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MR. ROBERTSON'S REPORT.

The report in which ex-Mayor Robertson explains the results of his visit to Great Britain tells its own story. It is not a formal statement, as such reports are apt to be, but sets forth in a plain and straightforward way what the city delegate sought to do.

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The subject of the Bristol steamship line will no doubt be referred to the department of trade and commerce, which in view of the failure for the time of the fast line service should be disposed to furnish a temporary substitute.

THE COLONIES AND NAVAL DEFENCE.

The statement made by the first lord of the admiralty to the deputation which waited upon him to discuss the relations of the colonies to the naval reserve, contains an important proposition.

bury has no minister who is more sternly matter of fact than his first lord. So it is not surprising that Mr. Goschen broke in on the discussion of the deputation by asking for a statement of their plans.

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MR. MULOCK AND THE MAIL SERVICE.

It is claimed on behalf of the postmaster general that he has almost brought his department to a paying basis. The deficit of \$700,000 two years ago, has been reduced in the fiscal year just ended to \$74,000.

A steady and regular increase in the postal revenue has gone on ever since confederation. The gain of last year is abnormally large, but the extra part of it seems to have been made up by the large sale of jubilee stamps in addition to those used for postage.

The postmaster general is entitled to all the credit that belongs to the reduction of expenditure by two and a half per cent. His eulogists tell us that \$103,398 a year has been saved in re-letting contracts for the carriage of mails.

So far as can be learned, no part of this saving has been made in dealings with the great railway and steamship corporations which have mail contracts.

railway companies. But it is in the pay of the country stage drivers and not the big railway companies that Mr. Mulock makes his saving.

The Canadian Pacific Company gets \$130 per mile per annum for its through mail from Fairville to Vancouver, amounting to \$450,000 a year.

These are among the services on which Mr. Mulock sees no chance to save. Let us now look at some on which he has made savings.

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It is not only in this province that the economist has built himself monuments. Over in Nova Scotia Mr. Mulock caught a man in the act of collecting \$1.40 a round trip for 12 miles of 19.12 miles each way, or 38 miles in all.

These records, taken from Mr. Mulock's report, show how he economizes. If such an economist could only muster up courage to take the big railway men by the throat as he does the little mail carriers, he could easily save \$1,000,000 a year out of the \$1,500,000 paid for railway transportation.

The Montreal Gazette is of the opinion that if the people of Canada vote against prohibition, the government will not give them prohibition, and if they vote for it, the government will not give it.

NO TRACE OF A BODY.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Aug. 10.—The well at the Mowatt farm-house was cleaned out today, but no trace was found of any body.

IT IS PONTA, NOT PONES.

The pronunciation of these Spanish place names is a little unsatisfactory to the ordinary English bred person, and we do not always get them right.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

LESSON VII.—August 21.

GOLDEN TEXT. Head me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved.—Ps. 147: 14.

The sec includes the story of the healing of Naaman and the sin of Gehazi in connection with it (2 Kings 5: 1-27).

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—B. C. 890-884, common chronology, or 833-845, revised chronology.

Places.—(1) Damascus, the capital of Syria. "The eye of the East," the oldest city in the world.

Rulers.—Jehoram, son of Ahab, king of Israel; Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah; Benhadad II, the king of Syria.

NAAMAN HEALED.—2 Kings 5: 1-14. Commit verses 13, 14.

1. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the Lord had given (one) victory upon the Syrians.

2. And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

4. And one went in and told his mistress, saying, Thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5. And the king of Syria said, Go to, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel.

6. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman, my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover my flesh from leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray thee, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

8. So Naaman came with his horses and with his (c) chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

9. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

10. And Naaman said, Behold, I thought, He will surely smite me, or stand and call on the name of the Lord, his God, and (d) strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION ATTRACTIONS!

SEPTEMBER 13th to 23rd, IN AMUSEMENT HALL, Twelve First-Class Performers Every Afternoon and Evening.

RANZO AND ARNO, with their wonderful Blondon Donkey, performing on the wire. BESSIE GILBERT, the most talented Lady Cornetist on the continent.

ON OPEN FIELD IN FRONT OF GRAND STAND. 7 Nights of Fireworks Afternoons and Evenings.

FOREST SRABURY, Champion High Diver, Fancy Flying Trapeze. THE VARDES SISTERS, Aerial Revolving Trapeze, High Tower Dive into Net.

CHAS. A. EVERETT, Manager and Secretary, W. C. PITFIELD, President.

date. Point out the places on the map.

I. Naaman, or the Need of Salvation (vs. 1-4).—Who was Naaman? Describe his greatness and prosperity.

II. A Little Girl Showing the Way (vs. 4-6).—In what way was a young Israelite girl brought into Damascus?

III. Salvation Sought (vs. 6-7).—What did she do for Naaman? What does she teach us as to the way in which we may help others?

IV. Salvation Offered (vs. 8-10).—How did Naaman receive the message? What had he expected? What about the Abana and Pharpar? Why did he better than the Jordan? Why could not Naaman be cured by their waters?

V. Salvation Rejected (vs. 11, 12).—How was Naaman persuaded into a better way? Do some now want to do some great thing for salvation? What was the result of Naaman's obedience?

VI. Salvation Found (vs. 13-14).—How was Naaman persuaded into a better way? Do some now want to do some great thing for salvation? What was the result of Naaman's obedience?

THEIR DEATH ROLL.

Word was received via inst. of the death in New York of Mrs. Agnes P. Ray, wife of Charles R. Ray, a former mayor.

James McElroy, son of the late Thomas McElroy, of East Portland, died on the 9th inst. after a very lengthy illness.

Ernest P. Feller, who was for a long time in the music business in this city, and who removed to Hartford, Mr. Feller was very much liked in St. John, and he took an active interest in many of the social entertainments of the city.

James Wilson of Petersville, Queens county, died on the 11th inst. at the residence of his brother, Jarvis Wilson, of this city.

Robert C. Sprague, a friend of the late Mr. Sprague, died on the 11th inst. at his residence in this city.

Malcolm M. Mearns, a well known citizen of this city, died on the 11th inst. at his residence in this city.

Henry B. of Yarmouth, fifth anniversary last Friday of some years had occupied the position of first assistant engineer on the steamer City of Everett, which ran between Boston and Newport News.

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There has been a cessation of the past month that is from the 1st of August. During the month of the past month, the death of Mr. Rowan was a great loss to the community.

Many Guardian readers will regret to learn of the death Tuesday morning of John Scott, one of the oldest residents of Charlottetown.

The death occurred at Blissett, Sanbury Co., Tuesday night of Wm. E. Hoyt, one of the foremost men of the county.

Recent Arrivals

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