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## EDITOLRIAL NOTES.

Apropos of the fruit yrospects, the caterpillar seems to be getting in his work early thiq jear, and if cfficient means are not speedily employed to destroy this pest the fruit crop may be short after all. I.et us hope that our formers trill not prin' off laking precautions against the danger until it is too late.

The Toronlo Gil, le of last Saturday contained the alleged portraits of several members of the Nuva Scotia Government. The Glolur artist has used them very badly, and certainly the gentlemen whose names were printed uider those pictures-we cannot call them likencsses-will not feel dlattered. Oh, sare us from our friends :

Halifax is now no longer a city of electric dark after nightfall. The lights are now run in a very satisfactory manner, and the streets are quite brilliant. On Monday evening the new works of the Halifax Illuminating and Motor Company were inspected by several members of the Local Government and Legislature, City Council and civic officers, some of the directors of the Halifax Fas Light Company, and many prominent citizens. A tour was made of the city, and great satisfaction was expressed with the service. Lfter the drive and inspection of the works on Moren's wharf was over, the guesis partook of refreshments, and made speeches congratulating the Company on the efficient way in which the city is lighted.

The protest of a prominent Methodist minister, during the recent annual Conference at Montreal, against the order of official precedence establizhed in Canada is worthy of consideration. There does not appear to bo any logical reason why a bishop or archbishop should take precedence of the President of the Methodist Conference or the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly. No doubt an established rule in matters of this kind is an assistance to the ALaster of Ceremonics at any function, but that seems to be the only excuse for it. It is not probable that there will be much controversy over it as the spectacle of spirtually minded men scrambling for place and precedence would be anything but edifying. The better way would be to do away with distinctions in Canada altogether, instead of trying 10 Sollow the custom of Great Jritain, where it is necessary on account of church dignitarics boing state officials.


#### Abstract

"The prospects for our fruit crop now appear to be excellent. The Irees are one nass of bloom and present a beautiful appearance, while the air is laden with the sweet perfune of the blossoms. Let those who will rave about the beauty of the orange groves of Flerida; for our part we do not believe that anything could be more perfectly charming than a drive through our beautiful Annapolis Valloy at this season of the year. It is a wonder to us thi we do nct have more visitors at this season. Our cily friends would find the country particularly pleasant juat now, and we feel sure if they knew how beantiful it was we would have plenty of them with us to enjoy it." The Wolfville Acadian contained the foregoing remarks, and we quite agree rith it in thinking that the valley is lovely at this season, and would add that while the gulf ice hovers around the coast, making the air chilly, that it mould be a beneficial change for anyone who can find it convenient to go inland.


IYigher education is a fine thing for a country, and it is encouraging to see our high schools and colleges turning out young men and woman well equipped for the battle of life in the particular sphere they have chosen, but this does not do for everyone. It will not do for all to press forward to the beight of their amlsition, 80 me must look down-down at the fruitful earth and our rich mines, and devote their attention to cultivating the soil and bringing the treasures of gold, coal, iron, etc., forth from their hiding places. Children at school should be often reminded that all the wealth that is obtained in this life is drawn from the bosora of mother earth. Fue school-books should impress this more upon the minds of the pupils, and they ought to be taught especialiy the capabilities of our opn country, and urged to study the practical sciences rather than dead languages and other branches of "higher education," which, although they are of value to literary and professional men, are not necessary elements in the education of a farmar or a mining engineer.

We have frequently had to defend ourselves from the charge of being 2 Tory paper, which some of our contemporarios are in the habit of denom. inating us when they do us the honor to quote our remarks. That this is unfair anyone who reads our pages must acknowledge, and we are glad when we see our fair-minded contemporaries quote from "Tar, Critic, an independent newspaper," which is as it should be. The Liberal press have recently been crying out against the injustice done them by many LiberalConservative organs in styling them "blue ruin" and "country going to the dugs" papers. This is quite on a par with the papers which call TaE Critic a Tory newspaper, and we wish our friends would take notice. We are sorry ta see cno section of the press abusing another, with no result but the multiplying of words and gratifying their quarrelsome propensities. We have been pleased to notice for some time past that Liberal papers, at least all those worthy of the name, have been doing all in their fower to influence young people to stay at home and use their abilities for the benefit of Nova Scotia. Nlost of them have the right ring about them, and we are glad to see the "blue ruin" clement conspicuous by its absence.

The recent outbreak against foreiguers in Japan has been quite a palnful surprise to those who looked upon the Japanese as a progressive people. They have been so ardent in their admiration of European habits and customs that they have adopted many of them in undue haste, as for instance, the introduction of European dress. An amusing story about the Empress has been going the rounds of the newspapers recently. It is said she had a complete set of garments, such as wora by Parisian ladies, put up and sent to her in the order in which they were to be worn. Unfortonately the address was put on the bottom of the ca50, and consequently the last came first, and vice cersa The Empress was delighted, and proceoded to array herself in the Paris gown, etcetera, the efcetera going on outside. In this get up she drove out to call on the wife of the ambassador, who had been kind enough to order the dress for her. This is probably untrue, but many things quite as ridiculous have occurred, and it lias seemed as if they could not get Europeanized quickly enough, so anxious were they to adopt all western customs. The Rev. Dr. Summers, who occasionsd the outbreat recently, by a fancied lack of seupect as the cortege of the Empress passed, has been obliged to leave the country, and Mr. Imery, a teacher in a Japanese school, was serionsly injured in the scuffie which took place because he tried to save time by scrambling over a bank in order to see 2 ball game between his scholars and those of another achool, insteac of going in by the regular entrance. In this case his own pupils defended him. If Japan really.wants to take her place among nations, as it would appear she does, such treatment of foreigners must be put a stop to at once.

Art in some respects spems to superscde nature. Fur instatice, manufactured ice bas the advantuge of being a rute erop and is of a uniform
 sadd to be econemical, ard in the south the dealers malie their iee whthout the assistance of grom but fickle old wiuter. It is by bu matans imprubable that before loug the larger proportion of ice used in America will be the manufactured article.

The Convocation of 'lorouto Thivitsity, held on the 10 h met . must have somewhat resembled a parden party, as, uwing to the destuction of the old Convocation hall by fire, a large tent hand in to duly in its stead. The place was gaily decorated with llags, and a brillimit ass=mbly of guests graced the prcecedings. The Chancollur, Hon. ESward Bake, received the degree of L1.1). He afterwards made a brilliant speech in the interests of the ITniversty. It is probable that whatever is necded for the work of restoring the University will be speedily forthcoming, und next year the Convocation will likely be held in a handsome new building. At all events the govermment, faculty and students have been doing their best, aud the wealthy citizens of 'Toronto will not see the college waut for funds to provide ample accommodation for all jts branches of educational work.

The lloston literary World of the 7 th inst. contains the following appreciative notice of Mr. F. Blake Crofton's "Haliburton, the Wan and the Writer," which appeared us the first of the Huliburton aerics over a year ago: "The Haliturion Society of King's College, Windsor, Canada, pritits in a pamphlet the biography of its fatron samt, 'Sam Slick,' otherwise Judge Maliburton. The sketch is by Mr. F. Blake Crofton, who records the life and character, and criticises with affection, the writings of the Canadian humorist. Mr. Crofton's portrayal is vivacious, appreciative and impartial, a worthy literary tribute to the man who, more than others, has been the advertiser of the Brotish Provinces in America." The Jate date of this notice, and the approaching centennial celebration at King's Co"lege, which will doublless awaken renewed interest in "Sam Slick," brings Mr. Ctofton's work again before the public.

The French Government is following the good example of Germany in its endeavors to benefit the working classes. It is proposed by a Parliamentary Committee that the working day for women be fixed at ten hours-the effective working day for children and for girls over thirteen but under eighteen years ol age, at ten hours, and that night work for women, children and girls be strictly forbidden, except in certain specified cases. I'hese regulatious to be temporary or permanent according to the nature of the industry. It is to be hoped that these proposals will soon bo embodied in an act of the Corps Logislatif. But the great danger in limiting the hours of labor without limiting the rate of wages is that the employers may increase the number of their employes at a lower rate than that now given, for "flesh and blood " have always been cheap on the Contment. It gees without asying that the great dress and mantle-making houses, who often keep girls employed far into the night, are ggainst all change.

If our American friends wish to uphold their rights (?) in the Behring Sea, they had better despatch yessels of more use than those now stationed there for the protection of their fisheries. Both the Government cruicers are at present actually unable to overhaul a fast schooner; and a good story is told of the escape of the schooner Sapplhire from the U. S. steamer Bear. It was about 10 o'cluck, A. M., and the sun was emerging for the first time from the encucling mist, when the schooner sighted a suspiciuus-looking vessel about five niles off her quarter, and when the sailors recognized the hig, ugly hull which was known to be a pecultarity of the Bear, Captain Cox determined to act on the old adago that "a stern chase is a long one," and put his little ship on her mettle. He, therefore, set every stitch of canras his vessel could carry and, aided by a strong southerly wind, fled before the steamer. For an hour or so the latter gained, but soon the gallant sealer began to show her abilities and slowly but surely left the chaser behind. The Union Jack was run up to the masthead and with hearty cheers the Sapphite sped away and was soon lost to sight in the friendly mist. Nothing more sras heard of the Bear.
leeent events in Africa have made it desirsble to have British gunboats on the Zambesi and Shure rivers, and some difficulty has been experienced in solecting a class of vessel capable of contending successfully with the difficulties of Airican river navigation. If these boats were made so as to be carried out on board occan stcamors they would be too small to be of much genersl use; while, if built to be navigated from England to their different stations, their draught would be too great for the shallows and rapids which abound in the streams of the "Dark Continent." So the Government being at fuult, a private firm-Messrs. Yarrow \& Co.-came to the rescue, and undertook to construct gunboats well adapted to the service for which they were intended. The first of these, the Mosquito, was completed on the $3^{\text {rd }}$ of May last. Tho boats are built in sections, not too large for a steamer's hold. On arzival the picces are lowered into the water and fistened together by means of various straps and belts, and this is performed with such case and rapidity that it is said steatn can be got up within 24 working hours from the time of lowering the sections into the water. The dimensions of H. M. S. Mosquito are as follows :-length, 70 feet, beam, 18 feet, draught, 18 inches. Stue is propelled by a stern-wheel, and her engipes drive her at a speed of about io statute niles per hour. She is armed with Nordenfeldi and Hotchkiss guns. Tho crew consists of 2 chiet efficer, three petty ufficers, eight Eurupean beamen and 2 certain pumber of natives,

Mr. Goldrin Smith, writing in the North American Rivien for May, says that there aro three kinds of Anglophishia raging in the Trnited States. Tiwn of then are spurious: ono, the hated of Eagisnil stimulated by polilicasus angling for the Irish vote, the nther, the hatred Ilarsed by Irotec. tionists with the object at putting obstacles in tho way of tite admission of British goods. 'The thitd is cennine hatred imbibed from their youth-up from traditional vorsions of historical grievances perpetuated in school bonks. That there is a certain amount of this ien ing existing in the breasts of our cousins across the border line is trur, but it is principaliy confined to very young papple, and is strongest in scho:olgirls ile ramomber hearing a bright yount lady siy she wouid not g:s to lighland for anything in the world, she hated lingiand, but since then she hise c!hanged her mind, and travel in the whd country his mich iavinued this ynims. American The percentage of grown mon and women who hate the binglish is a small one, at any rate g:ite smill enough in lo tronble either Enylishmen or Canadians, who, whenever they sisit Uncle Ssm's dumain. find the peopla everywhere kind and $h$ isputalle Whatever the national feeling may be, in Mr. Goldwin Smith's opinion, individata serm fery successful in overcoming their prejudices and being eminently plewsant io us when we go to see them.

