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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Nothing is more singular amongst a people born in the Norse traditions of freedom than the persistently obstructive tactics of the King of Denmark, who desires to play the autocrat by imposing taxes at his own will, dismisses his ministries when they run counter to his wishes, and altogether carries on in a style which would probably, if he were not so old, lead to his enforced abdication.

The St. John Globe, commenting in a characteristic way on Senator Hale's Bill to regulate traffic over the Short Line Railway, observes:— "This move may or may not be a successful move, but the fact that it is made is due to the attitude which the people have presented towards the United States. Canada has refused to allow the fishermen of that country to use our ports except under several restrictions. They will not allow us their territory as a short cut to the sea." It goes without saying that the course which would meet with the approval of the Globe would be that Canada should meekly lay all her rights at the feet of the United States. The action of Senator Hale, whether borne out or not by Congress, stands to us simply as an urgent reason for favorable consideration and prompt action in favor of the Temiscouata Line.

We much regret to learn that some Imperial Military Officers stationed in Halifax have been solicited to record their votes at the forthcoming Provincial Elections. We have, as is pretty well known, a high regard for these gentlemen, and their right to vote is, we suppose, incontestible. But we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that they would be illadvised to yield to a solicitation which it was scarcely a friendly act to press. On whichever side in Provincial Politics—with the issues of which Imperial Officers are naturally but slightly acquainted—they might record their votes, there would promptly arise a loud and demagogic cry of "interference of Imperial authorities," which would beget a most undesirable feeling towards the British connection. Our Military friends will do the best and wisest thing in abstaining from a course which could scarcely be otherwise than mischievous in its results, and we have the fullest confidence that they will agree with us.

It is reported that Lord Salisbury has consented to enter into new negotiations with Turkey for a convention based on the withdrawal of Great Britain from Egypt. Conservative administrators have been credited with strong foreign policies, and we trust the rumor is not true, or is it possible that, if true, it may be by way of a concession to France to facilitate negotiations in the Newfoundland matter. If so we venture to predict that like all weak policies it will be found futile.

We are inclined to think it was not without reason that the Provincial Legislature enacted a withdrawal of protection from the ubiquitous sparrow The weight of all the Canadian evidence we have seen is against him as destructive and mischievous, and even in England, where he has not heretofore attracted much attention, his depredations have at last provoked measures for his wholesale destruction in the shape of a scale of rewards for certain numbers of old birds, young birds and eggs.

The following extract from the report of the Canadian High Commissioner in London deserves attention. It should also operate to put a stop to fradulent packing of fruit of which we have lately heard so much, and which is as damiging as it is discreditable to the great fruit industry of the Province:—"Canadian fruit is becoming more generally knows, than it was formerly, as being better in quality than the apples imported from other parts of the Continent, and there is no doubt that a ready market is to be found for any quantity that may be sent over of good quality and carefully packed" In this connection Sir Charles Tupper adds that during the year many enquiries have been received from persons desirous of investing capital in the fruit growing industry in Nova Scotia, and he attributes this interest largely to the increase of imports from Canada and to the uniform quality of the apples.

Lieutenant-Generals are not (to quote Southey's "Crocodile King,") " a numerous rout" in Canada. They are in fact raræ aves—in more senses than one choice birds in the land—and not only scarce but suggestive of the further parallel of being, if swans at all, "very like black swans." No sooner has one Lieutenant General manifested to an admining public his appreciation of the natural products of Canada in the item of fur than another opens our eyes to their widest stretch by a parliamentary mileage claim before which a free and liberal charge in the matter of saddlery, which was moreover in accordance with ancestral traditions, sinks into insignificance. It is true that it has been explained that the claim is a bond fide one, and that the Hon. Member desired to pair for the session, but the question then arises why not have resigned? as it contravens all fitness that a Nova Scotian constituency should be represented by a gentleman living in London. The serious point, however, more particularly in the former case, is the damage to, the honorable prestige of Imperial officers which holds out so strong a temptation to the contemners of everything British to shoot out the tongue.

As the unfettered career of the Emperor William progresses developments occur from time to time which seem to lend confirmation to the hope that he is really actuated by some degree of solid liberalism. An Imperial edict has just been published regarding the army in which justice and common sense are conspicuous. The reservo infantry officers' system hitherto pursued, which provides that "officers must come from the ranks of the nobility" is to be extended to include these nobie by character, in order that the sons of honorable middle-class families may hold appointments in the army, and the same rule is to apply to the Civil Service. The Emperor further disapproves the holding of commissions being dependent on the private income of aspirants, and has decreed an increase of pay to all branches with a view to obviate this evil. He enjoins commanders to set an example of self-sacrofice to officers in the way of checking indulgence in luxuries, expensive entertainments and such like sources of expense. H-bits of luxury are to be seriously opposed. Regulations looking to the suppression of duelling in the army have also been usued. The new decrees have created a profound impression.

When Professor Tyndall confines himself to questions of abstract knowledge the scope of his brilliant mind and the graceful lucidity of his style compel the universal -duiration of cultured intelligence. It is to be regretted that the concrete of politics has a deteriorating effect, and has induced him to write to Mr. Gladstone a letter which seems to have justified the terms "vulgar and abusive" "pplied to it by the Montreal Witness, which goes on to say: "after reading this letter one can understand what it is in the Saxon which the Irish Celt hates" The letter is appropos of Mr. Gladstone's change of opinion on Irish matters from that which he held forty years ago, a point which certainly calls for no objurgation. the conclusions arrived at by the veteran statesman were hasty is another question, and one which, if answered in the affirmative, would not constitute an offence justifying the relentless execration poured on Mr. Gladstone's head a year or two ago in what is called "the best society". The virulence of this vituperation is difficult yet perhaps not wholly destitute of some shadow of excuse. It must be remembered that to a majority of Britons the precipitation with which Mr. Gladstone rushed on his new departure, and the ciudeness of the schemes he advanced, presented his policy in the light of a most formidable attack on the unity of the Empire, a consideration well calculated to alarm and exasperate al! Englishmen, combined as it was with every expression of the dendliest hatred on the part of a majority of Irishmen, and it cannot but be deemed providential that the secession of so large a body of Mr. Gladstone's fermer followers compelled a delay, out of which by natural processes the lapse of time has evolved a better state of feeling and more moderate counsels on either side.

The pupils of the Bridgetown School deserve every credit, not only for having taken into consideration the propriety of obtaining a national flag to fly over their school house, but for having at once carried out their project with fitting energy an despatch. In a short time they raised the necessary funds, purchased a Dominion ensign 15x7½ feet, cut and dressed a suitable pole and duly hoisted the flag, on which suggestive lessons will be given. We hope other schools throughout the Province will promptly follow this good example.

The renewal of the Modus Vivendi for the ensuing fishing season will be received with general satisfaction. It leaves the door still open for amicable arrangement, and furnishes evidence that while Canada is determined to maintain her treaty rights she will do so in no unreasonable spirit. On the other hand the fact that the fishing vessels of the United States thus make payment for the privileges conferred by our licenses is a plain recognition of our rights, much the same as payment of rent would be in a case of private property. It is also a testimony as to the value of the privileges we are able to confer.

An evening contemporary "would like to say that those who sneer at the repeal sen iment in Nova Scotia are likely to stir up a rather able customer. There are more repealers in this Province to-day than there are of the opposite persuasion, the only question being as to how the idea can be accomplished." Does not our contemporary go a little out of its way to enunciate this sentiment? Without sneering it may be allowable to say that the sentiment is one eminently distasteful and objectionable to a section of Nova Scotians who may or may not constitute a majority, but who, if they do not, are yet a very considerable body. And supposing the "able customer" is stirred up it may also be fairly asked, "What is he going to do about it?" while the question as to the accomplishment of the idea is one likely to tax all the ability he may possess. We do not cease to regret "Lat Confederation was not more fully and fairly submitted to our people than it was, but it strikes us also that our far from unesteemed contemporary does not take sufficiently into account the effects of lapse of time, which moderates men's views, and the fact that the generation which was so strenuously opposed to the building up of a great nation is passing somewhat into the sere and yellow leaf, while loyalty to the Dominion is to day a spirit animating all our great educational institutions.

It has been frequently laid down that of all departments of the public service that of the Militia should be most especially kept entirely free from political intermeddling. Yet we know for a fact that politicians who do not care a rush about the Militia are not above using it where they can in furtherance of their small and local political ends and do not scruple to cause embarrassment to the Minister and hindrance to conscientious Staff Officers in the carrying out of their not always easy or pleasant duties. There is a case in point now pending. A Deputy-Adjutant-General found it absolutely necessary to the efficiency of a battalion to recommend the resignation of a commanding officer physically and otherwise incompetent. Forthwith the political wires are pulled and the Minister is harried by four or five members of Parliament who, knowing nothing whatever of the soundness of the Staff Officer's course, are bound if they can to bolster up the incompetent officer. These men of course look to nothing but votes, and so hot do they make it for the Minister that it is known the Staff Officer will receive no decision on the case till the prorogation of Parliament relieves the Minister from the immediate and daily pressure. Some people are malicious enough to maintain that the Government prefer at heart Staff Officers who give no trouble by insisting on doing their duty. If this be so it is to be feared their uneasiness will be permanent, as we believe there is not now a single Deputy-Adjutant General in the service who would consent to compromise his duty, which, it is also said, is the reason that two or three of them are by no means beloved at Head Quarters.

The St. John Evening Gasette, in an article on raising our own pork, says there is a sort of tradition among the lumbermen that the only kind of pork fit for the lumber woods is the corn fed pork of the west, which can be produced more cheaply than corn-fed pork can be produced in Canada. A New Brunswick farmer, the Gazette continues, can take a young pig of good breed and feeding it on potatoes with a slight addition of grain or meal can bring it up to a dressed weight of 200 to 250 lbs. at the end of six or seven months. Pork of this description is, we should unhesitatingly say, purer and more wholesome food than the pork of the Western States. The hardworking farmer feeds his samily on it, and why should not the lumberer feed himself on it also. There is scarcely a country in the world where potatoes can be grown more cheaply than it the Maritime Provinces. "It nas always," the Garette goes on to say, "been a subject of complaint that in consequence of the high duty on potatoes in the United States, 15 cents a bushel, they could not be produced with profit for expu. except in years when the potato crop in the United States failed. But if our farmers have such protection for their pork as will keep out the corn fed pork of the west, and if the pork they produce is fit for the lumber woods, the new tariff will give them a chance of finding a home market for their cheaply raised potatoes by converting them into pork. Last year there were imported into Canada 15.207,172 lbs. of pork, which was entered at a value of 8½ cents per pound, and which paid I cent per lb. of duty. This quality of pork would be the product of about 60,000 good average hogs, a number which the farmers of the Maritime Provinces alone could readily supply in addition to their present product. The new tariff ought to be the means of solving the question." There seems indeed to be no valid reason why our farmers should not, aided by the lumberers, take this source of profit into their own hands.

