to meet the swinging of the Minas tides, and the great Cape of Bloomidon bars vorite, and on more than one occasion out the storm and fog, lie half a county of rich meadow-lands and long arbarns, of ample cheeses and strong

describes the land in which his story is to find its scene—Arcadia, before the time of the British flag. The heroes de Briart and his son Marc, while to offset these gentlemen are two heroines, sisters, with equal quantities of gold-red hair. Not worth while open ing a new tube of paint is evidently author's thought, and there may be some advantage accruing from the fact that the ladies can now use the same sort of hairpins.

The young maid Prudence, who, by all the laws of usage immemorial should occupy the most prominent place in an avowed love story, can hardly be said to be the heroine of this tale, and is but an inside er of the coach most of the way box-seat belonging to a better quipped lady. This lady is the fair who, with her child, is fairly successful in keeping the ubiquitous "young girl" in the background, where one is owadays very well content to leave

Jean (father of Marc) is a man of calor. Wars with the English, Invalor. dians, bears, widows, are all alike to him, and so little does the elder De Briart resemble that immortal father who was the originator of the multiloquent "Sam," that he rushes fear-lessly into places where Mr. Weller would have feared to tread. Not to be outdone by Marc, who is

getting on bravely with the fair maid Prudence, nothing will suit the father but that he must be off to the rescue of the pretty widow's only child, who has been stolen by Indians. A canoe trip which he takes with that lady, and several other events, brings us along naturally to the sane ending, which is the concluding scene in the book, where we have the Seigneur de Briart, his arms extended like a Mr. Pickwick, to receive little Tommy Bardell, thrust therein by his fond mamma—Mistress Mizpah Hanford— The most vividly drawn n the book is the "Black Abbe," who will make even a Henty-steeped soul thrill; and there are touches in the description of Arcadian landscape which bear token of a poet-author' Beautifully illustrated, clearly printed, and artistically bound, thi

of Mr. William Briggs, publisher, To-

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finance?" "Doesn't she?" "Is she sound on the silver question?" "Sound as a

burglar. Sleeps with the spoons under her head every night."

## Railway Rumblings.

Freight Business on the M. C. R Increasing.

Selecting the Line for the Crow's Nest

railway property in Ohio and Indiana by the flood of last week will reach

\$1,000,000. set up on the M. C. R. The conduc dict and Charles A. Taylor. General Manager Woodard, of the

expend \$100,000 on the improvement of the equipment of its passenger trains It is understood that the Canadian Pacific and the steamship lines, which vere at variance last year, have settled their difficulties, and that an agreed tariff on freight is to be made between the lake and rail lines for the coming season of navigation. Al pasis this year, and will have the same rates with the Canadian Pacific.

091 miles of line laid in the Dominion and the capital expended is \$894,660,559 Towards the cost of the construction of this mileage the national Government has contributed an average of \$881 a mile. Altogether the subsidies amount in round figures to \$195,000,000. It is held that the results obtained do not justify liberality so great. A corways is 5.75 per cent; in India, 4.96 per cent; in South Australia, 3.13 per cent; in New South Wales, 3.46 per cent; in New South Wales, 3.46 per cent; in New Zealand, 2.73 per cent; but in Canada the proportion is only 1.57 per cent. In Tasmania alone, of all the British colonies, is there a lower return. The cost of a railway, it has been laid down by some authorities, should not be more than ten times its annual traffic that is to say, the annual traffic should yield 10 per cent of the capital cost. The application of this test to Canadian railways shows

SING LEE'S ASYLUM. in a small mining camp in Colorado years ago. tongue in his head.

about this time, and one of the boysland, a land of fat cattle, of well-filled an Irishman—remarked to Sing: barns, of ample cheeses and strong "Well, Sing, yez'll have to be going to China now. run things here, and they won't have any hathen Chinee around." ight, me go Ireland, Irish no lun thing

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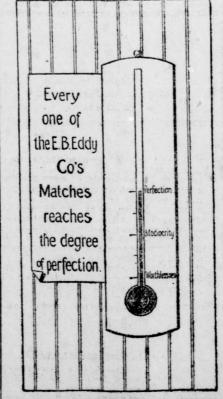
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Road-Damage by Flood-Is Canada

Building Roads Too Fast? It is estimated that the damage to

in the reports about the M. C. R. tak-

ing over the T., H. and B. A Lethbridge dispatch says Mr. D. Mann, railroad contractor, is there. In view of the contemplated building of the Crow's Nest Pass road, a staff of Canadian Pacific Railway engineers under the direction of Mr. M. H. Mc Leod, has been engaged during the past week in making a final selection of the various projected surveys.

The Great Northern road is about to

English journals are impressed with the idea that Canada is building her railways too fast. The latest avail-able statistics show that there are 16,-\$9,369 per mile, the Provincial Govern-ments \$1,847, and the municipalities respondent points out that in Cape Colony the proportion of the net rev-enue to the capital cost of the rail-

that the percentage of traffic to cost is about 5¼ instead of 10. resuperior second casin accommination on these steamers.

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