Some uneasiness is felt as to the growing trade between India and Germany to the prejudice of the English trsde with India German nevspapers urge their conntrymen to make a bold bid for the trade of a country which far exceeds even the United States of Amenica in respect of its consumption of Furopean wares. Statistics quoted by Gernan writers shows that Great Britain turns over $£ 52,000000$ yearly in her export trade to India where Germany shows but $. E x 60,000$ German observers note, however, that year after year India's trado is increasing, and that Germany shares in this increase to a larger extent than England. They think, too, that direct communicution with India would draw the trade still more to Germany. The Malra: Times says:--"'rade nowndays depends less than it once did upon considerations of loyalty or putriotism. Sentiment has given place to utilitarianism The cheapest wares and the best adapted to consumers' requirements are certain io come to the fromt. be they English or German, French or Russian. If Enyland wishes wo retain the lion's share of the trade of India, she must push ahead easergeti. cally, never lagging on the way, never neglecting the study of contempor. aneous progress, and never failing to learn the lessons that aro taught by the actions and suggestions of her competitors."

The Honorable John Wanamaker, Pust-Master- Fieneral of the United States, has directed puplic altention to himself recently by offering to supply his customers with a pirated edition of the Eacyclopie lia Britannica at a fraction less than thirty-seven dollars. This, of course, is a barkain, but if Mr. Wanamaker came honestly by his volumes he would have is charge three or four times the price named or lose hedvily. $13=i n g$ a politi-cian-for in these days politicians have to ondure alm ist as fierce a light as that which beats upon a throne-his litto scheme has been investigated, and he is being pitched into on every side, as he well leserves. Those who make their living by the sale of books do not like to have their bread und butter taken from them in this way, but perhaps Mr. Wanamaker's action mny havo a salutary effect by directing public attention in the United States to one of their most besetting national sins, that of book piracy. The Post- Master-General probably thoughi as it was the fashion 10 steal books, that it would be no harm for hini to do so. As he has been proninent in Church and Sunday school work, and geverally considered a most estimable member of sociely, it is well to make all the extenuatiou possible for his offence, but it is just this fact of his eminent respectability which has brought down on him all the castigation which he is getting. :nd whiciz if properly managed may resuit in stamping out to a grest extent the long standing disgrace of book stealing.

Some yeare ago in the official report of a lunat:c sislum an aceount w. : given of an inmato whose delusion was that he was perpotually tracked by detectives with the intent to arrest him on a expital char,'e of wich, a!though entirely innocent, his conviction was certin. It would be difis cult to imagine a more wretched state of mind thau that of the unfortuante man is constant tertor for his life, but this must be very much the state of mind of His Imperial Majesty the Czar of all the Russians-shut up in his country palace with sentinels at every possible post-never venturing abroad without the greatest precautions for his safety and always being the object of numberless conspiracies. About a week ago we hid news that another plot against the Czar's life had been discovered in Paris, and that the French police were on the track of the conspirators. From this is would appusr that in France, as in Fogland, to conspire against the life of a friendly ruler is a crime. The present Russian Government is certainly an anachroniam in tho nineteenth century, and all zight thinking powers must wish to see it displaced by a constitutional monarchy. To us, however, with our western ideas a despotiem is icfinitely preferable to anarchy, which appears to be the aim of the nihilists. But be that as it may, murdering the Czar is not likely to accomplish the ends of the malecontents, whatever they may be, for if it be true, as has been said, that the Czar is depondent on his courtiers and dare not grant a constitution, the Russian Government would not be chauged, and surely another Pharoh would rise in the stead of the murdered monarch. The present Cizar and his immediate predecessor have bean much more fricndly to the people than have the nobility. Aoxander II incurrel the odium of the aristocracy by freeing the serfs. Speaking of IBussia as it is, Stepniak, who cannot possibly be called a prejudiced witnoss in this instance, says : "personally a modern Czsr docs no harm to anybody at all, and is just as quiet and inoffensive a person as any constitutional monarch."


## SONG.

1 lisve done
Put by the lute:
Songr allidyinging son are over.
Hom an afry stamen that hover
i have done, put hy the lute:
guce I kang as early thruahes
Singe nlmat the dewy hapliex:
Now l'm mute:
I ann like a weary linnet.
For thy throat has un song in it.
I lanye had my slugine minate:
pint liy tha lue.
Common Mistukes -S.me people seom to think that dyspopsia moans piety, and others immine themgelves good because they havo a bad liver.

Willian Churchill says the Fiji Islanders arn far from illiterate. And some of thom wonld devour an author as well as his book if thoy got a chance.

Madime Patti's picture on the magazine covers, in the attiturio of sing. ing the praises of soap, lewes no room to donbt that she is indeed the great und unly "soaprano."
"logok at thr: rablit, ma," eaid litilo "I'ut, as she curiously watched the peculiar twinklo of the animal's features; "every time he stops to snell anything. las secms to entittor with his nose."

America Ahead as Usuat, - Eoglishman-We have lately heon build ing stomers which can sail over six inches of water.

America.--That's nothing. Wo lavo long had steamers in America that have sailed throe days ovordue.

> Cuard well thy heart leat pasion oweep The chonds and Gind's sweet meloily Bo lost, lest from the tuins leap The spirit of unreat set free.

And o'er thy lifu durfi chans fall.
Eistern Man-" So they caught the murderer 1"
Westerner-" Yaas."
"iluse they truad hilm yot ?"
"N.t yet. 'Aiu't had any time; they'v only jo:t got through the lyuching "
a New Ramaray Motine Powfon - There is talk in France oi utiliving water-courses as a railway motivo poswo lt it propessed that thes track -hall be land on an ombukment in the midilio of the courent, and that the
 revorved by i.
 you say whs atulun fom you' The complanati-I would say I wonld, iutanily. The judge_he careful; there are so mony just alik.. Now, I Iave ono liko yours in my pocket at this moment the complainantl'arlitg yen have; I have lat soveral stolen from me.

A Thrilling Mowent.-" What's the matter ?" asked the slage manager, Who noticed that something was going wrong during tho grave digging scone in Hamiet. "It's the first grave diggor," whispered Horatio. "He says that unless the matarger somits him back the piice of a square meal right away he's g.ing to oat the lo.f of brend that they'ro usiug for Yorick's skull."

Ono icy night Charlutic Cushman and Inwreuce liarratt camo out of the thesire together. Tho stops were daugerously.slippery, and it was with dificulty that thoy kept their feti at all As they totheringly descundod, the great weness sad to her companien, quito in her lady Xacherh manner"lake : gooll grip un my arm, Lawreace, and if I slip hold on liko grim death, but if yon slip, in the uame of heaven let go !"

This onigma has boen frequeutly published but never solved.

> I sit storn on the rock while I'm raislact the wind, llitt the storm onco alated Im gontle nnil kind.

To kneel in the deet whon wait at my noid
To kneel in the dut on the ground inave tred.
Im ncen hy the world atd known bat hy few.
Tho Gentiles dictests me-I mpork to the Tell.
Ny weithit as three lounde, my rength is a mile, Tlat the first and the last are the pride of mur isic.
The answer is a word of ono syllable.
State Abibnevsartosis - The most egotisticsl of the Inited Siates"Me."

The most religious-" Mass."
The most Asiaicic-"Ind."
The falher of States- "Pa."
The nost mainienly--" Miss."
The best, in time of thoorl - "Ark."
The most ust ful, in haying time-"Mu"
The most astonishing State-" 0 ."
The moat unheallhy State-" Ill."
State to curo the sick-" Md."
Stat.: for students-" Cunn."
State where there is no such word as fail-" kyn."
Nol a Stute for the uutidy-" Wadb."
Tho States for immigrants-"Southorn."

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Anglican Syuor at 'Toronto adjuurned last Saturday.
T'cronto will have a summer carnival during the first week of July.
'The Newfoundland delegates will sail for home from Eingland on Tuesday next.

Springhill will shortly have the preliminary survey for a water supply made.

The Libeml Ciovernment of Quebec has been sustained by a majority of about twonty-three.
'Ilse Acallian desires to see Wolfville incorporated. It would certainly be a benefit to the town.
II. MI. S. "Camada" sailed for St. John on Monday morning. She will be absent about a month.

The New Brunsirick militia camp is ordered to assemble at Moncton, on June 30 hl, for twelvo days drill.

The circulation of the New York Nercury has been prohibited in Canada by the post-oflice authorities.

Diptheria is sproading in a manner to cause alarm in Halifax. No time should be lost in taking means to stamp it out.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada numbers 164,500 members. Last year tho church raised $\$_{2}, 093,278$ for church purposes.

The new boat Annex 2, for the Dartmouth Town Ferry, is expected to arrive shortly. The old company have reduced the fare to two cents.

The S. S. Marlaw brings sad news of starvation at Flower's Cove, Nfid. The Harlaw landed some provisions there for the relief of the sufferets.
Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, sailed from Quebec in the S. S. Sardinian on Thursday of last week for Liverpool, G. B.