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

PUSSY WILLOWS.

Pretty pusy willows, Growing in the hedges, Smoothing with thy fairy wands Naturo's ragged edges.

Lighting up the bushes With thy touch of silver Thou art generous unto all, Cheerful little giver.

While upon the pastures Snow-weaths yet are lying, And beneath their cold, white shroud Earth's fair things seem dying.

Pretty pussy willows Smile as if 'twere duty, Is it marvel that we love Spring's first gift of beauty?

Happy youthful memories With thy touch awaken, Blossoms of the heart unfold, Like thy buds wind-shaken.

Pat on the Middleton scandal.—" Phwat ilso can yes exspict if yes will appint fur-rin officers?"

Work Both Ways.—"You say you are in love with your chum's sister?" "Yes." "Well, my dear boy, you have something to learn yet. I never knew a girl to marry her brother's friend or her friend's brother. They know too much."

Young Dublin Physician (inspecting citizen on the floor of the police station)—"This man's condition is not due to drink. He has been drugged." Officer M'Ginnis "You're right. I drug him all the way from a publichouse in South Circular-road."

In The Hub.—Hub Mother (shouting down stairs)—Minerva, are you coming to bed? Hub Daughter—Let me have another half-hour with Robert, ma. H. M.—Another half-hour with Robert. Good gracious! have you a man in the house? H. D.—The idea! I'm reading Browning.

He Took Her Advice.—"Now, Charley," said young Mrs. Tocker, "you know your health is delicate and you must be careful about what you eat. As long as you can't get your oatmeal or cracked wheat while you're down town, you might as well try some of the old rye that I see advertised in the store windows."

An officer in the Austrian army must walk a straight line if he desires to keep out of trouble. A few days ago a lieutenant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Cilly for fighting a duel. His advocate explained that if his client had refus d to fight the duel for which he was punished he would be compelled by military law to leave the army.

THE AGE OF WISDOM COMETH.

Phyllis, young and sentimental,
Long before Dame Fashion knew her,
Yowed, in accents soft and gentle.
None saved Cupid e'er should woo her,
But, when love his story told,
Phyllis very gently shook him:
And when another wooed with gold
Phyllis took him.

The greatest known depth of the sea is in the South Atlantic Ocean, midway between the Island of Tristan d'Acunha and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. The bottom was there reached at a depth of 40,236 feet, or eight and three quarter miles, exceeding by more than 17,000 feet the height of Mount Everest, the loftiest mountain in the world. In the North Atlantic Ocean, south of Newfoundland, soundings have been made to a depth of 4,580 fathoms, or 27,480 feet, while depths equaling 34,000 feet, or six and a half miles, are reported south of the Bermuda Islands. The average depth of the Pacific Ocean between Japan and California is a little over 2,000 fathoms; between Chili and the Sandwich Islands, 2,500 fathoms; and between Chili and New Zealand, 1,500 fathoms. The average depth of all the oceans is from 2,000 to 2,500 fathoms.

The talk in a religious publication about the propriety of altering orthodox hymns reminds a correspondent of a chorister who once requested him to make a little change in a hymn to adapt it to modern instrumental music. He would have the lines

Oh, may my heart in tune be found Like David's harp of solemn sound,

Oh, may my heart be tuned within Like David's sacred violin.

"Very good," raplied the parson, "but I think your version may be improved thus:

"Oh, let my heart go diddle, diddle, Like good King David's sacred fiddle."

CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Castrib, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering. I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Norse, 820 Powers' Block, Bockester, N. Y.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser

T. C Shreve, Q C., was on the 10th inst. elected Mayor of Digby by acclamation.

Mr. John A. Woodworth has become editor and proprietor of the Windsor Tribune.

Dathousie College convocation will take place at the Academy of Music on Monday, April 28th.

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Charles E. Tanner, Alex. Grant and Wm. Cameron have been nominated
as Liberal-Conservative candidates for Picton.

The workmen in Messrs Harris & Co.'s foundry, St John, have organized a society to be known as the Car-Builder's Union.

The Halifax and Dartmouth Ferry Company have reduced their passenger fore to two cents at d put the Darmouth on the service.

Rev. Mr. Laing has resigned the pastorate of St. Matthew's Church in this city He will devote his time to the welfare of the Lidies' College.

Mr. Daniel LeBlanc, of Belliveau's Cove, has been nominated as a colleague of M. G. Munro as Liberal-Conservative candidate for Digby County.

Frank A. Robbins' Mammoth C reus with their own train of 16 coaches and cars are negotiating with the N. S. Central Railway to go over the line in June.

James A. Fraser and A J. O. Maguire have been unanimously nominated as Government candidates in Guysboro County in the ensuing local elections.

The rock falling epidemic has spread to Levis, several large boulders having fallen from the cliff during the past few days, endangering the lives of passers by.

The Local Legislature was protogued on Tuesday afternoon—we were going to say "with the usual ceremonies," but in point of fact the prorogation was but a back-door affair.

A Port Hawkesbury despatch says that the strait was so full of ice on the 16th that the Goliah could not cross, and was carried down to Bear Island. The Cape Breton mails were delayed.

Private Simpson, 10th Royals, Toronto, having been disqualified for not having put in his annual drill, he is therefore not able to take his place on the Wimbledon team. Capt. Bishop 63rd., Halifax, takes his place.

It is stated that it is at Quebec that the grand reception to the Duke of Connaught will take place, the Citadel being the only place large enough to receive the Duke and his suite at d the Governor General and his suite.

It was r mored in some quarters during the week that Sir John Thompson had recommended the appointment of Hon Angus McGillivray as judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. This is denied by liberal conservative papers.

Another disabled steamship, the Mark Lane, bound from New Orleans to Belfast, Ireland, was towed into Halitax harbor on Wednesday by the steamer Crete. The courts will probably decide what salvage the Crete is to bave.

Messrs. Fielding, Power and Roche were unanimously nominated on Tuesday as Government candidates for Halifax County in the coming election. Messrs. Hemeon and Richard Hunt have been nominated for Queens County.

Mr. Israel Longworth, of Truro, has been selected as the colleague of W A. Patterson to contest Colchester County in the Liberal-Conservative interest intead of Col. Blair, who was compelled from purely personal reasons to decline the nomination.

Photography has recently disprove the theories of the old school metoorologists who maintained that lightning never turned back in its path. An examination of lightning photography shows that a flash not only turns back sometimes, but tangles itself into a kind of knot.

Mr. J. McD. Cromar, agent of the People's Bank, of Halifax, at Edmunston, N. B., has decamped with the funds of the bank. Cromar was formerly a clerk of the Halifax Banking Company and is well known in Halifax. Detective Power is after him in the interest of the London Guarantee Company.

At the time of going to press the committee enquiring into the "boodle" charges against Premier Blair, of New Brunswick, has not reported. It seems clear that Mr Leary, of New York, had contributed a considerable amount of money towards the N. B election funds, in order to further his dry dock scheme, but it is not shown that Mr Blair personally received any of it.

A St. John despatch says that Messrs. Winter, Morine and Scott have been appointed delegates to Great Britain, re French fisheries trouble Messrs. Green, Q. C., Morrison (barrister) and Bowers, editor of the Colonist, have been appointed delegates to Canada. The latter leave next week; the former in May. The Government will also send delegates to England.

Prof. C. H. Porter has resigned his position of organist of St. Matthew's Church. The resignation is not to take effect for some time, but whether soon or late, the severance of his connection will be deeply regretted by all the members of the congregation. It will be difficult to find anyone who will be able to give such universal satisfaction as Mr. Porter has given in this position.

We are in receipt of the useful and entertaining Gripeack for April. With regard to the excellent map it contains we would suggest a correct and stronger definition of the State of Maine boundary line, and an indication of the course of the proposed line from Edmunston to Moneton.

The schooner W. D. Richards, of Latlave, capsized off Portuguese Cove on Tuesday evening, with all her sails set. The crew were rescued by the schooner Joseph McGill, and the Richards was taken in tow by the steamer Bridgewater, which however had to abandon her owing to the gale which was blowing. The Bridgewater went out early on Thursday to look after the schooner again.

A few days since citizens were astonished at the unwonted apparition of corporation workmen cleaning up the streets—certainly not before a little cleaning was due. Water Street, and Hollis Street too, have been long in need of a thorough brushing up. By the way, many business men think it quite time that the street car service at certain hours of the day should be resumed in Hollis Street.

Says the Windsor Tribune:—" On Monday last, two cows—owned by Mr. Wm. Caudle and Mr E. Kilcup respectively—fighting in front of King's College, locked horns, and in their efforts to separate, the neck of Mr. Caudle's cow was broken. So closely interlocked were the horns of the cattle that the horns of the live cow had to be sawed in two places before a separation could be effected."

On Thursday of last week the sad news was circulated through the city that Mrs. Boileau, daughter of Lt. Col. C. J. Stewart, was dead. It is not a year since the deceased lady was married to Captain Boileau, and on Monday afternoon her mortal remains were laid to rest in the military cemetery. The greatest sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband and parents. Mrs. Boileau leaves a baby only a fortnight old.

The North Pole may at length be reached, and all on account of a pair of trousers—oilskin ones—which were on board the ill fated Jeanette. The garment is said to have been found on the coast of Greenland, showing that on their journey from the Pacific to the Atlantic the breeches must have passed the Pole, carried that way by a current. Dr. Nansen, who discovered this fact, thinks that it is possible to make the same route.

The Dominion Illustrated continues to maintain in every respect its high character. It may be repeated that a subscription to the Dominion Illustrated carries a policy of Insurance in the "Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company" for \$500 to the legal representative of any person killed or fatally injured and dying within 30 days of the accident, provided such person was at the time the holder of a Dominion Illustrated coupon, which is printed on the cover, and has to be signed weekly by those wishing to benefit by the arrangement.

