NEWS ITEMS.

Australia makes better olive oil than does The English duty on tobacco amounts to

some \$45,000,000 a year. A Virginian was recently married who has 104 grandchildren.

Farmers are offering good sound apples at Westfield, Mass., for 75 cents per barrel. A man named Edward Madden, residing in London, England, has been committed for

There is skating in Atlanta, Ga., the first time in 20 years. Thousands of pounds of ice have been cut and packed there the first time ever known.

Paper teeth are a new invention in Ger-

A remarkable cavern, discovered near Columbia, Tuolumbe County, California, has been explored over a mile. Some of the chambers are of remarkable beauty and

The first match of the English cricketers, four wickets.

There are two Lawsons, editors of papers in Charlottetown, P. E. I. One edits the Presbuterian and the other the Patriot. The former is knows as "Lawson the Saint." and the latter as "Lawson the Sinner."

insist upon the evacuation of Eastern Roumelia by the Russians within the time apparently about fifty years of age. His wife pointed by the Treaty of Berlin, even if the is some years younger. They reside in a international commission should not have wretched-looking house on Souris beach, near completed its labours. The proportion of soldiers who can read

and write in the several armies of Europe is as follows:—Germany, 922 in 1,000; Sweden 930; England, 890; Holland, 750; Belgium, 700 : France, 635 : Portugal, 495 ; Spain, 490; Austria, 460; Italy, 450; Russia, 115 Turkey, 75.

A correspondent of a London paper ex-presses surprise that while there are frequent items about the importation of American cattle, nothing is ever said about Irish catcle importations into England in comparison

army. He is a slender and dusky youth, and I landed on Saturday, and Monday morning haughty and shrewd as becomes a descendent I was to give the exhibition. Early in the of the Queen of Sheba. He likes his Eng- morning Gen. Ponsonby and two of the lish life, admitting that a spring mattress and an ulster in London are preferable to a mat and bare legs and a blanket in Abvesinia.

Admiral Andrew Drew has just died in the despatches announcing the surrender of and when serving in Canada something over forty years ago, was a sharer in the exploit of cutting out the Caroline and sending her over the Fulls of Niagara, which so nearly brought about a war between England and the United States.

The failure of the Cornish Bank is the latest commercial disaster in England. It is believed that the liabilities are over one million pounds sterling. Some say that the present state of mining enterprise. It is believed that the mines of Western Cornwall alone owe the bank £100,000, the calling in of which loans would have a most disasterous effect on the whole of West Cornwall.

The Princess Victoria, of Baden, was at her recent confirmation required to write a short autobiography and proposed plan of life. Among other statements the young Princess advanced the following Republican theorythat princess must not conceive that they are placed in their high position because they have greater rights than other human beings. but that they may maintain an elevated Queen smiled a little. I did not know what standard of obligation, and set an example of fidelity to duty to the whole society of which done something wrong, so I said, 'Your they are members.

California is experiencing the coldest weather known in that State since 1850. The temperature during the winter has most frequently ranged between 40 and 65 degree Fahrenheit. This winter it has fallen to 15 degrees, and in some places even lower. To the residents on the Pacific coast this is much more trying than it would be in the East. In San Diego, where bananas and oranges grow, the thermometer has fallen to 22 degrees. There are fears that the trees these estates is that of William Carpenter

In 1864, the farmer, as well as all persons having families to support, had to pay 20 cents per pound for his sugar, to-day the same amount may be bought for less than half : calico was 40 cents, to-day six cents ; delaine have fallen from 40 to 10, ginghams from 40 to 9: checks from 55 to 18, canton flannels from 95 to 8, bleached muslin from 55 to 12. brown muslins from 55 to 8, and these are only a few items in a long list. Of course the produce which farmers raise has fallen very much too, but not to such an extent as those articles they have to buy.

A statistical review of the battles fought issued by the military authorities, which shows that in that period the aggregate losses in killed and wounded have amounted to 1,-085,931, including 261 generals and 17,096 As to trophies and captures, the account stands :- Guns taken, 4,101, lost 1,805 colors and standards taken, 2.033, lost, 969 horses captured, 13,682, lost, 129,227; waggons captured, 11,833, lost, 3,910.