His Lordship Judge Weatherbe received an address and a pair of white gloves a few days ago in Digby, there being no criminal presentments to make.

A serious accident occurred on the C. P. Railpay on Tuesday about thirty miles east of Toronto. An engine and tender went through a bridg: -five men were killed.

A short but heavy thunder storm passed over Halifax on Wednesday night about is o'clock. Rain and hail descended in torrents. The lightning was particularly vivid.

The Educational Institute of New Brunswick will be convened on the 26 th inst. at Moncton. Always heretofore the meetings have been held either in Fredericton or St. John.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific has determined to resume the steamer service beiween Vancouver and San Francisco, and a slaughter of rates is expected in consequence.

A special to the Finpire from Ottawa says that Schreiber, chief engineer of the Government railways, states that the Cape Breton railway will be completed for trafic by August first.

Reports from IBritish Columbia state that the rovernnent-Liberal-Conservative-has been sustained. There will be a Government majority of about eight in the new Assembly.

That excellent periodical, The Eilucational Nreielo, published at St. John, N. B., has just entered on its fourth year. Fvery tescher in the Maritime Provinces should take it.

A large influx of settlers from Dakota to Manitoba has been in progress this spring. They recognize that the Canadian Northwest is a better place to live in than blizzard-swept Dakota.

Tho steamers Acadia and Stanley, and the schooners La Canadienne and Connaught, will be put into commission next week to resume the fishery protection service along the Atlantic coast.

Three nuns, of the order of the Good Shopherd, are in Halifax with the intention of starting a reformatory for girls. The Humphrey property, Quinpool road, is being put in order for the home.

The "Japanese Village" is coming to Halifax. The show will open in the Exhibition building next Tuesday, and will remain two weeks. It will be a most interesting exhibition, and no one should mis? paying a visit to the ingenious Japs.

A new steamer is being built by Messrs. Stepben S: Son, on the Ciyde, for the Furness line, running between Halifax and London, G. B. She will be about the size of the Damara and Ulunda, and will probably be put on the route ia November.

Wolfville experienced a heavy thunder storm on Wednesday morning. The American House, kept by J. W. Harris, was struck by lightning. All the people in the house were very much frightened, but no lives were lost. Tho house is badly wrecked on one side.

We have received from Measts. C. E. Creighton \& Co. a botile of Fluid Extract of Beef, manufactured by the Liebig Extract of Beef Co., Chicago. It is without doubt the best and finest flavored article of this kind that we bave yol \&asted. It makes a delicious cup of soup in a few minutes, and would be unsurpassed for camping out, picnics, etc. We recommend it to those who appreciate a thoroughly nice article.

Mr. James Fraber's new yacht "Uvira," built on the Clyde, arrived at Halifax on Tuesday, from Southampton via Bay of Rulls, Nfid. The passage was a ralher atormy one, and took twenty-five days. The "Uvita" is 42 fect in length, and is very handsomely fitted up.

Messrs. linight \& Co., publishers, have just issued 2a excellent map or plan of Halifax, on a sufficiently large scale to be thoroughly useful. It can bo folded into pocket size, and would be just the thing for strangers and others wishing to become better acquainted with our city. Price 15 cents.

The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron's new club house was opened on Saturday, when an "at home" was held. The race for Iord Ruseell's cup was sailed, but will probably be sailed over again, as it was unsatisfactory for nearly all the boats. The members of the club and their friends passed a very pleasant afternoon.

Private advices received by the Government state that oninvestigation the southerly limit of the French shore of Newfoundland, supposed to terminaie at Cape Ray, only extends to Cape Enrage. The contention will be pressed by the Imperial authorities, and gives the Newfoundland fishermen twenty additional miles of coast line.

The cable steamer "Weatmeath " arrived at Halifax on Monday morning with cable for the Halifax-Bermuda line. The shore end is to be landed at the lumber yard, and the steamer will commence laying next week. Counection will probably be establiahed at the end of the month. When the cable is completed it will be handed over to Mr. Joseph Rippon, who accompanies the expedition.

The last number of The Dominion Illustruted is largely devoled to the Royal Visit. The view of Stanley Park, which the Duke of Connaught so much admired, is very effective, and the other pictures are correspondingly good. Presbyterians will appreciate the portrait of the Rev. Dr. Laing, Moderator of the General Assembly. Address: The Dominion Illustrated, 73 St. James Street, Montreal.

At the Encounia of King's College, Windsor, next week honorary degrees will be conferred on the most Revd. Metropolitan, who will receive D. C. L ; some of the visiting bishops from the United States. Dr. J. G. Bourinot, Clerk of the House of Commons, 2 distinguished Nova Scotian ; Revd. President Forreat, of Dalhousie and Dean Gilpin, who will receive D. C. L.: Martin Murphy, C. E., and Professor Kennedy, of the College, who will both receive the degree of Doctor of Science, D. S.C. Many distinguished visitors are expected to be present.

The St. Julian Hotel has been a bone of contention during the past Weck, and from presont appearances a length; legal battle will be the result. When Mr. Mfarr left the Province the building and its contents were covered with mortgages and bills of sale. Charles Brown had a first mortgage, Dr. G. E. DeWitt a second, Mr. Hobrecker a third and bill of sale of the personal property and Wm. T. Horton had a fourth mortgage and bill of sale. Mr. Hobrecker took posseasion under his mortgage and bill of sale, and his rigits and also Dr. DeWitt's second mortgage were purchased by S. IL. Brooktield and others, generally known as the Queen Hotel Syndicate. Mr. Brookfield was given possession by Mr. Hobrecker, and Mr. Horton heid possession under his mortgage and bill of sule, and the joint possession continued up to last Thursday, when by a little shrewd manceuvering Mr. Horton's bailiff was locked out and Mr. Brookfield's held sole possession. Thursday night at eloven p. m., while the Queen Hotel proprietor and workmen were ent fed in removing the counter and bar fixtures through the rear window, Alderman Lyons, solicitor of Horton, arrived on the scene with the City Marshall and half a score of policemen and took forcible possession of the hotel, driving the Brookfield men out. On Saturday the property was sold by Deputy Sheriff MicAlpine on the foreclosure of the Brown mortgage, and after some spirited bidding finally knocked down to Mr. Lyons for $\$ 16,500$. The property fronting on Water Street was then sold at the suit of John Clarke vs. Robinson and also purchased by Mr. Lyons for $\$ 1,450$. Mr. Lyons, it is understood, represented Mr. Horton and the Mesors. Hesslein of the Halifax Hotel.

A terrible explosion occurred at Hill Farm Minet, Dunbar, Pa., on Monday. Out of 50 men in the mine only to escaped.

The Indians on the Cheyenne reservation in Dakota are short of provisions, and they show sigas of an uprising. l'he settlers are uneasy.

A Washington special to the Toronto Mail says the finance committoe has finished the tarifl bill. There was a change at the last minute in the agricultural schedule. Barley is left in the bill at 25 cents.

The stockholders in the World's Fair have voted to double the capital stock, making the total $\$ 10,000,000$. The name of the fair has been changed from "The World's Exposition of 1892 ," to "The World's Columbian Fxhibition."

A thunder storm did much damage in Ohio and Kentucky on Sunday last. Houses were unroofod and bridges swept away. A thousand acres of wheat were laid flat. During the storm a train ran into a washout, causing 2 fearful wreck. The engineer, fireman and brakesman were burned in the debris.

Lieut. Clover, of the U. S. Hydrographic department of the nevy, in an interviow with regard to dunger to ocean ateamers from fog and icebergs at this season, says that the charts of the department contain certain routes for trans-Atlantic aavigation which are south of the region of ice and fog. Many steamers follow these safe routes, but many others do not, preferring to risk collioion and dieater in order to save a few hours in passage. Icebergs may be encountered throughout this region for a month or two more,

United States Aesistant Secretary Tichenor has advised the surveyor of customs at Albany that Canadian postal cards imported through the mails are dutiable at the rate of 25 per cent ad valorem as printed matter, and ban instructed him to prevent a continuance of the practice under which these cards have been sdmitted in 500 lots free of duty.

Alex. Lagliaferro, of Alexandria, Kgypt, writes to the directors of the World's Fair that he is in a position to turnish them with what he believea and claims is the sarcophagus of Cleopatrs. It was recently discovered in Casar's camp, near Alexandria. When the sarcophagus was opened the contents were in ashes, with the exception of the skeleton, which is well preserved. Tagliaferro says ho is prompled to negotiate with the exposition authorities, from notices which he has seen in newspapers frcm the United States, announcing that the Khedive of Egypt has boen asked by the directors of the exposition for the mumay of Demeses. His price is 860,000 free on board at Alcxandria.

Prince Albert Yictor, Duke of Clarence, will take his seat in the House of Lords next week.

Deathe from cholera are reported from Alliaida, Costello Carcajente and Jativa. Four deaths have occurred at Malaga.
'The House of Lords, by 110 to 45 , has rejected the Earl of Neath's Bill to qualify women for County Councillors.

Emperor Williem has formally announced the betrothal of his sister Princess Victoria to Prince Adolph of Schaumburg.

A monument to the Dute of Brunswick on the spot waere he fell at Quatre Bras was unveiled a few days ago.

The women of Greece have submitted to the Government a petition asking that as good educational opportunities be given to the girls of the nation as to the boys.
Miss Mary Anderson was matried on the 17th inst. to Antonio Navarro, in the Roman Catholic chapel of St. Mary's in Hampstead. The wedding was strictly privatc.
The Duchess of life, while attending a coach meet, caught a severe cold, which resulted in premature confinement. Her condition is critical, but the doctors speat hopefully of her recovery.

The Legislative Assembly of Victoria has unanimously approved the scheme for the federation of the Australian colonies, and has appointed delegates to the con :ation to consider the subject.

Telegrams have been received from Paramaribo, Dutch Guianna, announcing that the French occupied the territory on the Lama River, the ownership of which is in dispute betwoen Holland and France.

The Danish and United States Governments have ordered a splendid service of silver plate from the court joweller for Sir E. Monson, British Minister at Athens, in recogoition of his services as arbitrator in the Butterfield case.

Under the terms of the agreement between England and Germany concerning the African question, it is stated that Germany cedes Vitu and Somaliand to England, and England in turn codes to Germany the territory of Heligoland.