Mr. J. Rippon, the representa ive of the Halifax and Bermuda Cablo Company, has been in Halifax making arrangements toward giving cable communication between Halifax and Bormuda. The steamer Westmeath is now being fitted up by the contractors with the necessary tanks for coiling the cable and the mochinery required for laying purposes. A competent staff of engineers and electricians are watching the interests of the Company, and they will be with the expedition until the completion of the laying. It is expected that this steamer will leave the Thames about the first week in May, and she should arrive at Halifax about twelve days later. It is hoped that before the end of June the link will have been made.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging a copy of an extremely well got up manual of "Physical Drill for public Schools," by Sergeant-Mijor D. Bailey. Military Gymnastic Instructor, with a preface by Mr. A. McKay, the Supervisor of City Schools. Both this gentleman and other eminent scholastic authorities unite in according to Sergeant-Major Bailey's work the highest testimony to its value. "The Drill"—to use the words of Mr. Sumichrast, whose opinion is echoed by other competent judges—"is temarkably well laid out and graded, and the directions are so plain that every teacher of ordinary intelligence can soon master the system. The importance of physical drill can scarcely be over-estimated, and this manual will do much to popularize it." Sergeant Major Bailey's efficiency is well known, and his removal to England is matter of regret to the educational institutions of Halifax.

It is announced that President Harrison will stand for a second term.

Clinch bugs and lady bugs are causing great destruction to the crops in Texas.

It is proposed to erect a monument in memory of the late Dr. Cronin, murdered in Chicago.

Land in the financial section of Broadway, New York, recently sold at the rate of \$7,000,000 per acre.

Panama advises report that the severest earthquake for years occurred recently, the shock lasting five minutes.

The United States Committee on Ways and Means have placed hides and sugar on the free list, thus reducing the revenue \$61,000.

The spotted fever has broken out in Union County, Kentucky, and the wildest excitement prevails. Over a score of children have been fatally attacked.

One of the prisoners at the penitentiary in Albany, N. Y., whose sentence expired April 6, has asked permission to remain for a year and care for the flower beds.

A Detroit despatch says the English syndicate which bought four large breweries in that city last year have sold out at a considerable loss. The business, it is said, did not prosper owing to aversion to drinking British beer.

Annie H. Gould of Auburn, New York, a noted young society woman and graduate of Well's College, has run away and married George L. Winters, her coachman.

The U. S. House Committee on pensions has ordered a favorable report of the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Dolia S. Parnell, daughter of the late Admiral Charles Stewart, and mother of Charles Stewart Parnell. The amount is \$50.

The new White Star liner, Majestic, 10,000 tons, sister-ship to the Toutonic arrived in New York on the 10th inst. on her maiden trip. She was six day's and eighteen hours from Liverpool. What the splendid craft can do when her machinery runs smoothly remains to be seen.

Grand Duke Sergius, brother of the Czar, replaces Prince Dolgoroukoff as Governor of Moscow.

It is said the Emperor William has asked the Czar for permission to make a tour through Russia.

Messengers at Omdurraman declare that the Madhi has vanished, and that famine is raging throughout the Soudan.

Sir Provo Wallis entered the hundredth year of his life a few days ago He was, as is pretty well known, bern in Nova Scotia.

Advices from Mozambique are that Portugal has despatched an armed force up the Shire River with the intention of attacking Mpanda. expedition is supplied with artillery.

A luminous projectile to be fired from a gun is the idea of a Russian officer. He claims great usefulness for it in discovering the movements of hostile vessels in a naval contest at night.

Emperor William's riding horse is shod with a new shoe. It is in two parts, and has on its lower surface a rubber-like composition, the object of which is to prevent the horse from slipping.

A pair of bantam chickens were sold at the London Crystal Palace for \$500, which was almost exactly twice their weight in gold. This is believed to be the highest price ever paid for a single pair of fowls since the days of extravagant and luxurious Rome.

Queen Victoria is very careful of her diet at Aix-les-Buins. ner consists of clear soup, rare beef, chicken salad and claret. She is not allowed to eat vegetables or drink champagne or beer. She takes tea and toast for breakfast and a chop and stale bread for luncheon.

The cause of the accident to the City of Paris has been discovered.

The steamer was in the dry dock at Birkenhead, and the water gradually run off. As she was raised the blade of the propeller dropped off, showing the shaft broken close to the blade of the propeller. The sudden relapse of the strain thus occasioned caused the collapse of the starboard

engine.
The arrival of the Carlist leader, the Marquis Curalbo, at Valencia, was made the occasion of an anti Cartist demenstration. The mob did much damage to the hotel where the Marqu's was, and invaded the Carlist club and set fire to the furniture. The troops charged and dispersed the mob, and many were wounded. The military authorities have taken possession

Extensive floods have done great damage in New South Wales and Queens land. A large part of Brisbane was ioundated, wharves submerged and railway traffic stopped. Hundreds of families are homeless and many fatalit.es are reported. Many losses of life and great destruction of property are reported. At last accounts the floods were subsiding and communication between the different points was being restored.

The Freeman's Journal says .- "LeCaron, who became notorious bacause of the testimony given by him for the Times before the Parnell Commission, is living in a suburb of London. He has grown a grey beard and moustache, which has so completely charged his appearance that his most intimate friends could not recognize him. The Journal says he has been promised a further Government engagement in Australia."

It seems to be decided that the Duke of Cambridge will shortly relinquish the position of Commander-in-Chief of the British Army. It is stated that Queen Victoria will not exercise the prerogative of appointing her son by patent, and that the Duke of Connaught will be mide General Commanding in-Chief for a term of five years, with provisions in a royal warrant which may be held to give that term a definite character.

Preparations are being made to render the opening of the exposition of local industries at Rome next month a very notable affur. There will be a national rifle contest and a race, open to the horses of all countries, at which the grand prize of Rome, amounting to 100,000 francs, will be open to contest for the first time. In connection with the opening steps are being taken to arrange for a series of feles which promise to be of great interest.

CITY CHIMES.

The fourth subscription concert of the Orpheus Club took place in Orpheus Hall on Thursday evening of last week. There was as usual a large and brilliant audience present. The programme comprised twelve numbers, five of which were by the Club with Ladies' Auxiliary. No. 1, "Hymn of the Apostles," from Gounod's Redemption, was fairly good, but the teners were rether too programmed. No. 4 "Though Unfield Veneral Research and the teners were rether too programmed. but the tenors were rather too pronounced. No. 4, "Unfold, Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting," also from the Redemption, was better than the first chorus, and was sung with much spirit. No. 7, "The Flight of the Holy Family," by Bruch, was the best chorus of the well Indian with grant the best chorus of the well Indian with grant the best chorus of the well Indian with grant with the second of the well Indian with grant with gran beauty of expression. No. 9, air and chorus, "Inflammatus eat," (Staba Mater,) by Miss Laine and Orpheus Club with Ladies' Auxiliary, was

heautifully rendered, the Club and Ladies' Auxiliary singing with more harmony than in their first numbers No. 12, "The Feast of Adonis, was by no means new to Orphous concert guers, but was not less appreciated on that account. Miss Line and Mr. Gillis took the solo parts, the latter was not in very good voice and appeared to be suffering from a cold. The chief interest of the evening was centered in the appearance of H-rr Ernst Doering, the new violencellist, and his wife. They were greeted with a storm of applause when they made their first bows to a Halifax audience. Great things were of course expected, and the audience was not disappointed. It did not take long to decide that Harr Doesing is a master of his metrument, and that Frau Marianna Doering Brauer is a perfect accompanist. At the conclusion of his solo, "Funtasie Variationen," by Servais, Herr Diering received a rapturous encore, to which, however, he only responded with bows. Herr Doering's second number, "Berceuse," by Ernst Doering, and "Spinning Song," by P Popper, was even more delightful than his first solo, his sweet-voiced c the fairly entrancing his hearers. The audience were more fortunate on this occasion in obtaining a response to their vociferous applause. Frau Marianas Doesing Braner's piano solos, "Impromptu," by Schubert, and "Regolitto-Fentasie," by Liezt, were beautifully rendered, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. From Doering's greatest strength is, however, as an accompanis, her work in this line leaving nothing to be desired. Miss Laius sang her number, "Lo1 the Hoav'n Descended Propher," perfectly, and received an encore to which she responded with "Home Sweet Home." Mrs George Campbell's rendition of "Kathleen Mayourners" delighted her audience, and "Binnie Prince Charlie," brought down the house—to use a hackneyet phrase. She gave in response to an encore to the latter, "Whistle an' I'll Come to Ye, My Lid," which, in the opinion of minv in the hall, was the gem of the evening. Mr J B Currie sang "Ecce Home" magnificently, securing an encore to which he did not respond. The concert was a great success so far as the solos were concerned, but the choruses were not up to the usual high standard of the Club. A few of the lady singers were absent owing to the sad death of Mrs. Boileau, and many who are usually to be seen in the audience were also absent on this account.

The Orpheus Club intend giving a season of opera about the middle of next month. "The Ductor of Accentara" and "Trial by Jury" will be given on Tuesday and Wadnesday, May 13th and 14 h, and "The Bahemian Girl" on Friday and Saturday, May 16th and 17th. The principal parts will be taken by Miss Laine, Mrs. Hagarty and Mrs. Taylor; and Messrs. Gillis, McDonald, King Poley, Curry, Boak and Norman. Mr. A. D. Johnston will be stage manager, and the orchestra will be comprised of members of the Hayden Club. including Mr Klingenfeld and Mr. Duering, Mr. Payne, accompanist, and Mr. C. H. Porter, conductor. The proceeds of the performances are to be devoted to the fund for seating the hall.

After the Orpheus Club practice on Wednesday of last week Dr. Slayter was made the receipient of a handsome crayon portrait of himself, the gift of the Club, in recognition of his great interest in and efforts for the success of the Club. Dr. Slayter was much pleased, and in thanking the donors expressed his intention of continuing the interest which he had slways taken in the Club.

The officers of the Helifax Provisional B tralian, which went to the Northwest in 1885, held their tifth about diener it the Queen Hotel on Thursday of last week. A very p casant evening was spent.

The next (5 h) subscription concert of the Orpheus Club will take place on Tuesday, April 29th, and the sixth and last, it is expected, will be given early in June.

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And winds of winter blow,
It blooms amid the snow.

It blooms beneath the forest trees,
And on the mountain side,
And where the mighty river rolls
In all its strength and pride.
It grows around my cottage home,
And where the willows wave:
It grows around the house of God,
And on my darling a grave.
Though flowers more fair and blossoms rare
In summer lands may grow.
Yet give to me the flower I love
That blooms amid the snow.
With arges iou our flowers raise

With eager joy our fingers seizo
The hardy little flower,
That does not dread the piercing cold,
Nor winter's wildest hour.
Each opening bud becomes the pledge
And prophecy of spring.
And tells us that the world amound
Will soon be blossoming.
Adown the hills a thousand rills
In rippling music flow,
And gladsome voices bless the flower
That blooms amid the snow.
Rev.