Lord Lorne has plenty of time before him dierly spirit in Canada, and he need use none has been done in Maine: "It has remained but constitutional and legitimate means to- for a few enterprising pioneers in the beet wards this end. It must, however, be a satisfaction to the Canadians that they have in their Viceroy neither a military officer who holds any but regular troops in contempt, or an administrator who as a civillian takes no direct interest in the efficient organization vidual cultivators having produced fifteen of the militia force. Proper recognition is and even twenty tons to the acre; they have their interest to do all in their power at this all that the Canadian militia looks for from been found to average in saccharine matter the authorises, and it will, we trust, be forth- higher than beets grown in Germany or coming at Lord Lorne's hands.

The amount of the payment to the United States of the Geneva Award, was fifteen millions, five hundred thousand dollars; accrued interest, two million, five hundred and sixty thousand, six hundred and forty-three dollars and sixty cents. Amount of payments by the United States to individuals on account of indemnity eight millions, three hundred and eighty-nine thousand, three hundred and thiry-seven dollars, and thirtyseven cents. Leaving amount turned into the United States Treasury, March 3d. 1878. not drawing interest, nine millions, six hundred and seventy-seven thousand, one hundred and five dollars and eighty-nine cents.

Public feeling in the United States is rapidly growing hostile to the payment of large land with the finest sugar of home produc-In many of the States a strong movement has taken place in the direction of reducing the indemnities paid to members of the Legislatures, although the rate per diem is in almost every case below that paid to the home. Speaking of their appearance in Mon- the Maritime Provinces have been having with members of the Ontario Legislature. This treal, the correspondent of the London Daily Hon. Mr. Tilley, and other ministers. It is movement is extending to the case of mem- Telegraph says that gathered on parade were bers of Congress. The long session of each more than one battallion that would have Congress usually lasts about six months. Al- done credit to any army in the world; that lowing six working days to the week, and Stevenson's four-gun battery is almost the subtracting a formight for the holidays, this equal of some of the famous batteries at gives about 140 days for the long session. Woolwich: and that the Scotch companies The short session only lasts three months. subtracting the holidays when the members are at home, numbers but sixty-six working the saluting point. He adds :- "I remem- ture, agricultural implements, from 5 to 20 days. For each of these sessions the member that with six weeks' drill only rough bers of Congress draw \$5,000 and mileage. Turks from Anatolia had defended the lines For the long session this makes an average at Plevna, and as I looked at the militia of of more than \$35 per day, and for the short | Montreal 1 could but feel that General Sir session \$76 per day. Several leading mem- Selby Smyth had as effective a force under correspondent writes:—His Majesty returned have so in the first instance. bers who participated in the well-known, his control as could ever be expected in a favor of hard coal, 171 per cent. Indian hunting at Castel Porziana. The bag, withsalary grab, by which the pay was raised to country where the calv training in the year corn it is said, will be taxed 10 per cent. and out counting other game, contained sixty-\$53 per day for the long, and \$114 per day or a twelve days' drill, with one avening in a wheat at from 15 to 20 per cent. The duties nine wild boars, and required three large for the short session, and dated backwards as week for exercise. The material was excenwell as forwards, have been rejected by the lent, the uniforms good, even the new helpeople. Indications are not wanting that with the increased number of wealthy men precision with which the men executed every gested tariff changes, on the strength. in the Republic, the people will demand that movement spoke volumes for the care that their representatives should draw only nomi- had been taken with them, and their aptitude is to be at all protective, changes such as of the Senate, to

A Prince Edward Island Mystery.