It is stated that a complete set of the proofs of Heary M. Stanley's forthcoming work, "In Darkest Africa," have been stolen and offored to an English paper and two Colonial papers. The house which is to publish the work has issued a warning to any person against publishing the work.

Cardinal Manning addressed a deputation bringing him gifts on the occasion of his jubilec. He said he desired to die as a priest ought to die -without money and without debts. He mentioned in detail the various charitable objects on which he intended to beetow his jubilee gifts. In conclueion the Cardinal invoked a blessing upon his present and aboent friende.

There are many and increasing signs that the periodical rebellion of the English coal miners against their hours and wayes is near at hand. In eceveral localities in Eugland and Wales the miners are engaged in a struggle for better terms, and the miners at Barnsley, Yorkshire, to the number of 60,000 resolved to demand from their cmployers the concession of an eight hour cay.

It is positively announced that General Wolseley will resign July $3^{18 t}$ Lord Wolscley's views as to the reoorganization of the army are at variance with those of the Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of Cambridge, whose retirement he considers necessary before anything practical can be effected. The Queen stands by ber cousin, the Duke, and refuses to hear of his withdrawal.

The New York Dramatic Necrs gives circulation to the rumor that Adelina Pati has loot her voice. It secms that having reached her home in Wales the great diva went out one evening for a stroll, and the next morning was unable to speak aloud. The cold grew worse, tho vocal cords were swollen and inflamed, and tiue bronchial tubes irritated. Her London on gagements were postponed at first, and cancelled subsequently, According to the Dramatic Meles Patit is now practically speechless.

The Duke de Broglic has written a letter to the papers in which he says the articles recently published, purporting to be extracts from the memoirs of Prince Talleyrand, were not genuine. No one, but 2 few intimate friends Tho would not divalge the conients of the paper, has over seen the manuscript. The alleged extracts, the Duke says, were supplied by a man who bad heen socretary to Pisince Tallegrand. He traituted the havdwriting of the original manuscripts and dret upon his i frets.

The climato of China is said to be growing yot only colder but drier. Animals and plants ancustomed to hot, moist regions are gradually retreating southward. Two thousand years ago the bamboo flourished in the foreat of North China, but it can no longer be found there.

Lord Salisbury's despatch to Sir E. B. Mallett, British ambassador at Betlin, containing tho agreement with Germany, declares that Germany's claim that where one powor occupics the coast another may nol, without consent, occupy unclaimed regions in the rear, cannot be allowod in cases where the country is already occupied by Englishmen. But where there are no English settlements England has no title to advance against the German claims. England retains the Stevenson road, which will be the boundary between the English and German spheres.

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lord, I confess with tears uy sin is great :
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Havepity on we, boril ; in Thee I trust,

Murie Tumsmye.
A NEWSPAPER MLSTAKE.
To the Eilitur of the Critic:-
Sin,--The Recorder's ideas of tho geography of Euspand aro what may be tormed peculiar. It saye, speaking of the locality that is kuown as the Now Wimbledon, " Bisley is a market town in the County of Cheder, on the Gloucester and listol railway." Bristol is is the North-Woot of Surrey, a few milos from the Loyal Military College at Sandburst, and about twenty-live miles out of London. The Countr of Chester is more than 150 miles away. The london and South Western'ltailway and the Girpat Westorn lailway run within a short distance. The ibialey is nut a manket town, nor is it anywhare near liristol or Gloucester, neither of which $\mu$ laces sro anywhere near the County of Chester. Thare is no such nailway as the Bristol and Gloutester.

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Yours faithfully, Á Oli Winulelonian:

## LEITIERS TO A COUNTRY FRIEND.

Deall fimeny, -The first intimation to mo of your absence from the city is contained in your letter, which the postman has this moment left. I shall miss you, friend of my youth and manhood, you know that I siavil, and just when and how. I think you know too that no ong else cun take your place with me.

Can I give greator proof of unselfishness than this? That 1 do, really and truly, and hearily, hope that you will tind in the country home you have purchased tho pleasuro you havo anticipated and worked for these many years. Is it not strange that you should go to the country, I to the city, in anticipatiou of added enjoyment : Naturally 1 might descint upon the relative advautages of town sud country lifo, but I shall reaist the temptation until you have, as I have, tried both.

I shall coutent myself at prosent with the candid almission that tho sight of the fresh green grass and leaves, the buds aud blossoms of Spring, and strect songs of the birds, $f i l$ and tempt me with the yearning that in boyhood led wo to forsake the city for the life of a farmer.

You reumber, of coure you remember, Iongfallow's prelude to "Vices of tho Night," commencing:-
$\because$ Heasuat it was, wheu woods were steen,
Avu wiala were sufis aud lols;
Wh lie a mid manc sylvan geew,

Von't they remind you of many pleasant strolls and lingerings in uaturo's haunts around our city?

The row of tall trees opposite my window are
"Whigneriug mild and low;
Waving their lung arme to nud fro.
Yet I cannot now chuose to 50
Intu thie woodland near,
Into the hlithe and hreathing xir,
Iuto the wilewa wound,
Sulcemn and silent every where!
Whero 1 can easily fancy
"Naturo with folded hanulx
Kinecling at her evenibg prayer."
But my time for letter writing is limited, e日jecially this moruing, and thero are anaters of practical importance in your letter to which I must give attention.

Tho idea that disease is a special dispensation of Providence is prevaleat and very harmful. Purdou no for saying this so bluntly, when you ovi-
dently share, and hro inllurncerd by, this delusion. Disoase is always remedial efort, though not ilwaye discurnable as such, un ofiot of tho aystem to rid iteolf of what is instinctivoly recognirad as inimical to its welfare. The elfort may los, and witan is, excossive, or, owing to tho weakness and inability of some onn or moro of the organs takigg part in the oflist, or to the enemy boing fer much fur than eystem-even destructive.

We wilfully, ignorantly, or carolessly, it matters not how; patiaku of unwholesmas food, or uf wholesomo food improperly, or of something abaolutely poisonuus; ovatix our ptrongth; exhaut nervous enargy; or otheriviso violito the conditions of healthful existance. Is tho resulting disease a dispensaticn of l'rovidence?

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1 have just ircensil a tonk and long-looked for cpistlas from cur mutual friend, who, as I thank ju kuow, has boen ionching in tho fis Weat.

Think of a cummou echool teacher getting $\$ 65$ a manth for instructing four scholars: 1 refrain froun naming the particular locality, or aven state of tho setting sun sido of our Continent, whero trachers aie so libetally pid, lest it get abroad aud there be an exodus aud our echools ho left without pedugogurs. The school room is not, as might be exprected, in a log cabin, but is commodious, comfortable aud furnished with nite doske, chairs and other seats, books, majus and a fine organ.

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Our frietd's scholars are French and Gerwan-vory polito and obodiout, nad vory amusing. Une merning in the course of tho Bible lessun about Jacob koing to the flock for a kid tho children ware asked: "What is a kid" and a Cirman youth replied: "A litllo hoy:"

Thore are many topics of mutual interest that 1 might write about and fill page after page, but I positively stop at the bottom of this page.

By tho way, the little romance in real lifo we have watehed and rad together, is becoming more interesting, but you will have to possess your soul in pationce until next weel, when 1 think I shall have foucthing intoresting to communicite.

1 would liko to havo jour views with referouco to the Bobring sita aud Nourfoundland troubles.
'lowhat destiny is our country drifting? Will another decade find us indopendent, a part, and au important part, of a great british confederacy; or annexed to the Juited States of America? Vale.

Yours in friendship,
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There is a building boom in almost overy town in tho Proviuce. Many nerr buildings are being erected in Pictou; about 20 or more in tho rising little town of I'ronton, also two churches; a large number in New Cilasgow and Weatville, and over 100 in Truro, the model town of Nove Scotia. There is a hum in building all along tho line.-Colonial Slunderd.

Messts, saron J. Palmer, of Amherst, and J. A. Crossuan und Jolin A. Iaws of the Liuterprise Foundry, Sackvillo, have organized thomselves under the nawe and firm of Cunberland Foundry aud Nactime works, at Amhorst. They iutend carrying ou a general foundry and mxchine businoss. repairing, etc., iu their building opposite the I. C. I2. statiou aud will commence work about tho end of the month.-Chignecto Post.

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## CITY CHINES.

The Zeffio Tilbury Company have ostablished themselves as favorites with Ballfix thealregoert. The Iriah drama, "Eiloen Oge," drow large audiences on Monday, Tueaday and Wodnoeday eveninge, and tho military drama, "Poace and War," by Meorn. Wood and Narshall, of the Voat Riding regiment, which is boing produced with a detachmont of troupe from the reginent and "full military band, is sure to bo liked in Halirax. "Peace and War" will be given to nigbt and to morrow evoning, and "Eiloen 0 ge" will be given at the prize matineo to-morrow afternoon.

The sixth and last of the Orpheus Club's aubscription concerts for this somon took place at Orybous Hall on Truesday evening. The programme was a long and varied one, including soleotions hy the string orchestra frum the Hayden Club, ohorueses by the Club and Ladies' suxiliary and four solon, allogether a fitting dosert to finish the feast of musio given us by the Orpheue clab during thie past winter and apring. The Club, with Ladies' Auxiliary, gave six numbers, in one of whioh, No. 3." How Excellent is Thy Loving Kindnose," Dr. Slaytor sang the solo, giving it in first rate ayls, the Club and Ladios' Auxiliary also being hourd to advantage in this solection. The other choruces were all good, the selections from "Ruth" boing pationlarly fine. The Ladiew' Auxiliary sang "Pit, Pat, Pit, Pat" yery awootly, and wro called upon to repoat, which they kindls did. The inatrumental munic by the string orohestra from the Hayden Club was renderes spiendidly. The opening ploce, "March from suite in D," was very aroet, and No. 12, a wultz, " SLorning Nows," so delighted the audience thar an enthumiutic encore was secured and responded to. Many people would have preforrod having more inatrumental music, but the variety given on Treeday evoring ahould be sufficient to satisfy anyone. Mies Gussie Taylor's song, "Danes delle Meniorie," was very aspoetly rendered, and recoived an encoro, which was ropponded to with "Mrarguerite," a pathetio song, wbich $\mathrm{s}^{2} 9$ gave whth much foeling. Mrs. J. Mc. D. Taylor's rendering of "Tonn"" was oxquisito, and she zesponded to the richly deserved cheore Fith that owoot little song, "As the Apple grows on the Apple Troe"" Mios $\Delta$ gnea Burns made hor debut as $\perp$ s soloiot at Orphous concorle, and rendaved "Mignon'e Song" stristically, but she was evidently pervous. Mien Burns' fine voico will doubtlees be heard to bettor advantage when abe makee hor next appesiance. Mr. D C. Gillia' eong, "Only Once More," Was vory good, and roooived an encore, to which he roepponded with "Margoorita," which was not av pruty as Miss Taylor's "Margnerite," and consequently suffared by comparison. Much praise is due Mr. Porter, the conthnoinetic and poinotaking conductor, and Mr. T. J. Payne, accompanist, for their succoseful work, and to Herr Klingenfeld, conductor of the Hayden Clah, whowe aweot music is 80 much apprecinted by Orpheus Club audiences Tro thinge-not on the programme-occurred which were not appreciated. The bent whe excesaive, for which no one is specially to blame, and the Gas Company'a oloctric lights went out, for which some one ought to be responsiblo. Just as the ladies and gentlomen wero singing "From the Rising of the Sun" the lights lit up for a little while, but they soon went out again. The friondly gen gave enough light for the porforwers to read their music by, but comething should be done to koep those electric lights in better order.