REV. J. CLARK, NICTAUX.

[FOR THE CRITIC.] JOTTINGS FROM OTTAWA.

Mr. Taylor, the member for South Leeds, who recently introduced a bill in the Commons for the prohibition of foreign labor in Canada, is still pounding away at the subject before the Committee which was appointed to enquire into the expediency of his bill, and whereof he is the chairman. He has been both loud and frequent in his protestations to the House that we could get along very well without the importation of skilled artisans from the United States or elsewhere, and has advocated the adoption of his retaliation bill as a just and becoming protection to our own mechanics who have been excluded by similar legislation from employment in the United States. In view of Mr. Taylor's pronounced attitude on the question, those who were present at the Committee's session on Wednesday morning were highly amused when one of the witnesses summoned by Mr. Taylor disclosedthe fact that no less than four skilled American workmen were now em ployed in the carriage factory operated by that gentleman at Gananoque.

Verily, it would appear that the consistency and good repute of our legislators are suffering some rude shocks this session! Judging from the present outlook the demand for political whitewash will be a brisk one at the ensuing Dominion elections, if, indeed, any be left after Mr. Mercier's huge contracts in that line are executed during the Provincial elections in "Curios simulant et Bacchanalia vivunt!" (N. B.—This is not from "dear old" Horace, but from that rancous old lawyer D. J. Juvenalis,

who made hypocrisy dizzy in the reign of Domitian.) It is not at all likely that Mr. Taylor's bill will ever become !ow, for Canadians are too urbane and too liberal in their views of international comity to follow the boorish and discreditable example set them by their cousins across the border. It would indeed be too bad if Canada should revert to the insular prejudices and crude notions of the ethical import of competition between foreign and native skilled artizans that characterized medieval England when her parliament passed 1 Richard III. c. 9, to the end that, "no person not born under the King's Obeysance, shall exercise or occupy any handicraft, or the occupation of any handicraftsman, in this realm of England, and that all such persons which shall come into this realm, and every of them shall depart into their own country again, or else be servants to such of the King's Subjects only as be expert and cunning in such Feats, Arts and Crafts." One of the chief reasons for this inhibition being stated in the preamble to the enactment as follows:—" These Persons will in no wise suffer or take any of the King's Subjects to work with them, whereby the King's said subjects for lack of Occupation fall into Idleness, and be Thieves, Beggars, Vagabonds, and People of vicious Liv-

ing, to the great Perturbance both of the King and of all his Realm."

I have more confidence in the moral back-bone of Canadian workmen than to fear so desolating a result in their competition with alien votaries of their crafts as that pictured by the liege subjects of Richard III. in the halcyou days of the past. We have experienced no difficulty in this regard hitherto in the history of the Dominion, and there is no ground for apprehension in the minds of our native workmen for the future. The keener the skilled competition in the useful arts, the better results are obtained for the consumer. Then let us have all the competition we can get from the four quarters of the globe! All these petty restrictions in the trades against foreigners were swept away in England shortly after the Restoration. We should not revive them. It is a criminal thing to re-enact the mistakes of

our forefathers. Bill Nya has collared solid distinction at last, and has roseate chances for a front seat in the temple of fame. In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Gillmor, (Charlotte, N. B.,) quoted from a published letter of that pensive humorist to show how heavily mortgaged farmers in the Western United States are. The force of Mr. Nye's remarks appealed so strongly to

the house that sympathetic tears coursed down the countenances of the assembled legislators and fell with spasmodic plunks into the ink-bottles on the desks. It was too much of an excitant for those emotional sours, and when the speaker arose from the depths of his chair to avoid an attack of asphyxis, the whole chamber gladly accepted this as a signal for adjournment and rushed violently down a steam plane to drown their particle in the and rushed violently down a steep plane to drown their perturbation in the soothing waters that flow during the legislative season in the cavernous depths of the Commons' basement. Mr. Nye, having found his metier in furnishing statistics for the Canadian Parliament, should now abandon the profitless and dreary field of newspaper humor.

Nova Scotia readers of THE CRITIC are, of course, familiar with the very wide distinction their fellow-countryman, Dr. J. G. Bourinot C. M. G., clerk of the House of Commons, has for some time enjoyed as a commentator upon constitutional and parlamentary questions on this side of the Atlantic, and they will be pleased to know that he is now winning favorable recognition from the august tribunal of English reviewers. It is rare that any author, certainly any Colonial author, secures the commendation of so influential and conservative a journal as The Law Quarterly Review unless his work merits it in a high degree. Yet the January number of that periodical, in reviewing together Professor Munro's "Constitution of Canada" and Dr. Bourinot's four lectures on "Federal Government in Canada" which form part of the seventh series of the John Hopkins University Studies in

Historical and Political Science, speaks in the following terms
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Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison desire us to correct an error in our last week's notice of their large establishment—that their gentlen a. s furnishing department includes tailoring. They, however, import every description of clothes and trimmings for tailors, and supply very many houses in the Lower Provinces. We may further mention that Messrs M, R. & A. have, in addition to their straw hat manufactory, a shirt and under wear factory from which they turn outevery description of men's shirts and women's underclothing; also a woollen mill for the manufacture of Blanketing, Camp-spreads, Horse-clothing, Flannels and Yarns.

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At the sixth annual meeting of the Maritime Stove Foundry Association, lately held in Halifax, a general re-adjustment of prices was mide, and it was resolved to make an advance in prices of stoves of from 5 to 10 per cent.

The foreman and a number of men have arrived and work on the Poet Office is already begun. There is every prospect that the building may be finished early in the autumn.—Annapolis Spectator.

Over 200 head of cattle passed through by rail on Sunday en rou'e for Halifax, where they are to be shipped to England. A large number also passed through on Saturday night.—Amherst Weekly Press.

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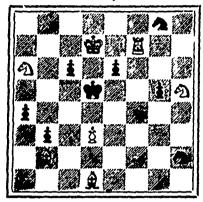
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CHESS.

Solution to Problem No. 14, Q to 4. Solved by C. W. L. and J. W Wallace.

Correct solution to No. 12 omitted. J. W. Wallace.

> PROBLEM No. 16. Hampshire Magazine. BLACK 8 pieces.



Weitz 7 pieces. White to play and mate in 2 moves

GAME No. 17.

Played in the Breslau tournament. VIENNA OPENING.

AA WILL	DLAUK
Mr. J. Mieses.	Mr. E. Fritz.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to QB3	Kt to QB3
3 P to KKt3	B to B4
4 B to K12	P to QR3
	This is consid
ered necessary to p	prevent the exchang-
ing of the Bishop	for the Kt.
5 KKt to K2	P to Q3
6 P to Q3	KKt to K2
7 Kt to Q5	Kt takes Kt
	Kt to K2
	P takes P
10 Kt takes P	Kt to B4
ll Kt to K2	Q to B3
12 Castles	B to Q4
13 Kt to QB3	Castles Q R
1 A D L A	AD 4 72

QR to K 14 B to Q2 It would have been better to bring the other Rook into play.

15 Kt to K4 Q to Kt3 P takes Kt 16 Kt takes B 17 P to QK14 B to K14 18 Ptikes P It looks as if the attack grined was worth the loss of the exchange.

B takes R

19 Q takes B 20 P to B6 Kt to Q5 P to QKt4 21 P to QR4 Q takes BP Kt to Ki6 23 B to K3 23 R to Q Q to B5 Q takes RP P takes P 24 Q to K 25 P to Q6 26 R takes P R to Q B to R3 ch K to B2 28 B to KB41 R takes R 29 Q to K7 ch K to K13 30 B tikes R B to R8 ch 31 B to KB K takes P 32 B to K5 33 Q to B7 ch 34 Q to Q6 ch 35 P to B3 ch Q to B8 K to Q4 K to K5 K to B4 36 P to K14 ch K to Kt4

White here overlooked a mate in five moves us follows: 37 P to R4 ch, 37 K takes P; 38 B to Kt3 ch, 38 K to Kt4; 36 Q to K5 ch, and mates in two moves.

37 B to B4 ch Q taken B K takes P 38 P to R4 ch 39 Q takes Q R to QB 40 White mates in five moves.

GANE No. 18.

The " brevity and brilliancy prize, at the United States Chess Association tournament was awarded to Mr. C. O. Jackson for the following peculiar little game, played in the "free for all"

}	GRECO OR PHI	lidor's Gambit.
	White	BLACK
1	P to K4	P to K4
2	P to KB4	P takes P
		P to KKt4
4	B to B4	P to Q3 a
5	P to Q4 b	B to Kt5
6	Castles	Kt to KB3
	B takes P ch c	
	Kt takes P ch	K to K13
9	Q to Q3	K tukes Kt d
10	R takes P	K to R4
11	P to KR3	B to R3 e
	P takes B ch	
13	Q to KR3 ch	Q to R5
	White forces	mete in five mor

a B to Kt2 is more to our liking; the move made gives White time to improve his strack P to KR3 is also s good and safe defence.

NOTES.

b P to KR4 is considered the best form of attack after Black's last move. c White is apparently bent on making things livel.

d "A snapper up of unconsidered uifles"

e We prefer moving the Rook.

PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

DOMINION.—The House of Commons has had several late sittings over the tariff changes but, taking all things into consideration, the amount of busine s transacted has been fairly good. The increase of ten per cent. in duty upon cattle and sheep started a lively debate, in which the policy of the Government in protecting farm produce was severely condumned by the opposition, upon the ground that the duty was needless and worthless. The authorities at Washington have determined to enact legislation cutting off the bonding privileges for Canadian railways passing from Canada through the United States and into Canada. This will seriously handicap the C. P. Railway, as the company's short line passes through the northern part of the State of Maine. While being unreasonable about the bonding privilege, the American Government is apparently taking a more commonsense view of the Behring Sea difficulties, and it is now proposed that the Governments of the United States and Canada enter into an agreement to observe a close season in the Behring Sea during the summer months. this arrangement is carried out, further friction upon this score will be obvisted. The Minister of Justice has introduced an act enabling Stipendiary Magistrates of the different municipalities of Nova Scotia to have juvenile offenders sent to the Protestant Industrial School or St. Patrick's Home in Halifax. These reformatories have been doing a good work for the youth of Halifax, and it is now proposed to extend their unefulness by opening their do is to young offer dera in other parts of the Province. These offenders have heretofore been lodged in the county julis, where they are liable to contamination by close association with older and more hardened

PROVINCIAL.—The closing days of the session have been crowded with work, and the legislators have had their time taxed to an almost unlimited extent. During these days new legislation stands a poor chance of consideration, and hence we were not surprised to find that the voluminous liquor license bill for the City of Halifax was laid over until next year. The missing electoral lists for the County of Annapolis have been recovered, and legislation to enable new lists to be made is fortunately now unnecessary. So far as we can learn the lists were stolen from the Sheriff's room by a brother who is suffering from mental derangement, but it is to be regretted that the Government did not make an official eaquiry into this matter and establish, beyond doubt, that the Sheriff was in no way responsible for the temporary loss of such important public documents. As the matter now stands some will believe the Sheriff to be guilty of a grave offence, and he is powerless to prove his innocence. After the first day of May, 1891, imprisonment for debt will be a thing of the past in this fair land of our's. Posterity, in looking back over the records of the day, will marvel that such a reform was accomplished at so late a date in the century. The Legislative Council were abolished by the House of Assembly towards the close of last week, a bill for that purpose having been unanimously passed through its several stages in the House of Assembly, but also I the Legislative Council wont abolish, and having taken their seats, they have determined to keep them until they are called to a higher sphere of action. The people and the people's representatives have emphatically endorsed the idea of a legislature comprising but one chamber, but thirteen out of seventeen of the members of the Legislative Council appear to think that the people are not taking the right view of this question, and they retain their seats contrary to public opinion and in violation of their solemn pledges. The estimates of the revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year were criticised by the members of the opposition, more particularly the items referring to the expenditure u, on the Province Building, the Victoric General Hospital and on printing. In all of these the expenditure his certainly been liberal, but as no case of gross extravagance was established, it is fair to assume that the expenditures .present needful and bons fide work.

PROBABLE REVENUE FOR 1890.

Subsidy	320,0 00 0	0
Allowance for Government and legislature	60,000 0	
Interest on Baring Bros.' deposit (1881) \$253,-		
066.66, at 5 per cent	12,653 3	3
Interest on debt account, \$803,402.52, et 5 per cent.	40,170 2	
interest on destruction described and bet dent.		\$43 2.823 60
Mines, royalties, etc	**********	100,000 00
Crown lands		. 18,500 00
Fees prov. secretary's office and marriage licenses		8,000 00
Royal Gazette		3.000 00
Private bills		2,500 00
Dontal auhaide W. C. Dailman	••••••	
Postal subsidy, W. C Railway	•••••	. 3,000 00
Postal subsidy, W. and A. R		14,500 00
Interest		7.500 00
Premium and accrued interest on debentures	********	

EXPENDITURE. CHARGEABLE TO REVENUE. Agriculture
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Legislative library
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The fourth session of the legislature was, on Tuesday, brought to a close by a speech from his Honor Lieut.-Governor McLelan. In his speech the Lieut.-Governor congratulated the Assembly upon the large volumn of business transacted, upon the establishment of night schools for adult miners, upon the abolition of imprisonment for debt and for the liberal provision for the maintenance of the public roads. The legislative battle has now closed, but the political strife will be carried forward vigorously for the

Interest on current account.....

Debenture interest.....

Medical college.....

Relief for fishermen.....

Miners' relief fund.....

Election expenses.....

next few weeks. Just what the result will be it is impossible to predict, but it is safe to state that many of the figures who have played an important part in the legislature just closed will not again be seen in their places. Such is political life, in which there is no more assurance of existence than there is in the life of the body.

COMMERCIAL.

The general features of trade since our last have undergone no change, and existing conditions are essentially unaltered. The uncertainty about values consequent upon the revision of the tariff is the question that stands most prominent, engaging all the attention of those particularly interested. All entries are now passed subject to amendment, and importers in consequence do not know yet exactly where they stand. But they are working together, so that for such branches as are effected business is quiet. These remarks apply more particularly to dry goods, some lines of chemicals and wines and liquors, all of which the revision has subjected to radical change in some particular or other, checking business in them to a sensible degree. Outside of this a quiet trade is moving, giving nothing particular to comment upon; but the volume is sufficient to show fair requirements on the part of consumers. The recent bad weather has slightly checked the country movement, but is looked upon as only temporary, as the indications point to a fully average demand.

It seems that the demand for ice from the United States is almost unlimited, large quantities being shipped from all points in Canada to all the great centres south of the border line. Prices have advanced considerably of late. Enquiries from leading points in the States for large quantities of clear block ice induce the fear that, owing to this increased foreign demand, the cost of ice for local consumption will be high. Ice is an article for which no substitute is possible, and it is probable that every ton will

be required before another crop can be harvested.

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Bradstreet's report of the week's failures : Week Prev. Weeks corresponding to
April 11. week

1890 1890 1889 1888 1887

United Strive...157 152 186 162 166
Canad ... 38 25 28 39 21 Failures for the year to date. 1890 3665 608 1889

DRY ODS.—A fair jobbing movement is in progress, although there has been no change in this branch of trade. The uncertainty about the effect of the recent changes in the duties acts at present as a bar to trade. The expectations, however, lean to a good, fair movement into consumers' hands this season. Importers speak of very strong markets for fall supplies, and show letters from their buyers in support of this. Just now travellers are soliciting sorting orders, but it is reported that they are not meeting with much success. Remittances have improved somewhat since the opening of this month. Although buyers have been holding off all round the advancon some lines is stated to have been fully equal to 50 per cent, and there is no talk of concession.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS .- This market continues rather quiet, and. outside of moderate, steady jobbing movement, there is nothing particular to note, the business is chiefly confined to small lots from stocks in store for immediate requirement. Advices from England state that the speculative branch of the market has improved since the Easter holidays. Scotch warrants have advanced Is. 6d., and Middlesborough 3s. 4½d., but this is believed to reflect the relation of "longs" to "shorts" rather than any change in the character of legitimate business. The very easy feeling on American pig, of course, tends to confirm this theory, as it proves that the visible and prospective supply on this side of the water will be fully equal to any probable demand. Therefore it is not at all probable that the recent rise in Great Britain will be maintained, despite the fact of the settlement effected by the coal miners in the Midland districts of England, by which they received an immediate rise in their wages of 5 per cent., and a promise of a further increase of 5 per cent. in August next, thus materially enhancing the cost of iron production. It is maintained by some that prices cannot go much lower. However, prices will depend chiefly upon the actual supply which is bound eventually to regulate the market. Should it transpire that there is a surplus of iran, values cannot, of course, be expected to improve, while if they are really short of requirements prices must necessarily go higher. Supply and demand are bound to assert their relative positions in the end.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local market is in a peculiar position. In Chicago wheat suddenly went up about 9 cents on Monday without assignable cause. This amounts to about 50 cents per barrel on flour, and, as dealers here are uncertain as yet whether this is an advance that has "come to stay" or merely a temporary flurry, they are undecided whether to continue to sell at the old figures goods that they may not be able to replace, or to take advantage of the advance and run the risk of possibly alienating their patrons. Anyway it does not matter much here as nothing but a very quiet jubbing business is doing. The general tone is firm. In Liverpool cargoes of corn and wheat on passage and for shipment are firmer, while both those articles "spot" are improving, though the demand is only moderate.

Provisions.—This market has not developed any special feature, as the actual consumptive demand just at this time is small. An advance of \$3 in pork was achieved at Chicago on Monday, but it is doubtful whether that can be maintained, as no reason therefor appears. The Liverpool markets are unchanged.

BUTTER.—It is too early in the season to expect much business to be done in this line, and therefore the butter market continues quiet and unchanged, with very little doing. The feeling is as weak as ever, and we hear of no trading of any account outside of the ordinary jobbing run.

CHRESE.—The cheese market is not changed. Only a small jobbing

movement to local grocers can be noted. The cable has not deviated from its quotations of 54s.

FRUIT .- Trade in dried fruit has been rather quiet and dull than otherwise, but the feeling remains unchanged and steady in touch with other lines of grocery specialties. There has not been much doing in raisins or other lines of dried fruit. Currants are firmer and advices from primary sources

do not show any reason to expect lower prices in the near future.

SUGAR.—There has not been much doing in sugars during the past week

and refiners are not pressing husiness.

TEA — The enquiry his been more free, and a fair local trade in teas was done during the past week. Stocks are reported to be, generally, in good shape. Private advices from Japin indicate that the season is likely to be an early one, owing to the mild winter and early spring An English house states that trade in black teas is extremely quiet for this sesson of the year, dealers buying only in a hand-to-mouth manner,

Coffee. No change has occurred in the position of colles since our last report. The stock is very light, and holders are very firm in their views. But little business has moved during the past week, and quotations are unchanged. At New York there has been little change in coffee, but there is an evident and comparatively general determined effort to force a fuller line of values. The decrease of the world's supply for the month is estimated at 125,000 to 175,000 bags, as compared with last year at the same period. The present suggestion is that whatever may be the extent or the character of the new crop there must be an interval of comparative scarcity. more especially of the fine and attractive grades.

Fish.-Nothing worth noting has transpired in our fish markets during the past week Advices from abroad are not encouraging, and receipts are practically nil In Havana latest advices report a bricker traffic and firmer prices under a nearly bare market, but as considerable shipments were known to be on their way it is likely that the market will "flatten out." Quotations from Gloucaster, Mass., show no change in figures.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—Wholesale Rates.

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants.

GROCERIES.		1
SUGARS.		1
Cut Loaf	734 10 734	ı
Granulated	614 to 7	П
Circle A	634	Ι,
White Extra C	674	U
Standard	5% 10 5%	- 11
Extra Yellow C	5% 10 5%	
_ Yellow C	534 to 534	ı, į i
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Congou, Common	17:019	1
Fair	20 to 23	
" Good	25 to 29	
' Cholce	31 to 33	
" Extra Choice	351036	
Oolong, Choice	371039	١.
MOLASSES.		Ŧ,
Barbadoes	37 to 38	
Demerara	40 to 44	1
Diamond N	44	ı.
Porto Rico	36 to 89	
Cienfuegos	33	1
Trinidad	34	10
Antiguz	33 to 35	ı١
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44	ľ
" Bright	42 to 51	١,
BISCUITS.		١.
Pilot Bread	3.18	7
Boston and Thin Family	634	
Soda	634	
do in 11b. boxes, 50 to case	734	ì
Fancy	8 to 15	
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PROVISIONS.

No change in value, but the proposed duty is not yet established.

