The Toronto World. ames appear on the voters' lists ? The Only One-Cent Morning Paper in Canada We would also like to ask the News and the Only Exclu the City of Toronto.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, 1882. A BAILWAY ENQUIRY

Martin The Start for

In a recent article we pointed out t that any member of society should be dethe province of Ontario had spent a very nied the right to have a voice in the enact. large portion of its surplus in subsidies to railways. These subsidies were given on two main grounds : first that new country Perhaps by striving for an answer to this would be opened up for settlement ; and

second that portions of the province already advanced ideas on the suffrage question : If enjoying railway facilities would have the a young man just one remove from idiocv benefit of competition owing to the new

We showed jects had been very fairly attained, and that the people were quite satisfied in that respect the franchise and the latter not ?

But we also showed that as regards the second desideratum-the creation of comhaps enough for the present. peting lines-there had been a complete failure. What the people now want to know is how this failure occurred ; and to find this out it is the duty

members of the house for the purpose. Let them send for papers and persons, and let the true facts of all the recent consolidations be got at.

There are men in Ontario who within a few years have developed into railway magnates. They know something about these consolidations. Some of them were very energetic in getting subsidies from the government and bonuses from municipalities, on the pretext of creating competing routes. Let these gentlemen be called before the committee and give the opportunity to explain these consolidations in which they

have so prominently figured. portion of the money that has 'changed hands in these recent consolidations stuck to the fingers of those who took an active part in affecting them.

Will the government move in creating such a committee or will they leave the honor for some private member ?

TOO HASTY. The Chatham Planet is a genuine tory paper and it consequently conceives it to its duty to lose no opportunity to make a point against Mr. Mowat and his gov- work, as she so long continued to do, and ernment. This is perhaps what may nature the management is now in the hands of a ally be expected under our system of gov- committee of ladies belonging to the upper erament by recrimination, but it sometimes circles of Montreal society, and most of

into very foolish positions. Our contem-

the feelings of those who have power to will hardly thank the Globe for the right the wrong, no Dotheboys hall could ing : " The debate on the address dragged whether it thinks that government should possibly spin out twelve months' existence. be conducted in strict justice to all classes Second, there are the tyrants-superintend- noon, though it became rather more lively of the community? And, presuming that it ents, keepers, matrons, or whoever they as the hour for adjournment approached would answer this question in the affirmative, may be whose positions give them the The first speaker was Mr. Young," we would like to ask whether it thinks it just power of ill-treating the unfortunates in their charge. Power on one side, help the other, such is of lessness on

ment of laws which he must obey, or in the the essence of the situation : these says, it happens oft that "the power to do ill query our contemporary may imbibe more deeds makes ill deeds done." And perhaps in no kind of "institutions" are ill deeds more apt to be done than in those supported s left heir to ten thousand dollars worth of by charity, either public or private, or property, and another of brilliant intellect both. The keepers, unless they have good is left without property and with responsihearts and strong moral convictions to bilities to mother, sisters, and younger keep them right, too often slide into the habit of looking upon those under their best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents brothers, which will for many years prevent his acquiring any ; is it in the interest charge as having no rights which they are of good government that the first shall have

bound to respect. What right have the recipients of charity to grumble anyway There are quite a number of similar con should they not be glad to take what they undrums we might ask, but these are perget and be thankful? Moreover, the evi may be done with impunity, for who will