The addreses by Mies Williard in Halifax on Saturday and Sunday drow immense crowde, the audiences overtlowing into the street. Miss Williard is a splondid speaker, and held the attontion of her hearers from first to last. DLise Gordon addressed a large gathering of Sunday school children in the Academy of Music on Sunday afternoon. It is to bs hoped that their visit to Halifux may do much good.

Noxt Friday and Saturday Frank A. Trobbins' twelve big united shows will viait Halifax, and the boys and girls will go, and their parents will go to look after them, though of courso they do not care a bit about it themzolvee. It is wondorful what a number of people are willing to sacrifiee themeelves for the sake of the children when a circus is the attraction. The coming one is said to be the best possible, and bigger than anything evor seen bofore. Wo hope you will all onjoy it, for of suuree you will go, everyoue does, and circuses never seem to lose their charm.

To-morrow is our natal day, but the celebration of the event is postponed until Mondey, sa that is considered a more convenient day for a public holidsy. The first concort of the season will take place in the Public Gardens on the ovoning of Monday. We hope it will be tine, and that many poople will be able to onjoy the music, which will be furnished by the band of the Weat Riding regiment and St. Patrick's band. Mefreshmonts will be obtainable, so those who attend the concert will not faint by the way. Halifax should look its best on its 141st birthday, at any rate the Public Gardens are sometting to be proud of, even if the mariset is a perfect sight on Saturday morninga.

Wo have actually had some warm weather this wook, which is something to bo thankful for. Under the san's genial influence tho small boy bas boen indulging in "hokoy-pokey," and "grown-ups" refresh themselves with icocreamo or sodm-water at Mitcholl's and Teas" So it begins to feel like summer, and it is to be hoped that the weather will continue to be fine and warm, for cold winds and grey akies are as unnatural as they are uncomfortable st this time of year, at lonst the cold winds are uncomfortable, if not the groy akies.

## COMMERCLAL

The lut wrok hae bean without feature, and nothing has occurred to
break or intorrupt the generally prevailing dullnoss. llusiness is moving along in a vory quiet way. Everyouo has now to ndmit that on tho wholo tho conditions are not so satisfactory as could bo desired. It is in fact more than over apparent that tho consumor is providing for his necessitios only at. ' nothing elso. This is ovidenced by tho nature of passing operatione, for it is ouly in grocories and breadstufis which cannot bo dispensed with of in lines that are roquisito for manufacturing purposes, such as irou, ete. that normal business is passing. This vory plainly indicates the position of the consumer, whilo reports concerning the dry goods trade lend etron: endorsation to the viow above outlined. Even if thero was auy groat desiro to placo orders, considersblo discretion would have to bo oxorcisod about filling these, when roports of the condition of things in tho conntry aro cousidered. They can hardly be regarded as in any seuse satisfactory. The unusually unfavorable weathor throughout tho spring has soriously retardod the growth of the crops, and accontuates tho reports which wo reccive as to their condiuvu. In consequance of this uncortainty regarding the growing crops, an unsettlod feeling prevaile, while payments are away bohind the average for the month. This is true not only of Nova Scotia but of every provinco in the Dominion of Canada this sido of the liockies. From l3ritish Columbia we have no direct reports but her crops do not amount to much. A gentloman who has just returned from an oxtonded tour through Capo Breton Island, Antigonish County, otc., reports that in nearly all soctions the gramo, which should by this timo be ready for cutting, is ecarcoly a span high and would not make hay at present. Thoro sooms to bo a strong probability that the hay crop will be vory small this season. In tho wostern fruit-growing counties the prospeots for a vory large crop of both large and small fruits are oxcellent, but it is feared that the severo night frosts that have occurred in the last two or threo weeks may lave had an injurious effect. There is this unpleasant fact also, compared with other seasons, that farmers aro generally sold out of their stocks of grain, otc., and that, consequently, they have no resarves to fall back on. This but adds to tho tightness of the situation. In fact the conditions induce overy one-both buyors and sellers-to get along with as little as possible. Tho wathor this wak has taken a more favorable turn, which will doubtless causo an improvemoul in crop prospects and bring about the state of activity in trado so anxiously looked ior.

Dry Goons.-In this branch business continues guiot with tho samo spirit actuating jobbers as formerly. They all complain of smail ordors for fall goods, but seem at the same time determined not to rush things whilo the aituation in the country remains as at present. Just now thero is only about enough doing to keep the machinery of business in motion. Payments for the month are, conirary to precedont, very poor, and custuruers say that they are unable to make collections, owing to the fact that farmers have neither reservo stocks of produce nor the funds to call upon. lionowals according to all accounts are numerous. As to prices both cotton and woollon goods show remarkablo firmness, no signs of weakoniog being oxhibited in any quarter.

Inon, Hambane and Mritais - Whilo this linu has been without auy feature worthy of epecial mention business has moved along with the usual amount of activity sinco our lsst report. I'ho tono is about steady, and though some shading might bo and has beon done on lots for futuro delivery, it is unlikely that any great concessions would be mado on lots out of store; Jut little has beon doing in bar iron and other lines and buyers continue more or loss roluctant. Still a fair amount of business has transpired. I'inplates are a atrong featuro abroad, although no chango has occurred hero on spot in prices. Uwing to largo purchases on $\Lambda$ morican account-fully $1,000,000$ boxes-the markot in Great Britain is firm with stocks compaia. tivoly light. Privato advices say that for the last four or five wooks tho market was distinctly firm, and that those who imagine that thoy can securo more favorable terms by holding olf aro liable to disappointmont. Canade plates are steady with a littly more ouyuiry. logot tin and coppor are firm at tho recent advanco. In hardware a vory quiet trado is ropurtod in shelf goods, somo dealers roportiog it tho dullest cver remembored.

Breandruyrs. - Flour hero romains quiot and dull, tho firm tuno of holders oeing unchanged. There is just about enough business doing to prevent friction. Beerbobm's cablo reports:--" Cargoes ofl const, what quieter; corn do. ; do. on passago and for shipuent; whoat slow, corn firmer ; tho coast is being rapidly cleared of cargoos. Liverpool spot whoat rather easier; weather in Liagland unsotlled." Whoat was firmor in New York, advancing about 1 c . Corn and oats were unchanged thore. Whost opened firmer with tho local crowd inclined to operate for an up tirn. An article in the Price Current, estimating crop at $415,000,000$ bushels, ras bused on tho Government report, but it was considered bullish and inaluencad sone local byying.

Irovisions.-The local provision marku: continues quiet and dull, trading being restricted to very small lots needed for immediate consumptives demands. At Liverpool pork declinod 3d. The prices of lard, bacon and tallow were without change. In Chicago Loga wore strongor. The cattlo markot thero was lower.

Burter is steady on tho whole, but therc is nothing of importance doing. Nov and thon some salo is luard of, hut it is at long intervale, the trado boing of a purely jobling character.

Ciferes.-There has been littlo rioing in spot, as the trado is waiting :o learn how Western Ontario will turn out, but littlo cheeso horo is open to negotiation. Tho feeling is firm, with holders as a rulo actuated by the bullish foeling that has chsracotrized them all the weok. Howover, although
a fair desiro to do bueiness from tho other side，as has boen the cisu all along， it is nothing exceptional．Still the majority seem to think that tho cheoso will bo wanted at lant，at lenst this is the ostensible terson－although there may bo others－why tho strain is kopt up．
linurr－－＇the finit market remains about the same with a fandy active feeling in such lines as ato sensomable．In green fruit tho usual business has been done，lemons and ornnges boing firm on tho whole．The formor































 extremely scarco，and many visiels，whose owners and crew＇s hwo been waitng enxiously to ply thoir vocation，aro much disspmointod that they are unable to start for the fisheries from this catige．However，a fow have got away，and wo may hope soon to be in recept of now cute．Uur outsi－o advices are quito neagre，but the indications from tho Wes：Iudics and South Awerica are more satistacfory than they havo becu for soms timo． Our Gloucester，Mass．，correspondent under dato of the 17tin innteat suys： －＂We quoto Now Georges codfish at $\vdots 537$ a qll for large，and small at S475；lauk $\$ 5.13$ for largo，and $\$ 4.50$ for small．；dry 13uk $\$ 550$ ：cured cusk at $\$ 350$ por qtl．；hako $\$ 2.50$ ；haddock $\$ 3$ ；heavy salted pulluck $\$ 2$ ； linglish－cured do．$\$ 262$ per qtl．；Labrador herring $\mathbf{S j}_{5}$ bbl；medium split 3.4 .50 ；Nowfoundland 55 ；Nova Scotia do． 86 ；Jusiport St；yphit Shom $\$ 1.25$ ；round do． 83.50 ；round Eastport $\$ 3.15 \bar{j}$ ；pickled codtish $\$ 7$ ；had dock $S 6$ ；halibut heads $\Sigma 3$ ；sounds $\$ 11$ ；tonglies and sounds $\Sigma 950$ ； tonguos 88 ；nlowivos $\$ t$ ；trout $\$ 14$ ； 0 ；Califormia sulmons \＄93；Nowfoundland do．\＄16．＂

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## A LOVER FROM OVER THE SEA.