Boof, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.	14.CO to 14.2
"Am, Plate,	14.50 to 15.0
	15.50 to 16.0
Pork, Mess, American	15 8t to 18.0
" American, clear	
" P. E. I Mess	15.0
P. E. I. Thin Mess	
Prime Mess	
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Islan	
4 American	11 to 1
Hams, P. E. L. green	8to
Prices are for wholesale lots only	, and are liabl
to change daily,	

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl	3.50 to 4.00
Apples, No. 1, per bbl Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked.	8.00
Lemons, per case	5.50 to 6.50
Cocoanuts, new, per 100	5.00
Onions, American, per lb	4 c,
Dates, boxes, new	535 106
Raising Valencia, new	7
Figs. Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb	11
Figs. Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb	10 to 13
Prunes. Stewing, boxes and bags, new	5 3 40 G
Foxberries	6 00
Cranberries, per bbl	13.00
C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sack	ville St.

DITTER AND CHEESE

- 1	POTIER WAY OFFERE.	
9	Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints in Small Tubs 22 to	25
1	" Good, in large tubs	20
2	Canadian Township19 to	20
,		17
,	" Antigonish 10	Х

"Wild and excited" may be the terms applied to Breadstuffs at the moment of going to press. Farmers have put wheat up 15c. a bushel, and millers have put up flour about \$1.00 a bbl. The contention is that the poverty of the farmers in Ontario and Canada compelled them to market heir grain during the winter. Somf millers contend that we shall see \$6.00 the ruling price before the end or May. Prices are still relatively lower han at the mills. Cornmeal and oatmeal are both higher. Also oats. We are obliged to raise our quotations s per memo, at foot.

FLOUR.	
High Grade Patents	5.25 to 5 50
Good 90 per cent Patents	5.05 to 5.10
Straight Grade	4.76 to 4,90
Superior Extras	4 60 to 4.65
Good Seconds	4.25 to 4 35
Graham Flour	4.25 to 4 50
American Supr. Extras, in bond.	4.35 to 4.40
American 90 per cent, in bond.	4.66 to 4.75
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbis.	3.56
Oatmeal	4.10 to 4.25
" Rolled	4.20 to 4.30
Kiln Dried Cornmeal	2,50 to 2.60
Kolled Wheat	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton	18.00
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Middlings "	22.00
Gracked Corn "including bags Ground Oil Cake, per ton, "Moulee	24.00
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Moulee " " "	24.00
Split Peas	3.75 to 4.10
White Beans, per bushel	1,55 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel	4.00 to 4 f0
Canadian Oats, choice quality	40 to 42
P. E. I. Oats	42 to 44
Hay per ton	10.10
J. A. CHIPMAN & Co.,	
Central Wharf, Halifax, N	. S.

ì	FISH FROM VESS	ELS.
ĺ	MACKEREL-	
)	Extra	14.00
)	No. 1	13.00
	" 2 large	12.00
	. 2	11.20
	5 large	11 50
	44 3	11.50
ı	HERRING.	
1	No.1 Shore July	3.25 to 3.50
1	No. 1, August, Round	2.50
1	" September	3.50
1	Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	3.00 to 3.25
1	Bay of Islands, Split	none
ł	Round	none
	ALEWIVES, per bbl	3.00 to 8.25
1	CODFISH.	
ı	Hard Shore,	4.25 to 4.40
1	Bank	3.25 to 3 50
1	Bay	3.80 to 3.75
	SALMON, No. 1	8.00 to 19.00
	HADDOCK, per qtl	2.25
	HAXE	2.00
	Cusx	1.50
	Pollock	1.50
,	HAKE SOUNDS, per [b	1214
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A CLEVER WOMAN.

(Concluded.)

On the first night of their going out Lina was in her room dressing listlessly when her husband entered in a state of great pertubation.
"Have you seen Mrs. Nevil since she dressed?" he asked.

"No," said Lina wonderingly. "What is the matter?"
"Matter enough!" he returned in a tone of intense vexation. "She is so frightfully decolete that she would be marked anywhere; but it is the vilest of taste as we are going to the Dean's."

The Dean, who was giving the musical entertainment at which they were shortly due, was noted for the bitter war he waged against "fashionable" dress; and, as he was Syd's godfather, Bertie would have done anything rather than offend him.

"Do go to her, Lins!" he went on. "It is not her fault; she does not

understand these things."

"My dear Bertie, how very trying?" said Lina in a tone of the deepest concern, while she was congratulating herself on the way in which matters were turning out. "But I can't really say anything to her! How do you like my own gown!"

"It is perfect!" was the warm response. Fresh from the offending dress in the drawing-room below, his eyes rested gratefully upon his wife's pretty gray gown. "I did not know Malta had made you look so well. You are lovelier than you were last season!" he added; and the words were still ringing in her ears when they entered the reception-rooms.

Bertie E. ington was far from being happy that evening. He heard several remarks passed upon Mrs. Nevil's appearance which were more distinguished for wit than for elegance; and sho had a way of constantly appealing to him and of openly deferring to his opinion which had the effect of making him look ridiculous.

"It isn't her fault, and she will soon learn tact," he said to himself loyally; but he could not help adding mentally that he was glad that Lina did not keep him in such a state of nervous apprehension.

"I think our friend shines more in home-life-don't you, Baby?" he

asked naively, when Lina and he were alone.

The young wife had made up her mind that there would be no more

"home-life" that season; but she instantly undertook her rival's defence.

"Oh, do you think so?" she exclaimed. "I thought Clara quite a success to night. She tells me that people said such nice things to her!"

"And of her!" retorted Errington grimly. "Good heavens, Baby, what

a gown!"

"Well, it was rather a bright red," Lina admitted; "but I thought you

admired her taste?"

"So I do—in morning-frocks," he said, feeling that he was driven into a corner; "but I think they harmonized better with her rooms than they do with ours."

"Then you would like me to have a morning-frock from her dressmaker?"

pursued Lina remorselessly.

Feeling vaguely that he was being laughed at, Bertie uttered a cross " Yes."

If he had seen her for only a new hours a day, Errington's admiration for Mrs. Nevil would in all probability have survived the summer; but from seeing her morning, noon and night, it became a case of toujours perdrix. She was amusing and she flattered him-and these two traits in her character were doubtless as pleasing as when he first made her acquaintance, but the more assured her position became in the household, the more she presumed upon it. When Errington came in ravenous from a tenuis-party, it was not soothing to be told that Mrs. Nevil had asked that the dinner might be postponed an hour to suit her own arrangements; nor was it pleasant to find that a certain man whom he had blackballed at the club had been calling that a certain man whom he had blackballed at the club had been calling upon Mrs. Nevil. If he complained to Lina that the dinner-hour at all aughter issuing from his wife's boudoir. After smoking savagely in his events ought to be kept sacred, it was only to be met with a reminder that, as he had so anxiously desired Mrs. Nevil's presence, they must both do their sorely contrite and angry. What a fool he had been! How could he have best to make her visit agreeable. The worst of the matter was that, the more disenchanted Errington became, the more his wife's affection for their guest increased. She began to imitate Mrs Nevii's manner, an i cultivated a peculiarly loud laugh that had always tried him in the original, but was absolutely repellent coming from Lina's lips. The young wife quoted her guest until the woman's very name became distasteful to Bertie.

"For goodness' sake, stop telling me what that woman has said, Baby !" he exclaimed at last, in desperation. "I am tired of hearing about her!

When is this ceiling of her's to be finished."

Lina's heart beat high with exultation; but she only said gently-

"Are you tired of her, dear?" And, grateful for his wife's forbearance,

he was forced to confess that he was.
"This shall end at Ascot!" Lina said to herself; and, in fact, the sustained effort was telling upon her sadly. Nothing was more repugnant to her nature than the life she was now leading. Dane Trescott's kind, grave face no longer gladdened her eyes; of her boy she hardly saw anything; while the hardest of all to bear was the knowledge that Bertie was grieving over the change, and longing for a return of those quiet happy days when they had been all in all to each other.

Bertie has been here asking me how to get rid of a visitor who has not the wit to see that she has outstayed her welcome," Miss Helen told Lina, with an elaborate pretence of not seeing behind the scenes. "He seems

dreedfully miserable."

"Poor old Berlio!" sighed Lina remorsefully. "Never mind, auntie dear-it shall end at Ascot.'

Errington could afford neither time nor money to take a house for the

race-week; but he always managed to run down with Lina for the great day and this year Mrs. Nevil, of course, went too. Lina had horified her hur oand by coming down at the last moment in a gorgeous pink dress; but, as she hastened to answer his ominous frown by telling him that it was "dear Clara's" choice, and as that lady was standing by him, his objections could not be disclosed. On the way down he looked displeased and scarcely spoke; but Lina and Mrs. Nevil appeared to be in the highest spirits, and took but little notice of him. Once arrived on the course, both ladies were surrounded by a crowd of the widow's friends; and, too annoyed and depressed to take the slightest interest in the day's proceedings, Errington spent the morning lounging about by himself at some little distance from them.

The afternoon was not very far advanced when his arm was suddenly seized by a strong hand.

"Bertie," said the well-known voice of Dane Trescott, "I have been

looking for you everywhere!"

"Have you," returned Bertie listlessly. "What for?"

"What for! Are you mad! Are you blind? Don't you see who is talking to Lina?"

Roused by Trescott's excited manner, Bertie craned his neck to get a

better view of the group that was standing at some twenty paces from them.
"I can't help it, Dane!" he said bitterly. "They look a fast lot; but
Mrs. Nevil chooses her own friends, and she likes them; and Lina is almost as bad."

"But those people, Bertie! That woman with the black eyes and the man standing by her—they are "—and he whispered a couple of names in the younger man's ear. They were names that had been made known to the world at large through the newspaper reports of proceedings in the Divorce Court. "Don't you understand, Bertie? Rouse yourself, man! They are cut by every one who has a character to lose; and there is Lina talking to them in full view of the grand stand! Won't you—"

Trescott stopped suddenly as Bertie, breaking away from him, pushed through the intervening crowd that fell back to right and lest at the sight of his set white face, until he reached the group and laid a hand upon his

wife's arm.
"Lina," he said sternly, "this is no place for you! Come away at once!

We must go home!

The men about her stared insolently, and the Iwoman Trescott had pointed out broke into a laugh; but Lina looked up straight into her husband's eyes and rejoiced at the expression of wrath she saw there. Without a word she turned to obey him; and, still retaining his hold upon her arm, Errington turned to Mrs. Nevil.

"We go home at once," he said coldly. "Do you join us?"
The brown eyes he had so much admired had lost their softness and were flashing angrily as she answered him—
"I stay here. By what right do you assume that tone?"