Prince Edward Island has a mystery of a rather serious character. On the 25th of October last, Edward Lyons left Souris on horseback to go to his home at the head of Souris River, and has not been seen since. His horse came home on Sunday morning (26th October) riderless and without any saddle. It was supposed that, being under the influence of liquor, he had accidentally fallen into the river and been drowned, his body being carried out to sea by the tide. trial for sending threatening letters to the but without avail. New and painful interest

story in an Island journal :-An Indian named Thomas Abraham, who Reform Club of Fredericton will become a lept at the house of William Willis, on thing of the past. Late that night he obtained lodging at the many, and a number of specimen were dis- house of William Willis, on the beach. Union in holding lectures on the only evenwallet she went to the bedroom where her in a while in the City Hall like last winter? under the captaincy of Lord Harris, against husband was lying, and they conversed for But no, the Management is given over to the terrible noise arose in the house, which con- Hall, it will help the Club to die easier. tinued at intervals for the greater part of the night. The Indian was dreadfully frightened and did not sleep any. He got up early the following morning and left the house. Be-A Berlin despatch states that an under- fore he left he could not see any signs of

standing exists between the Great Powers to Lyons. the old railway depot. Before the disappearance of Lyons, Willis and his wife lived almost devoid of the neccessaries of life Since the disappearance of Lyons, they have been living comfortably, and have purchased large quantities of flour, tea, etc., for which they have paid "ready cash" They keep a house of questionable reputation, which is

frequented by a gang of rough characters. Boynton Swimming before the Queen. Paul Boynton, continuing the story of his ho was taken to England after the fall of vitation for me to go before the Queen. I Queen's ladies in waiting came to see me. When they were about to go away, I said - Well, ladies, you will take a drink with me?" One of the ladies was quite willing.

but Gen. Ponsonby would not have it. He England, aged eighty-six. He brought home afterwards came to me and explained. He said :- 'Those were ladies of honour, and Copenhagen in 1807, took an active part in for them to drink with you would create a the Ashantee hostilities at Cape Coast Castle, great scandal.' I went on board the Alberta. The Duke of Leiningen, who was the captain took me down and told me what to do. When her Majesty comes,' said he, 'just slip into your dress and get through your evolutions as quickly as you can.' Presently the court party came on board. I looked round for the Queen, but could not make her out. I did not know what she would be like. I looked out for somebody like the Queen in Hamlet, with a long white cloak full of red bank can pay in full, but it seems the more spots. The Captain said, ' Now, go through general opinion that this is impossible in the quick.' Then I saw a little woman in black who seemed to be the centre of the party, so I thought that must be the Queen. I bowed and said 'Her Majesty?' She bowed a little into the water, and did the thing all up in a paratus, and when I clambered on deck quickly threw off my sea dress and came beore her Majesty again. She said: 'I am young lady who stood close by asked me a question, to which I answered 'Yes, miss.' some of the ladies began to laugh, and the they were laughing at, but I thought I had

\$200,000,000 at Stake,

Majesty must excuse me. I have never been

presented at court before, and am not posted."

-New York Herald.

To the American members of the Carpenter family, and to those of their allies who inter-married with them, there are about nine estates bequeathed and unclaimed in the English court of chancery. The largest of will be injured and the next crop may be who died in the year 1700 at an advanced age. It is now estimated that this property to be feared the worst has not been reached. is worth £40,000,000, or, in United States | The agricultural classes are uneasy and the currency, \$200,000,000

Several efforts have been made to recover this immense fortune, but in every case the chancellor has decided against the claimants. In these contests it is very clearly shown, however, that the heirs of the colossel estate were to be found only in America.

There is a very important relic in this suit that has been sought after in vain. This is the family Bible of Timothy Carpenter. It is twenty inches broad, thirty inches long, and five, eight to ten inches thick. I was provided with two clasps at each end, and three at the opening, and was bound in ion) that England will return to the protecby Austrian troops since 1495 has just been leather and brass. This relic is filled with tive system, before many years are past. family records that are of great value in the prosecution of the claim. When it was last heard of, it was in possession of Ralph Derring, who is supposed to be a resident of formation touching its whereabouts.