(Continucd)

"I have been listening in silence to all you have said, more perinaps from politeners than aiay other feeleng, and also becsuse -bechuase. Cousia Godfrey, 1 really believe von have what you consider na; furso happuess and weil being very mich at heari, and ihat from the first hour wie: you und rook the chatge of tae 1 hate caused yom a gleat amomo of worty and vexation 1 hwe been quite patient under jour lectans. beranse 1 do think that yon have some right to he angry with the, and hecause up to a few moments ago I had interded to go my own way entrely, and to act as 1 consudered best for my own happiacss, withont allomint any worthy const erations to wergh with ine in the slightest degree." Sike paused a minent, restire her hand en the carved rim of the oak thbe, then went on ing in with scarcely a ferecpatible tremor in beer voice. "Samsthang has made me ather my mind a little. This will not surraise yon, wits acence me of being always tickic, will it? fou ask tue what my phas are? Whan I came into this ronn to talk to you 1 thoughe 1 kne oit them very weli; and certain! $y$ that proanised visit to the Carders, which 1 hnow you ere so auxious shouid be paid, wai not among them. "Well," with an impatient sigl:-" 1 me:n 10 go to Scothnd after all. I will iravel up to lown with you to morrow moraing if it suits you, and leave Val behind to sethe any litilo matters here for me Last night 1 had more than half mady up my mind to live and die at Thornwood-io spend the rest of my natural life clipping off dead roses and watching the buter and cheese mide. This morming it rins, and my desire for a rural existence has vanished with the sunshin:."

She sat down opposite to Colonel St. Tubyn, and, detaching the heavy gold pencil from an old fashioned chatelsine that she wore, took a slieet of note-paper, wroic a few linus upon si, and pushed ii across the table toratds her cousiu. The Colonel read it a!oud, holding it at arnis length to do so.
"Dear Mr Giramicy-1 have decideli to leave Iisininooud tu-morrow morning with Colonel St Aubju. Stould theie be any business that requires my consideration before 1 go, purhaps yuu would hindly call here any time ihis ziternoon, when I shall be at liberty to atteud to it. I hope you did not suffer at all yourseif from coming so promplly to my assistance when my desss caught fire last night.

Sinccrely jours,
Ot.mat Dramunir."
"Will that do :"' inquined ther ladyship, with some impatience, as Colon. 1 St. Aubyn, wtiout comment, handed her back what she had written.
"Yes-ohl, yes, my dear-if you think it necessary to write at ali :" he rephied, iu rather a dissatisfied tone.
lady Uliria made no further remark. Sate folded she noie with jrecision, then rose and rang the bell, which wis ausweled by her own maid."
"Tell lames to take this :ote at once to the sterard's cottage," said the mistress of Thornwood guictly. "He is to carry it himself, but you cau say there is no answer required. When yuu have done that, go to any dreasing-room and witit for ine until l come."

The meman aithdrew, and lady O:ivia muned once wore to her cousiu.
"If you dou't pant the for anyihing else at present, I think I will go and tell "ul what I have decided on," she said rather wearily. I have a good d=al to arrange and the time is shor!. 1 nust let the Irvines know, and-_" She paused at the door, and s:epped back to the table where Colunel St. Aubyn stili sz:. "I wani you to underst nd, cuasin (iodfrey, that 1 am satisfied-ituecd mare than saistited-i:n every way with MIr. Gramiley", she said very seriously. "Whatezer mystery prople may fancy scrrounds him, uo one can deny tha: he has dischareed his dathes faithfully here; as long 25 ho does that, I do ant see wiat sigh! yoia or any of us have to pry into his past life, or to serti su tind out more sbout his: hian lie chooses to well us. is refatdis raising iain above his jirojeer level, I do not admit having done so. Ife is a genicman-cron you, prejudiced as you are, must allow that; and I have itented him caty like any oiticr gentlemat. of wy acquaintance."

She zurued and went out of the rivom without waitus fo: a acply, leaving


 with (iramiley on the nisha befure effrded him no consolation.
"Coufound these we:men who aro so origital end indej:endent, and, above all, so horribly in carrest :" lic cxclamed iesti!y. "(late never knows where to have tiom: Sive is capable of lriuging hin to task for what he said. lly (isorge, I ielicte she is ! lino rould have thought of ber writing off to the tellow like that? 'Dear Mr. Granticy' indeed? Highly incurrect: Such actes shutid always be expressed in the thisd person. I dun't supprase she ever wrote "1)ear Giregson' in her life, though the has kuowa hiun ever since she was 2 biloy. Well, 1 shati take care to let Irvine kiow what 1 think of the whole affur betore 1 leave. No jood ever came jet of people being famina with their iaferiors, ia my opinion ?'

Moraing gave pilace to aficinudu, and still tiae raiu coutiaued. Luncheon mas served soon after one o'cleck fir Miss Vallarice and Colonel St. Aubyn only- Iady Olivia had a sandwich and a glass of clate: in her diessiug. room, and did not pui in an appearance duanostaiss till half-jast threr, when, contrary to lier usial cusiom, sho rejaired at once to the drawing. room, leaviag the Colonel in undispluted pressession of the hibrary:
four o'clock came, and with it a loud ring at the frout-catrance, kept clused today an accoupl of the rain, Colonel St. dubyn carefully recon-
noitriug through a chink in the library door, felt his heart sejoice within him as he caught sight of the visitor. Mr. Muggeridge had ridden over in spite of the weather, and was being divested of his claborate white covertcost in the hall by Lettice, the purlor-maid, while his horat was led off to the stables by the groom

I'ne Colonel walked softly back to the easy chair that he had vacated, smonthing out a shect of the Stumiarle which ho lind just thrown down, as though be feared the very crackling of the paper might dioturb the tele citife intervicu between lady Olivia and her would-be lover which he felt was imminent. Occasional butnpings and thampines above told him that Aliss fiallance, who occupied the ronm mmediately overhead, was satisfactorily empluyed up-stairs: Mr. Muggeridge therefore had the field entirely to himself. Colonel St. Aubyn registered a silent vow that no one should in:erfere with his friend if he could prevent them.

Half-past fanis o'clock struck, and the musical ratle of tea-cups approaching gradually nearer and neater heralded the advent of ufternoon tea Culonel S:. dibyn heard the drawing-room open and shut gently. Evidenty Mr. Mugeridge was enjoying his visit, and was remaining to tea. Possibly Olivia had senn the error of her ways at last, and was affording him sume slight encouranenent. Niaturally imaginative, Colonel St. Aubyn at once transported himself and his troubleame cousin to St. George's, Hanover Square, and actually found himself saying, "I do," in a sonorous voice, in answar to the question from his son-in-lan", the Dean, "Who giveth this womm to be married to this man ?'
"C:unch, crunch, cruncn," on the wet gravel outside. "Some of those tiresome Irvines, yo doubt !" thought the Colonel. "It was a great mistake of lady Olivia's giving them the entrie of the house al all times aud seasons. Sure to come wilen they were not wanted!"
l'ecring out cautiously from behind a sheltering window-curtain, the Colonel, uriseen himself, caught a momentay glimpse of a tall figure in a brown velveteen coat, rith ane arm in 2 sling, just preparing to ring the front-door bell. liere is a visitor who must be sent away at any cost !

With an agility that surprised even thimself, Colonel St. Aubjn ran across the hall, intercepting lectice on her way to answer the summons.
"Yon can say her lady-hip is engaged just now with visitors. If Mr. Grantley wanis to leave any message in particular, tell him I ain in the library, and can see bim," he whispered hastily.

The colloquy at tise lrout-door was brief enough. There was no message. Mr. Grantiey merely called to inquire for her ladyship after the concert. Should he require any instructions from her later on, he would write to her London address. He handed a card to Lettice; and Colonel St. Aubyn breathed wore frecly as he watched the steward striding rapidly down the carriane-drive. Juat at the pathleading to tr a stables he paused a moment; Mr. Muggeridge's horse, a handsome bay lent him by Sir Johu Twiaden, and well kuown in the country, was bsiog brought round again by Lady Olivia's groom. The Colonel, in great glec, watched Grantley glance sharply over his shoulder at the auimal.
"Heis sure to put two and two together, and understand lifal Muggeridgo is with her!" he exclsimed exultingly to himself. "Nothing could be more furtunate; and, Heaven be praised, she'll never know the feliow had hie arm in a sling !"

## CHAPTEL VIll.

It was winter-lime, a few days before Christman, and a cheerful fire of blazing logs sparkied zaily on the liundred and one queer-shaped objects in glass, china and Japanese-ware which adorned Lady O!ivia's little drawingroom in Cipher Sireet.

The mistress of the louse lay back iu a nest of gaily-cmbroidered cushions cunningly piled together to form 2 divan, Wrinkles snoring apoplectically beside her, and a Jxpaneso fan shading her face from the fiesce blaze of the fire.

Outside it was already quite dark. The warm curtains hall been drawn srualy over the aindows, shutting out ti.n cold, dull, deserted street ; but Lady Olivia had refused to have the laups ceought in at presen!-beadiag tried he: eyes, she szid, and she loved nothing so well now as to lie and dream by fire-light. She had been very ill. The most casual observer could detect that in her pinched cheeks and the extrome transparency of her delicate hands. A cold which had leen neglected during her visit to tie Ca:deas liad by degrees develojed into au atiack of cosgestion of tho lungs. That ailment, successtully baticed trith and oreicome at last, had left her alcrmingly weak, with a troublesome cough. She appeared to bave no rallyizep power, the doctor said. There had been no great intlemmation to sirugale with in her case, no fever 10 subduc; it was only that, as she herself expressed it, she could not get well, could not recorer her grasp on life again with the sime vigor with which she had held is before her illness brgan.

It was only about a fortnight before that Miss Vallance, becoming shorouginly alarined at her clarge's not gaiving woro ground, had japlored her with tears to have further medical advice-tosee a weil-known physician who waj particularly famous for his skill in reating discases of the chost and lungs. Olivia bad sailed ai ilse suggestion lightly enough at first-she seemed indeed sirangely indifferent to her failing airenglh-bat at last, yiclding to her old friend's importunities, she lad consented to pay 2 visit to the greal man.

The interview was litef coough, and endod with half a dozen almost illegible words writeu on a half.sheet of writing-paper, and a promise from the palient tha:, unless the cough dirappeared within fon days, she would at least make up her mind to spsend the remaindor of tho winter in the Riviera.