Bertie turned upon his heel without replying either to her question or to Lina's whispered query, "Shall I not say good-bye to Mrs. Nevil's friends?" and was making his way in the direction of the entrance, when Mrs. Nevil

hastened after them, her momentary anger successfully repressed.

"Don't go so fast!" she said querulously. "If you will wait helf an hour I will come too; but I won't be taken home like a naughty child."

"Did you know who those people were to whom you introduced my wife?" said Errington frigidly.

"Yes—I knew; but Lina didn't. It was a little bit of revenge on my part. She ought—"

"Lina—" there was a strange new tone in her husband's voice—" say good-bye to Mrs. Nevil. She is not returning with us."

There was a momentary pause, a hurried hand-clasp, an exchange of bows, and Mrs. Nevil was left alone.

imagined that that detestible woman had any charm about her? And now the serious question was how far had she inoculated his wife. Was Lina really enamoured of those loud gowns and fast ways generally, or was it merely a passing infatuation from which she would speedily recover? After he had satisfied himself that she had not the faintest idea to whom she had been chatting, the journey back had been passed in silence; and now he was longing for a talk with her, but he felt too shamefaced to go to her room. The door was ajar; and at length the bright laughter of mother and child proved irresistable, and, standing in the doorway unobserved, he watched them. The room looked cool and inviting, with every trace of Ascot put carefully out of sight, and side by side in the big rocking-chair sat Lina and Syd, wearing the same white dresses in which they had greeted him on their return from Malia.

"There's papa !" cried the child suddenly. "Come in, papa !"

So Errington went in; and then he did the very wisest thing he could do in the circumstances by going straight up to the rocking-cliair and kissing them both.

A happy hour followed for Master Syd; for, instead of talking "grown-up talk," both "papa" and "mamma" devoted themselves to him. At the end of that time the young gentleman was carried off to bed, and Errington

end of that time the young generalized sank down upon the couch.

"In all probability Mrs. Nevil will send for her boxes and things," he said abruptly. "If she should come here herself, I have told Mary to help her to pack, and to say you are engaged and cannot help her."

"Very well, Bertie," agreed Lina obediently.

"She have had a most wretched season, Baby," he went on—there is no

"We have had a most wretched season, Baby," he went on-there is no

denying it! You"-with a quick glance at his wife-"you don't regret her going, do you, dear?'

He spoke in an anxious tone that touched Lina and checked the merry laugh that was upon her lips.

"Not at all, Bertie," she assured him. "I do not like Mis. Nevil, and I hate her friends and all connected with them. But you told me so constantly how much you admired her that I wanted to copy her as closely as possibly, so that you might admire me too."

She looked up at him with a bright smile as he protested eagerly-

"As if I did not admire you a thousand times more than a woman like that!" he cried. "You know it, and you are laughing at me!" He knelt down at his wife s feet, and, putting an arm around her, kissed her. "You are such a clever little woman," he whispered, "and you look so pretty-and so refined and gentle, that I am half inclined to tell you a secret." glanced around the room, feigning a fear lest some one should overhear him, and then, putting his mouth close to her ear, said solemnly, "Mrs. Errington, I am more in love with you than ever !'

Twenty minutes later the husband and wife were turning over their invitations for that evening and debating as to which they should accept. One house they decided would be too crowded, another would be too ting, and a third was too far off; and at last they came to the conclusion that, as they were quite alone, they would for once give each other a treat and enjoy themselves in their own fashion. So they both stayed at home.

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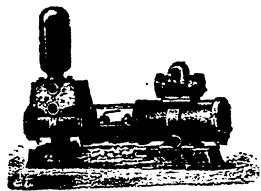
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After a very careful investigation of the value of the tailings at the various mining camps in this Province Mr. F. G. Gould, Superintendent of the Gould Mining, Milling and Reduction Company, has purchased the concentrating plant at Waverly, where he will open concentrating and chlorination works. Mr. Gould is both practical and theoretical, having spent some years on the Pacific slope conducting successful works there, and he is fully convinced that Nova Scotia presents a grand field for operations in his line. His advent should be hailed with pleasure, as there are undoubtedly many 1.rge leads of refractory low grade gold ores in different sections which will yield large dividends if concentrated and the gold saved by the chlorination process. There are also thousands of tons of tailings, a fair proportion of which Mr. Gould has already purchased, and these he finds by careful analysis will pay handsomely if properly treated. We wish Mr. Gould every success in his present enterprise.

Brockfield.—There has been some excitement over the discovery by Kenny Graham of alluvial gold east of Brookfield Station in Colchester County. From accounts received it would appear that the formation is similar to the alluvial deposits of Gays River. The find is reported to be very rich, and already some 1,000 areas have been taken up in the Mines office. The gold discovered is from the immediate vicinity of the limonite deposits, and the conglomerate formation containing the gold is known to extend for miles up the Stowiscke Valley, and there is little doubt but that a new and immensely rich gold field has been discovered.

Cariboo.—Things are moving in this district, and lots of new ground is being opened up.

PLEASANT RIVER.—The new stamp mill at the Grand Central Mines, Pleasant River, will soon be ready to commence operations. Recently a new lead was discovered which, we learn, gives promise of great richness.—Gold Hunter.

Walton.—The marble and plaster quarries have opened again, having been closed since last fall. A derrick for hoisting the marble from the quarry is being built and quite a number of men are employed clearing the rock. Things look promising for a good summer's work in this new enterprise.

ELMSDALE GOLD MINING Co.—It is intended to recommence work on the above Company's property at Elmsdale next week.

COAL IN HORTON.—I understand a joint stock company has been formed to search for coal in the township of Horton, near the east end of the township, and we hope the dusty diamonds may be found. If so, it will be at variance with the opinions of geologists. They, however, are not infallible, and have made grave errors in reference to the minerals in Nova Scotia in times past. So, try all things, prove all things, etc.—Cor. Hants Journal.

Tonbrook.—Henry Pearce opened on Tuesday a vein of red hematite ore four feet wide and very rich.

Minister of Justice we take the following, which is of importance to our mining men: With respect to mining machinery it was felt that in the present state of industry the best possible machinery should be got with the least restriction possible, and it was now proposed to allow the importation duty free, for three years and no longer, of such mining machinery as is not made in Canada at the time of importation. After the period of experiment is over there will be continual and progressive demand for that machinery, which will enable the Canadien manufacturers to satisfactorily meet the demand.

Gold—124 ounces of gold were sent in from the New Egerton Company's Mine at 15 Mile Stream by the energetic manager, George McNaughton, for the month of March. The company are about beginning the erection of a new 15 stamp crushing mill. The engine and machinery have already be n sent out. The engine is of 40 horse power; is constructed on the compound condensing principle, and was made by I. Matheson & Co. With a boiler capable of generating 100 lbs. of steam to the square inch, the makers have guaranteed the engine to furnish power to crush sixteen tons of quartz on a consumption of fuel equivalent to 1400 lbs. of coal. When the company get their new buildings erected and the machinery in place, they will have one of the best mining plants in Nova Scotia.

Inon And Steel Institute.—A provisional list has been received of the members of the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain who expect to attend the meeting to be held in Pittsburg in October of this year, in response to the invitation of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, with the cooperation of the societies of civil and mechanical engineers. The list bears 250 names, among them Sir James Kitson, president of the institute, Sir Lothian Beil, Lord Edward Cavendish, Meeers E. P. Martin, E. Windsor Richards, G. J. Snelus, R. A. Hadfield, John Head, A. Pourcel, E. Riley, Frederick Siemens, and many other well known ironmasters and metallurgists. An invitation has been extended to the Verien Deutsche Eisenhuttenleute, and individually to leading metallurgists and those interested in the iron and steel industries of France, Germany, Austria and Sweden. It is probable, therefore, that as many as 500 guests will be present.

The programme of meetings and excursions has not yet been definitely arranged, but it is expected that there will be a joint meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute and the American Institute of Mining Engineers in Pittsburg, and that, in addition to visits to works in Pittsburg and its vicinity, two excursions will be made, one to Lake Superior and the other to the south. Since so many of our engineers have had personal experience of the magnificient hospitality extended by the British and continental ongincers to the 300 members of the three American societies who visited Europe last summer, it is incumbent upon the societies to show in the arrangements to be made at least equal cordiality in hospitality and skillful engineering management is obvious.—Duluth Tribune.

SULPHATE OF BARIUM-A NEW MINING INDUSTRY .- A Cincinetti company have arranged to mine and ship from Port Arthur to the United States sulphate of barium (baryta), largely used in the adulteration and manafactures of white lead and as an adulterant for confectionery. One thousand tons are already mined and will be shipped on the opening of navigation. From 5,000 to 10,000 tons will be exported this season, it is a significant fact that this and nearly every other mining industry here is controlled by American capitalists. Excepting two English silver mining companies all our Gold, silver and iron mines and mining lands are either owned by American individuals or companies.

Molega items condensed from the Gold Hunter :-

The late gold find on the property of the Caledonia Company is, from

all accounts, surprisingly rich.

The Molega Mining Company, John McGuire, Manager, have twenty stamps pounding out the yellow metal. We were informed that the loads are improving in richness as depth is obtained.

Over the hill, and down in a hollow, in the centre of the mining district, is the location of the Boaton Gold Mining Co. Some very rich leads have

been discovered on this ground, which gave a mill test of between five and six ounces to the ton. A large number of men are at work getting out quartz. principally by contract. Where, as late as December last, the land was covered with huge trees, now nineteen substantial buildings are erected, and everything has a business appearance. While preputations are being made for a new mill, the company is having a test made of three hundred tons of their quartz in the Molega Mining Co's mill. We noticed the quartz going through the mill and were shown some nice sights.

The Parker and Douglas people are making a great stir. Lumber is strewn around, and lots of carpenters are at work erecting additions to their mill, which will soon have twenty stamps at work. "Rorie" informed us that as soon as the machinery, now at hand, could be got in readiness, "there would be a great pounding, as there was lots of quartz ready for the

machinery.'

The Caledonia Mine and mill is also a scene of much activity. The short time at our disposal prevented us from taking a stroll over the grounds. a future issue we hope to give a description of the fine mill now in operation

A Ciry of Gens.—Rainapura, the city of gems, is the centre of a district twenty or thirty miles square, in almost all of which a stratum of gravel six feet to twenty feet under the surface exists, says the Ceylon Observer. Throughout this area gem pits are to be seen near the villages, some being worked now, others being abandoned. The natives work there in companies of six or eight, and pay a rupes per mon per month for the privilege of work ing a certain allotment, where they begin by marking off a square of about ten feet. After removing about three feet of soil, the sounding rod, a piece of iron about half an inch in diameter and six feet long, is used to sound for the gravel. If successful the digging is begun in earnest till about four feet deep.