believe the unfortunates if they dare to complain? Further, the keepers of charit-AN ESTABLISHED EVIL A spasm of virtuous indignation appears to be coming over the people of Montreal able institutions and also of many other in stitutions which do not come under that just now in consequence of cruelties alleged description, are apt to slide into the habit to have been practised in the Hervey insti- of looking upon their precious selves as the tute for friendless children. It is charged owners of the institutions, in a manner, that the application of mustard blisters has and as having practical rights of ownership been freely used as a punishment for child- accordingly. "Institutions," so called, ren of tender years, with the view of frighthave no visible, tangible, individual owner ening them into being " good," we he- and the keepers naturally fall into the habit lieve. It is said that the matron has been of regarding themselves as being at least known to apply a raw mustard blister to the acting, visible embodiment the tender back of an infant three years ownership and control. Although old. On others the instrument of torture properly the servants of the public or Fonto. has been kept on for over an hour, the lit. of the corporation which employs them, they tle sufferer in each case pleading pitcously easily take on the way of thinking them for its removal. Sixteen little victims are selves masters instead, and of acting ac reported to have been punished in this way, cordingly. With regard to charitable but there are more to be heard from, it is stitutions generally this has become an established evil, both in Europe and Amsaid. One boy, age not stated, had the blister put upon him four times. He ap. erica ; and it is one that urgently requires pears to be rather a dangerous customer, to be suppressed. Keepers generally have withal, for it is mentioned that he had at. good "soft" places, and get fat in them. Further, the people want to know what tempted to set fire to the building, giving They should at least be taught that they as a reason that he was so harshly treated, are the servants and not masters of th and found his life there so hard, public. There is room for much of this that in desperation he resolved to get kind of reform. Why, even your supposed out, and this was the way he tried humble caretaker of a building sometim for it. The institution was founded by puts on airs of ownership and authority, as Miss Hervey, an aged maiden lady, who if he were himself the city corporation or has devoted her whole life to alleviating the owner of the property he has charge of. the sufferings of children, and especially of Regarding the Montreal case, it is said that the young waifs of Montrtal. This home the stoppage of supplies from the charitable public will soon bring matters to a crisis. It may fairly be said that wherever such abuses of charity are, and continue, the

people who contribute the money must hold nselves largely to blame for the results. NOT CREDITABLE.

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and respectability as have those whose described could reach the ears and touch or not, but we fear that even if he does he along somewhat tedionsly vesterday after

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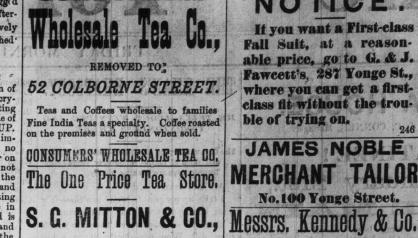
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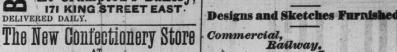
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porary, assuming that the relief granted the Muskoka sufferers by the local governthe sufferers.

MANHOOD SUFFRAGE

Speaking of manhood suffrage, the Kings- of the ladies present that his informant than is supposed the rulers of the synagogue ton News has this to say : "The scheme felt it her duty to interfere. Should it be are the rulers of the world." England and looks plausible from a distance, but wise and observant men, who have had a practi-her lifetime of good works combined, was to act the contemptible part of bailiffs for a cal acquaintance with it in the neighboring thus disrespectfully treated the incident ot of grasping usurers. republic, deplore it as the cause of innumerwould go far to deepen the prevailing unable evils. Under the auspices of this favorable impression. pleasant system the public places have been filled with the canaille, the scum, the bold and unscrupulous rascality of the community; while virtue and respectability have only had the courage to fight their way to the front under the pressure of some great occasion, such as the election of a president. We have no need to introduce such a system here." Our contemporary falls into a not uncommon error. Manhood suffrage is by no means universal in the United States. The general governwell authenticated. Should the Montreal ment there has not the power which our Dominion government has of fixing the qualification for voters at national elections. This is settled by each state in its own way, and there is an infinite variety of qualification in consequence. In some states only those who have paid a certain poll tax can

vote. In others, such as Rhode Island, there is a property qualification. In only one territory, Wyoming, is there absolute citizen suffrage, for there sex is no bar. The News might get rid of some of its absurd plutocratic prejudices against manhood suffrage if it would study the records of the elections in the various states. It would find that purity of elections and choice of excellent representatives is not by Europe, at all events, the old barfranchise, indeed the very contrary appears abolished. Two factors mainly contribute

posal of the taxes they pay, the elections are conducted with a decency and decorum, and with an absence of bribery, which to say the least is not conspicuously common in other states

where he gets the information that appears they are victims who lack the power to do lowed was principally in mutton, we believe. to lead him to the conclusion that the men anything to save themselves. They may com. who are now denied the right of franchise plain, but who will believe them? If the have not got among them as much virtue complaints of boys treated as Dickens has member for North Brant likes compliments