As the oracle pocketed his fee and hady Olivis walked out of the

## consultation．room，poor Miss Villance，only Lalf satisfied，lingered timidly

 behind．＂You don＇t think，doctor，that there is any real disease？Can you it all account，＂she began，in rather a dirjointed fashion．

The great man glanced up calmly from the note－book that he was cou sulting，fixing his keen gray eyes mercilessly upon his questioner．
＂Fretting ？＂he ejaculated shortly．
Miss Vallance staggered in licr attoniyhment．
＂Fretting？Impossible！What for ？＂she usked innocently．
The physician smiled in spite of himuself．
＂My dear madam，that is beyond my province．Diut a rord to the wise．Unless you can find oill and remove the cause，you will lose the patient！There is nothing clse realls the matter with her－and with her temperament there could be nothing worse $l^{\prime \prime}$

The physician returned to the study of his note－book once again，and Miss Vallance，feeling very warm and uncomfurtable，hurried out to the hired brougham，where Olivia was impatiently awaiting her．During the drive home she was silent enough，reviewing past events carefully in her mind，and allowing：full play to an uncasy suspicion which slie had for weeks been trying to stifle，a dicad that Oivia had never really been herself since she left Thornwood in the summer．Most patticularly she now recalled one well－rewembered day about three mouths before，when her charge had recoived a letter beariog the Cameriham post mark－a letter that had brought a crimson flush into her wasted cheeks，which gave place to an unoatural pallor as she read the few words it contained．
＂Only Mr．Grantloy＇s resignation of his post at Thorawood！How pleased cousin Godfrey will be ！＂she had remarked cariestly，tossing the epistle to Mios Vallance for perusal．It was a curt busines－like production enough，pleading unforseen business abroad as an excued for relinquishing the stewardship of Lady Olivia＇s estate，with the usual three months＇notice given in such cases．

Privately Nlies Vallance hsd agreed entirely with Colonel St．Aubyn＇s views regarding Philip Grantley＇s presence at Thornwood，and had con－ sidered his defection a matier for congratulation；but，looking back at she event now，it seemed to her as though she could almost date Olivia＇s gradual falling off in strength and spirit from that day．She liad been improving rapidly beforehand，gaining liesb and appetite as quickly as could havn been expected，but suddenly her progress towards health aypeared to be mysteriously checked，and she actually lost ground．As scoun as she could be removed，the dock：r recommended lirighton；so the litte house in Cipher Street was shut up again，and Oivia aud Miss Vallance found themselves pleasantly located enough in King＇s lood，with 2 bay－window to their siting．room，pear which the invalid＇s couch could be drawn on days when she felt disincliued to leave the house，and from which she could watch the ever－changing moiley cromd beliaw．
liut the sea－breezes brought no color io Lady Olivia＇s pale checks；on the contrary，a spell of bitter weather wath high and blusterng winds produced an athack of bronchitis．The ibrighton air was pronounced tro keen for her，and dias Vallance was advised to take her charge back to Lendon．It was then－about the begining of December－lhat the old governess，thoroughly alarmed，insisted on another opinion of the case． The rerdict given caused her exureme uneasiness，yet she lad the wisdom to keep the great doctor＇s opinion entirely to herself．

When Lady Olivia at laet reluctantly consented to try what a few weeks in the numpy South would do for her，only atipulating that she should be allowed to remain in town illl after Cbristmas，for the sake of fulfilling her promise to the two elder Irvine childien，Mus liallance did not attenipt so jaterfere with her wishes．

So lucy and Sydoey Irvine arrived in london full of joyous antici－ pations about a week before Christmas Day，aud Miss Vallance，io the midat of her quiet but resolute preperations for the Rivicta expedition，had the satisfaction of seeing her young miatron＇s face brighten and her old merry laugh once more．Iler ladyship＇s inpressionabie wature quickly reflected the children＇s glee，and she entered into their pleasure witha zeat which to a person less sympathetic would hare been impossible．
＂Hut still there is the cough！It seems litlie，if any better，and she gains no fleah．How could she，when she cats nothing？＂said poor Val sadly，shaking ber head，during a short interview with Colonel Si．Aubyn， who had rua up to town from St．Aubja＇a Court on business．

The Colooel shook his head with pompous solemnity．The relations between himeclf and his cousia had been straioed since her unqualified refusal of Mr．Muggeridge＇s suit，which the suap－boiler had pressed with auch ardor on that memorable atternoon when he had ridden over to call at Thornwood Napor．
＂Aiugg；＂as Lady Olivia，in her light－hearted days，was in the habit of calling him，had exprewed bimelf pretiy strongly $t 0$ the Colonel afterwards for edcouraging his delusive hopes，thereby causing him to mako a fool of himself，and to endure the mortification of a point－blank refusal．The reault had leen a marked coolnese between the iño men．
＂All her own fault，＂grumbled the Coloncl ；＂any one else would have nursed such a cold．If she had put ber feet in mustard－and－water and tied a piece of flanocl round her throat is the first instance，it would hare cost it good deal less than rushing off to lliviera．But of course everything common－place is scorred by Olivia．There is this precious fine geatleman－ steward＇s place to be supplied now－shrowing up his work just at tho most itconvenient time of the year，and necessitating a journey down into Grass． shire on puppose to look over his scoounts and see that ererything is muered up before he takes himelf off＂

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Boxis fon Deer Gold Miniso.-Constant gitation soems to bo the only way to gain a point, and wo therefore have detormined to koep calling attontion to tho advisability of the Iscal Governmont grantiug a bonus or bonuses, to the firat partios finding gold in paying quantitios at groater depths than gold mining has yot beon prusecutad, until somo decided action has boen taken. Any one who has attempted to float gold mines in London or Now Yorí will underatand the great advantages that would follow the proving that gold minos in Nova Scotia continued to yield at depthe of one thousand foet or more. The one argument ased by capitalists against Invosting hero is the want of permanency or lasting characteristics in our gold bearing voing. They aay, and very truly, that most of our mines aro only wrorkod for a few hundrod foet from the surface, and they argue from this that they aro only shallow deposits, porhaps well worth the attention of privato individuale, but presenting no profitsble field for the investmont of largo amounts of capital. It is useless to point out that the only reason why the mines have not been worked to greater dopths is the want of capital, and the one way to convince them and place at our disposal all tho capital that wo need, is to actually domonstrato that gold does oxist at greator dopthe, and this can only bo accomplished by the actunl sinking of ohefts. It is too much to ask individuals to assume all tho risks of such an undertaking, (especially as the Government would be immensely benofitted if their work proved successful), without giving them some specis: incentive in the way of a large bonus, provided they prove the existence of gold at dopthe of ono thousand feet or under. It has bcsn proposed that tho Government nudertake the work of sinking oue or more shafts at their own expense, but the difficulty lies in selecting the districts in which to operate, and the goneral diesatisfaction that would follow should no gold bo found. A largo bonas would cncourago individuals and companies in all the gold districts of the Province to risk a certain amount of money in trying to securo the reward, and in this way the questiun would be thoroughly tostod. Once prove that gold in paying quantities does oxist at greator deptbs than herotoforo mined, and the capital to siok shafts to it may be obtained without limit, and gold mining in this Province will soon assume proportione nct droamed of at presont by our wost enthusiastic minors.
'The mining outlook continues to brighten as, with the advent of warm weather, capitalists from abroad are visiting the differont mining camps and proparing to invest hoavily. A manganose company with a capital of 8200 ; 000 has been organized and has secured control of the famols Steven's mines at Tenny Cape and also many adjoining propartioe in the samo wollknown manganese district. It is rumored that the company intond, if possible, to control all the manganese propertias in the Provinco and to conduct mining on a largo scale. In autimeny there beems to be a lull, and we hear of no slipments from the Fiswdon Mrine. The strike of coal shifters in Montrcal threatens to have 2 bad effect on the coal trade of the Province, as it is roported that the Canada Pacific is looking to Three Hivers ior ita coal supply. Tho bad effects, if any, havo, however, not yet been folt in Cape Broton, whore tho losding collierics have all they can do to fill contracts and supply vessels and dealors. Copper should soon bo "booming," as tho Coxhoath Minos are to be largely worked and smolting works erected near Sydoey to treat tino ore.

Cambor.-Tho Iske Lode Company under the management of Mr. L. I. Wadskorth continues its regular yield. Tho Traso Company 250 also pushing oporations, and Mir. Dixon and his asbociatos aro mocting with encouraging succoss. So it will bo percoived that Caribor is not falling behind.

Ihenfrew.-The lifeo Clainos in this district, now owned by Mr. Macdonnoll and Mr. Audrowa, have been worked to a conaiderable extent since their purchase: and results have proved eatircly eatisfactory to the ownors.

Molzan.-Tho last cleon up at the Molega Mining Compang's Mills resulted in a bar of gold weighiug 158025.11 dwt. and 20 grs. from 50 tons of quariz crushed.
l'esasant IMwer.-There is considorable prospecting being done in the vicinity of l'lessent River, and it is roported that somo fino sights of sold bavo been discovored.

Whitenuns:--The Weot or Cushing mine at Whitoburn was sold latt Feek to a syndicato of American capitalists, the prosident being Mr. Gilbert Parkor of Philadolphiz.

Gars' liver.- lirom recent dovelopmento it would appeat that this dis. trict is to play sivery important part in tho futuro gold oporcions of this Provinco.

Iaksouth Coustr.-Tho fino mining plant boing eroctod by tho Huntingdon Mining Co. to rork largo leads of low grado oic is likoly to bring Yarmouth County to the front as a gold mining county. Carleton and Kompt aro both promising districts, bot at present tho sepports from them aro vory meagre.

Stemacke Vallif.-The Bridgowaler Enferprise atates that the gold prol orty east of Ijrookfield discororod by Nitr. Graham, as reporiod in Tus Ciusic of May 30th, is owned by Masses. Mlorris and MaFiulen of Mridgowater, as d that $i$ - has bron bonded for a largo amount to a cartana gentiomap who Is now engesta placing it on the stock market.