On the second day gravel is taken out by baskets, handed from one man to another till all within the square in excavated. Should the miners find the soil firmly at the bottom of the pit, they tunnel all around about two feet, drawing out the gravel and sending it up also to be heaped with the rest, which usually completes the work of the second day, a watchman remaining near it all night. On the third day it is all washed in wicker baskets by a circular, jerking motion, which throws out all the surplus light stone and rubbish, till a good quantity of heavy gravel is left in the bottom, which is carefully examined. There is hardly a backetful that does not contain some gems of inferior value, which are usually sold by the pound for nine rupees. Should no valuable stones be found another pit is sunk, and so on till one or two, or perhaps three, really valuable gems are unearthed, when the work is stopped and the whole party goes off to Ratnapurs with the prizes. If there are worth, say, a few thousand rupees, they are kept secret, only shown to one or two men of money, who make the owners an advance and look after the safe custody of the precious stones.

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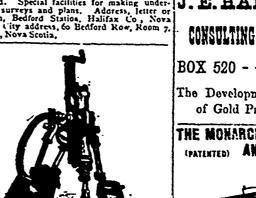
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LETTER TO COUSIN CARYL.

Dear Cousin Caryl,-Alexander Dumas says in L'Echo de Paris:-"Let us begin by admiring what God shows us, and we shall have no time left to hunt for what he hides from us." An excellent sentiment for all times and especially apt for this Easter time.

Tracing the origin of quotations is an edifying amusement for odd minutes. Have you ever tried it? I am reminded of the fact by just coming across an account of where "robbing Peter to pay Paul" came from, that

has in it a number of interesting facts.

This expression arose thus: On December 17, 1540, the abbey church of St. Peter, Westminstor, was advanced to the dignity of a Cathedral by letters patent; but ten years later it was joined to the diocese of London again, and many of its estates appropriated to the repairs of St. Paul's Cathedral. One hundred years later, in 1640, in "Outlandish Proverbe." selected by George Herbert, priest and poet of classic renown, the subject of one of "Walton's Lives," the proverb altered and set forth as follows:—"Give not St. Peter so much, to leave St. Paul nothing." This proverb is quoted by Finncis Rabelais early in the sixteenth century. Upon the death of William Pitt. Earl of Chatham, in 1778, each of the metropolitan cemeteries laid liam Pitt, Earl of Chatham, in 1778, each of the metropolitan cemeteries laid claim to the honor of burial. The city of London argued that so great a statesman as William Pitt should be buried in St. Paul's, while Parliament took the ground that the dust of so great a min as he should come near the dust of kings, and that not to bury him in Westminster Abbey would again be "robbing St. Peter to pay St. Paul."

After making the rounds of the New York shops, I surely ought to be able to tell you a volume of facts and fancies anent new fashions, but it may be worth more to you to know some of the points observed by good dressmakers. The fashionable dressmaker bones every seam in all close fit-ting waists. She uses the best whalebone, and none of the patent appliances of which there are so many in the market. The bones are laid in water for a few minutes, then shaped to fit each seam (curved side-back seams and all,) by pressing them with a hot flat-iron. Casings for the bones are made of twilled galloon, fulled onto the open seams, which are scalloped and bound with narrow lute-string ribbon. The nicest satteen linings are used in waists of all dresses of wool, silk or velvet, and the linings are fitted easily, not drawn so tightly or smoothly as the outside fabrics. Cross-bir muslin is used to face the bottom of dress skirts instead of canvas, which is too heavy and siiff. The latter is used to line collars with. Sleeves have an interlining at the wrists of muslin. An excellent plan to give more freedom at the bottom of skirts, and also to prevent them wearing out the instaps and heels of boots so quickly, is to slash the skirt to the depth of two inches in the middle of the front gore, and once on each side in the middle of the side gores. This opening is made in the foundation skirt of silesia, that is faced on the right side with the dress goods, on the wrong side with the deep facing of cross-bar muslin, and a narrow bias facing of lasting, (or farmer's satin) and the braid is carried up in each one of the three little slits. The drop skirt covers these of course, so they are not visible when the dress is worn. The advantages of the full bone-casings and soft linings are they do away with the rigid, "taut" look of a waist fitted over stiff, heavy linings, and bones in cases that permit no flexibility, while at the same time making the basque that is properly lined and boned fit as easily and smoothly as one's skin. Not wrinkled skin, you know, but that on the smooth, fair, plump figure.

As for styles and designs their name is legion. There is actually something for every figure, complexion and pocket-book. Flowered silk muslins, Flowered silk muslins, with broad such tied at the left side, and sleeve frill of plain muslin are much worn by quite young girls. There are lovely shades of flowers on pale yellow, pink, and other grounds, and plain silk muslin to match.

This simple style of dress with long gloves and hair dressed at the top of the head, short waist, puffed sleeves, and a large buckle, render the weater a picture of her great-grandmother, and has a quaint and pretty effect.

Large buckles are worn both day and evening, but chiefly with the Empire bodices and their broad bands. The more antique they are in the better. They are in regions matches and eligibility beat to fit the

design the better. They are in various metals, and slightly bent to fit the

Half fitting black brocade jackets with lace waistcoat and trimmings are worn by elderly ladies over any skirt.

Jet garnitures are again very fashionable, and are employed upon all colors and qualities of silk and wool fabrics.

Worth affects the classic style very much just now, Greek draperies, Greek key borders as garniture, and antique models of corsage and sleeves.

A pretty jersey waist for informal occasions is of red silk, with cuffs, high collar, and small yoke of black volvet. The sleeves are raised at the shoulders in the provailing style.

A popular fashion in dresses for little maidens from 5 to 9 years old has a full skirt gathered at the waist, and made plain with a four inch hem. The waist is low-necked and sleeveless, to wear with a white muslin guimpe. It is gathered full about the neck over a large cord having a narrow heading. The sleeve pulls are also gathered full, showing the little frill about the At the back of the waist, starting from each under arm seam, lower edge. there is a wide sash of the dress material. At the front a full, bodice-like girdle of volvet, wide under the arms (where it is set in the seams) and narrowed in a broad effect to the middle of the waist line, where it is gathered and held by a buckle gives a decorative finish to this simple but stylish little frock. Leaf-green velvet on a little freck of white china silk is made in this style. Golden-brown velvet on a pale fawn brown cashmere is another pretty combination; sapphire, olive velvet on a cream chall showing General Agents, Halifar. blue aprige is another.

Here are two recipes for coffee that are well vouched for. ground Java sufficient for six cups with one-half teaspoonful of white of egg. To this add hot water and ring to a boil only. Remove to a cooler part of the range, and on serving on have a drink letter than wine.

To coarsely ground coitee add boiling water and the shalls of two eggs.

Boil briskly ten minutes, and remove to back of range units served. the milk to be used, but not to boiling, and serve with sugar to taste. Cold

milk destroys the flavor of the finest coffee.

And here are some nuggets of household wisdom:—A round piece cut from worn out cashmere hose, and cat-stitched to the wrong side of the kne of children's hose with strong cotton, will strengthen them greatly.

When you set your stoves away for the summer wipe them over with a

cloth wet in kerosene oil, to prevent them rusting.

Nothing so quickly restores tone to exhausted nerves and strength to a weary body as a bath containing an ounce of aqua-ammoria to each pailful of water. It makes the flesh firm and smooth as marble, and renders the body pure and free from all odors.

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We have not as yet had time to work out the several solutions to problem 150 to our entire satisfaction, but hope to gratify our checkerists by presenting them next week.

SERGEANT W. MUIR, whose name has frequently appeared in this col umn as an expert in the "silent game," arrived here from Britain in the S S. Vancouver on Sunday last, promises to give all-comers a hearty reception at headquarters, 36 Grafton Street, at any time during his stay in this city.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

ALPHA, Ottawa.- I will look over that new solution. At present it seems to me to be quite correct. However I will study it further and give details in our next issue if I find it sound in every respect.

Joe, Montreal.—Your favor is re-ceived and reply has been sent by mail.

Solutions.

PROBLEM 161.—The position was: Black men 11, 15, 18; white kings 2,

29; white to play and draw.
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11-16 18-23 19-24 *29 25 7 11 *15 19 19 15 1 16-19 15-19 23-27 27 17 22 22 18 15 18 24—28 27—32 drawn. *25 21 19. _24

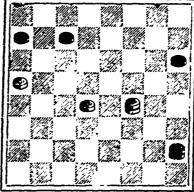
*Only moves to ensure a draw.

VAR I. 20—24 15—19 7 10 10 15 16-20 25 30 drawn.

PROBLEM No. 163.

By R. Robertson in the Glasgow Herald.

Black men 5, 6, 12, king 28



White men 13, 18, king 19. White to play. What result?

We will send a copy of the Ameri can Checker Review to the best solver, as we consider the above a beauty.

GAME LIII .- DOUBLE CORNER. Played between W. Forsyth and P. O'Hearn.

10-19 14-22 18 23 16 32 27 12-3_ 11-18 22 18 15 20 16 22 10--18 -11 13-29 25 22 15 16 9 6. -10 -11 2--11 17 22 b-26 22 15 26 24 20 11 -18 19**—23** 1-6 11-8-22 15 c-21 17 27 24 31 -13 23-26 17 9--19 15drawn 30 24 15

NOTES.
a This is original. We think that it has never appeared in print before. What do our exchanges say?

c This was rather unexpected, and we thought O'Hearn had got into a tight place, but he was quite equal to the occasion.



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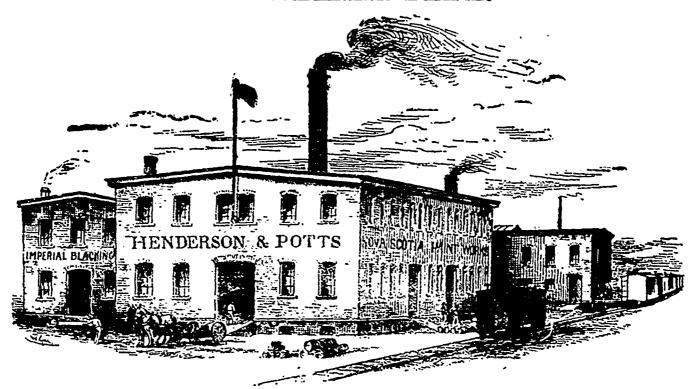
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