them mothers of families. For the cruelties with which she interferes with the affairs of alleged to have been practised Mrs. Greig, weak or half civilized countries while carethe matron of the institution, is directly fully avoiding similar quarrels with more responsible, but responsibility is now prac. powerful countries is far from being to her ment, because the government had not tically assumed by the committee, who by credit. Her latest adventure in this direcseen fit to proclaim its good deed from the a three-fourths majority have justified her tion is the sending of a note to the Khedive house-tops, had not been given until the course and censured the complainants in of Egypt, offering in conjunction with press of the country had frightened Mr. Mowat into doing right, berates Mr. who gave testimony as to the punishing of Mowat for his want of feeling for the suf-the children by the blister torture, were for that is the real meaning of the Angloferers. The Planet will probably recog-summarily dismissed, we suppose as a warn-French note. Under the extravagant and nize the wisdom of hastening slowly in the ing to the rest that the executive is not to unpatriotic rule of her present ruler Egypt matter of making charges, when it learns, be triffed with. In vindication of this finds that the labor of her people is handed as is the fact, that the grant was given particular mode of pupishment it over to foreign capitalists and that foreign promptly and ungrudgingly. The geven has been stated that "much more" ers donimate in the councils of the country ment no doubt treated the house with ceant has been done by Miss Macpherson to and a national party has sprung up which courtesy in giving the information to the keep down the unruliness of the London is trying to assert the right of Egyptians to Globe and witholding it from the house till keep down the unrulness of the London rule Egypt. In the interest of the foreign Mr. Meredith forced it out of the leader of the government, but, be this as it may, the initial construction which will probably be new to most of that lady's Canadian the Egyptian people, the English and French ministry are not chargable with neglect of friends. One newspaper reporter says that governments stand ready to send their at a recent meeting the foundress herself, armies to prevent the success of the who, aged and ill, had left her sick room to national cause. As an eminent English-

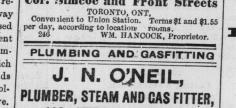
attend, was so rudely spoken to by some man said some years ago : " More generally confirmed that Miss Hervey, her age and France at least announce their readiness

SMALLPOX is spreading in the United States, and in many cities active measures The defence in this case has not yet are being taken to have the people vacci-

come before the public, and even were nated and all possible sanitary precautions the charges fully proven, noigeneral conclu- taken. It is time that the health commitsion could safely be drawn from a single tee of our city moved in the matter, and instance. It so happens, however, that that consultations of doctors be held to instances of this very character-cases of consider the question of vaccination, the cruelty to the helpless and the unfortunate sanitary condition of the dity, and the preon the part of managers, superintendents paration of a smallpox hospital. The last and keepers of what we are accustomed to words may have a grimly ominous sound : call "institutions," are both numerous and but prevention is better than cure.

institution for friendless children prove to IT WOULD BE a nice thing if we were to be another of the same, it will be but one heve an ice famine next summer. No ice more added to a very long list. Dickens' has yet been secured from our own bay, picture of Dotheboys hall was no mere and we will probably have to rely for our fancy sketch, but was really founded on facts supply on the northern lakes. Even there CARERIA CHES as the public judgment soon decided upon the reports are not very encouraging, and evidence. And, by the way another such the present indications are that the commo "hali," but apparently much worse than dity so necessary to our modern civilization what Dickens described, has just recently will be dear and scarce. It is to be hoped been discovered in London, and is now en. at all events that the price of ice cream gaging the attention of the British public. will not be raised. Another five cents ad-The case of the New York "Shepherd," ded to the price of a plate will cause a re who, a year or two ago was discovered in bellion among our long-suffering youth, and the practice of starving and torturing boys the girls will have to content themselves almost to death, is not yet forgotten. The with sarsaparilla and root beer.

long record of lunatic asylum barbarities DR. LYON PLAYFAIR, speaking at Edin has been a terrible one, and in any means promoted by restricting the barous system is not yet wholly them that with free trade they would be burgh recently kindly advised the United to be the case. It might even draw a not to the iniquitous result. First, there are the world. The disinterested way in which wholly valueless lesson from the fact that the victims, who must be of certain unfor- the friends of the British manufacturer teil where women are allowed to exercise the tunate or helpless classes — say young his rivals how to more successfully compete right of voting for the laws which they children, lunatics, hospital patients, pau- with him is edifying in the extreme. It repers, or criminals imprisoned under sen- minds us forcibly of the disinterested way tence of law. The pupils at a Dotheboys in which the wolves once on a time advised hall belong to none of these, unless very the sheep to get rid of certain pestilent young, for their board and tuition are paid watch dogs, who prevented the consumfor by their parents or guardians. But We would like to ask our contemporary in the particular matter of helplessness, as wolves and sheep. The free trade that folthey do resemble the other classes named mation of that cosmopolitan harmony which





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