Millimpaigate．－The only thing required to make this district a large gold producer is capital and syatematic mining．A large aumbur of very sich leads have been opened up，and it seems strange that operations aro not pushed on a largo bcale．

Montagus－Mr．William Skerry has＂struck it rich＂on tho Symonds Keye property，now controlled by Mossre．Olands，the browers of Dartenouth． The quartz talion from the lead，forty feet from the surface，fuirly bristles with gold．

Mouvt Uniacee．－The very large yields from the Thompson and Withrow mines continue，and encourage the belief that the district will prove ono of the sichest in the Province．

Cbsitnal．Rafdosi．－The prospects cortinue bright as over in this dis－ trict，and the Northrup，Co．and Central hawdon Mining Company are mort－ ing with great success．

Moose River．－The Touquoy property continues its reguiar yield，and Mr．McCregor，the manager of the Montreal compauy，is doing considerable Hork on tribute．Mr．John George has vieitod the district，and proposes to atart work on the property owned by Sheriff Archibald and others．Mr． Bruce has taken up considerable property south of the dietrict and is now with othere engaged in prospeciing．

The following editorial from the Gohl Hubter has our ungualified ondoration：－＂American capitel invested in our mines is constantly in－ creating．At North Brookfield is in operation $=$ twenty stamp mill．At Molega，the Parker－Douglas，of the same dimensions，the Caledonia of ten stampe，and the now looton Company．At Whiteburn，the Graves mine and mill of ten stamps，and to these pust be added the MeGuire and West mines of Whiteburn．All of these properties aro orvaed and worked by Anuerican capitalists．One American aione has iuvostod one huvired aud fifty thousand dollare in Queens County mines．We ${ }^{\text {by }}$＂uld takio no zuarrow view of this mater，and recognize the fict that this Yankee enterprise and friendliness and confidence is worth a great deal to us．We know well unough that they como to make profitable inveetmente，not to our asgistance， but the real good to us is the same，and much credit is due them for the business spirit，that leads them to invest their mouey in reasonable ventures， instead of banking it away to count over and dream over，as our averago Bluenose rich man does．No capitaliets come to us from Canada，raroly from England，while our American cousing come down here with pluck and confidence that shame our own people．They have the foresight and per－ ception to see that this Province is rich in mines，and not the loast among them are our gold fielde．Tteit oxtent is not known．The Province is not prospected，and the mines that haro been worked up to within two or three yeara have trasted a large percentage of the precious metal．Wo are at tho beginning of a new ora in gold mining and milling，and Nova Scotis will come very nast the front as a producer of the precious metal，and that time will not be very far away in the＇sweet byo and byo．＇＂

Tho report of the Royal Commission on the mineral resonrces of Ontario has taken tro years to preparo，nad makesa voluminous and valuablo docum－ ent．The commissioners hare apared deither time nor oxpense in gathering information，and hare held sossions at 37 different places in the Province， from Ottaws in the east to Rat Yortago in tho west．Ono hundred and sixty－ four mitnesses were exsmined under oath，including unen of all elaseos，whose oducation，experience and pursuits havo been such ss to givo them a know． jedge of the subject，theoretical or practicsl，in any of its branched，condi－ tions or relations．Mines，mining locations and works in the vicinits of places where the Commizsion met wore examiued and caroful onquiry made respecting them．The dafa of the report is therefore＂original and historical．＂The Conmission has not followod in the footstops of others，but has pursued the course marked out for itself，and it professes to present no inforenco，opinion or atatement of fact which is not mananted by the oridence，the study and obserration of its members，or the testimony of the highest authority．Tho report should prove of inestimable valua in placing before the world the real value of tho minoral resources of Ontario．Hore tofore there has boen little or no official data to guide visitors，but nom as a resalt of tho painstaking work of tho Commission it is domonatrated that gold，iron，coppor，lead and other valuablo minorals abound in unlimoitod quantities，ed that the Province of Ontario has hidden in the bowela of the eath great atores of wealth，which only require derclopment to make tho country one of the richeat mining localities in the world．

Acoiralia．－Each mail from Perth brings tho news of frosh gold dis－ coverios－all of more or lous importance－all of which noint io tho prospec－
 ondor date of April T，reports the finding of payablo alluvisl gold at a spot to the wet： 1 mand of Asbburton，about 250 miles inland from the cosst．Two noggote a sten and a threo ounco－were found at the place，and thero is said to be evory indication that a gocd feld will bo opened up．The nows， $2 s$ may be imagined，created a great deal of exciternent at houbourne，and a rash sot in immediately for tho Ashburton conntry．

The gold yield in Queensiand for the quarier ended March 3lat fell offa good deal， 25 compared with that for tho provious guarter，the yield being 127，217 ors，xs compared with 130,243 ozs．There scems to bo no soason to expect，howerer，that tho falling oft will continuo；indeed，on tho othor husd，the oatput，it is thought，will in all probability bound upwards as the jour prograssen，

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The formor indicated prospority and labst，whilo the latter，with his tattered garments and air of sliesipation，shownd the sasules of a life of idle－ ness and want．
＂Want to styy all night，oh ＇$^{\text {s reitoratel the farmser，（1）whom he had }}$ nado his request upon onteriag the room，and who had baen thoughtfully survogilig him as ho stood $b$ fore tho fire，＂well，I dunno；it＇ll make the womau luta of work，and I reckin she his absut all she cin do now， and hesides we dun＇t keop no tivora．Bu：［＇I toll yua whit ysu cau do＂ －seeing the bitter，disappointod expreasion in th＝olit min＇s fics－＂．Wo will give you some blinkets and you cin sle日p in the m$)$ wirn whe hired man us＇t bunk，and thit＇s the very best I cin do．＂

Bultuning up his tattered coat，the oll man followed the farmer out of the houre and duwn the frosty path to the big，red bira．

After the horse blankets were arranged on the hiy and the tramp tucked between them，the farmer left，stying as he dosconded the iron ladder．
＂Be careful and dun＇t try to smoke or you might set the hay a＇fire and burn the barn up．＂

For a long time the old tramplay upon the rude couch，apparently in deep thought，and then，after he had drawn his cost mjre closely around him，his numbed lids closed slowly ovar the oyes dimmed with age，and he fell asloop，and while ho slept the wheels of time rolle 1 slowly bickward， and his past life came to him like a visiou．

Oace again he was a boy at his mother＇s kneo，listening to her words of sound advico or gentle reproof，as she chides him for sumo chiddish iully， and points out the pathway his litllo feet should tread in the journdy of lifo．

But soon the mother fades away，and in hor place hy sees the simple， pretty country girl whom he had sworn to love and cherish through life， and by her side is little Mary，the brightest flower along his pathway of exiztenco．

Long he gay．s at them，in fancy hearing their words of love ani affection， until at jast be is awakened by the storn voice of his conntry，who is calling him with tife and drun．to pur furth and battle for her life and honor．

He auswers the call gladly，unhesitatingly，despite the protests of his family，and is soon among the ranks of his courtryinta．fishing valiantly for the sight，until fibally，coversd with wounds，he is borne to the hospital to die．

But past health and a firm coustitutiou sivo him，and after montia of suffering he is at last ablu to leave the cireary place，so full of the gro ins of the wounded and dying，und then his fisst thoughts are of home and family

IIe has not hexrd from thrm during his loog illness，and the traia which is taking inim home seems to cresp along the ruad．

Finally he reaches his dustination，and rushes at onct to the little cotlage． But as ho reaches the place he fiads the garden grown with weods and the house decerted and still．
lle 1 ushes to tho house of a noighbor and there learns how the dresdal fover had entered his houso shortly aftor his departure and laid his darlings low．

For a time he lintens to the horrible story，almost uazble to resliz，his great loss，and thon he goes slowly out into the great worhil and lives over again his life of wrotchodaess and sin．

Once again the scede is changed，and now there stonl upon his ears the sounds of roft，droamy music．It is not the shrill，murtid music of the fifo anid dium，but something sweoter than lo his over heard baturd，nad as ho listens，the dark shadows before him saem to roll sway，and ho cin ses，far above him，a bright and beautiful land，pooplod with happy boing3．

As he gazes，onraptureit，he recogaizas ：mong tho group，the foring of his wifo and child．Now ho is approaching them，and they um holding out their arms to welcome him．

The next instant he is clapped in their embrace，while their kiseos are pressing on his face and brow．

It is anorning，and the busy farmer goes whistling out to foe his stock st the barn．Ilo has fogotton ibout his list night＇s guost，and atarts as lie sees his form unon the hay．

Going over to whero he lies，he shakes him soveral times，but recsives no response．lionding over him more closely he starts with sarprise，for the old trarap is dosd．


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## Solutions.

Prouram 170.-The pusition wasBlack wion $1,3,6,7,5,9,10,11,13$, 15 ; white me., $13,1!9,21,22,23$. 24 . $25,28,94,31$; willta to play. Whal result? The solution bel.w is one ot the mary vartations that misht be plased. If any of our readers com discover a wosk point in it we shall be pleased to publish it $\begin{array}{rrrrrr}29 & 17 & 19 & 10 & 14 & 9 \\ 1-5 & 7-32 & 10 & 6 \\ 1-14 & 1: 5-18\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}31 & 27 & 6 & 9 & 17 & 10 & 6 \\ 10 & 10\end{array}$ $15-18 \quad 12-16 \quad 11-15 \quad 3-i$ $\begin{array}{llllllll}23 & 14 & 17 & 14 & 2 & 6 & 9 & 11\end{array}$
9-18 $\quad 16-19 \quad 8-12 \quad 27-24$
$\begin{array}{llllllll}2 \pm & 20 & 21 & 17 & 21 & 17 & 28 & 10\end{array}$
6-9 $\quad 19-23 \quad 30-20 \quad 23-7$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}13 & 6 & 29 & 25 & 17 & 13 & \text { dravn. }\end{array}$
$18-29$ 23-20 $2:-23$
$\begin{array}{llllll}25 & 18 & 23 & 21 & \text { a. } 6 & 2\end{array}$
2 At both these points whith might have lost as follows:-
$\begin{array}{llllllll}13 & 3 & 9 & \pi & 20 & 11 & 2 & 1!\end{array}$ $32-27 \quad 12-16 \quad 27-24 \quad 29-14$ blick wins.
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$5-9$ \& $1-11$ \& $7-2: 8$ \& $10-17$ <br>
25 \& 22 \& 22 \& 18 \& 20 \& 10 \& 21 <br>
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29 \& 35 \& 25 \& 22 \& 22 \& 15 \& 23 <br>
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a 7-11 was a pitfall whoided nt this point which would have allured White an easy win.

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