> THE BEET SUGAR ENTERPRISE IN MAINE -In a lengthy article on the results and prospects of the beet sugar industry in the sugar in Maine, headed by that indefatigable beet sugar maker, Ernest Thomas Gennert. past season in the Pine Tree State. Sugar beets have been raised in Maine, some indi-France; practical and efficient machinery has been erected at moderate cost, and first quality granulated sugar has been produced question that sugar-beet raising may be made a remunerative occupation for many New England farmers, and that beet-sugar refineries may be made paying investments in this section of the country if under skilful nanagement. No difficulty has presented itself that was not surmounted, no drawback has occurred that may not be easily overcome. Within the brief period of about six months Mr. Gennert has shown the world that he could buy sugar-beet seed in Germany in the spring, ship it to the State of Maine stimulate the raising of beets, establish a refinery and astonish the people of New Eng-

mnities to the legislators of all classes, tion refined in November of the same year.' The Canadian militia are accorded a large measure of praise by correspondents of Engish journals who have recently returned of the 5th Fusilier regiment showed as handsome a set of fellows as ever marched past

Communications.

For the "Agriculturist."

SIR.-Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks. In common with many others of the Reform sides the President, Mr. J. H. Reid and Mr. on a grand field, any may lead to great issues. Club, I am very much disatisfied with the Richards, Secretary, there were present in South Africa the greatest success will manner in which the ladies of the Club are Messrs. Dibblee, Grieves, Limerick, Mulli- bring no glory. The British General comcarrying sail. The Tuesday evenings are taken up by them with lectures. Now Sir. they must know that on this particular evening the Reform Club holds their business was some disputation between the President general in South Africa urgently demands meetings, these meetings lately have been and Mr. Dibblee regarding a notice given at reinforcements, and must consider himself is added to the mystery by the following the last thread that has held the club together. the last Annual Meeting by the latter, of a fortunate if he receives half of what he com-At the present time the Club needs new the York County Agricultural Society, and Afghanistan, and there is every probability October, now relates the following story: - life infused into it, for without doubt it is to appoint a committee to draft new bye- that peace will soon be made, the situation rapidly sinking, and the action of the Ladies' played at the late paper exhibition at Berlin. Later in the night a man, whom he recognized ing the Club meets is deserving of censure. They are warranted fully as durable as any. as Edward Lyons, of the head of Souris They say they are a distinct body, and not verbal. A resolution moved by Mr. Edwards "By River, entered and asked for a drink of water. subordinate to the Club. All right. Do was et length carried; that the minutes be threatening and unsatisfactory condition in Mrs. Willis gave him the water and when he drank he lay down on the floor and fell asleep the gutter. Continue these lectures on Tues-Shortly after he began to sleep, Mrs. Willis day evenings for a short time longer, and blee was thus enabled to put his notice to Africa. The Kaffir has been disposed of only to be succeeded by what may be a much more searched his pockets, and took from one of they will then see the mischief they have meeting. Before this was done the meeting formidable difficulty. In the days of the them a large wallet. After taking the caused. Why cannot we have a night once proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing Transvoal Republic there was a serious disunder the captaincy of Lord Harris, against husband was lying, and they conversed for But no, the Management is given over to the sixteen players of South Australia, has resome time. She returned from the room ladies, and the course they have adopted will dent's chair, briefly referred to last year's of territory lying between them. Sir Theosulted in a victory of the English eleven by when the conversation ended, and ordered not tend to save one poor drunkard. Where annual meeting, which had taken place under philus Shepstone offered to act as arbitrator, the Indian to go upstairs to bed. He did so is Sheriff Temple? Give us one more old very different circumstances from that of the and his proposition was favourably received and when he had been in bed a short time, a fashioned temperance meeting in the City present; and to the difficulties that had been by Cetewayo, the Zulu King. The Boers, BLUE RIBBON. Fredericton, Jan. 17, 1879.

The Agriculturist

FREDERICTON, N. B., JANUARY 18, 1879.

Trade and Tariff. The question of depression of trade in Eng- promised to subscribe, and he expected to land is, not on its face, an attractive, but to collect \$250, which would put the balance on reported quite adversely to the claims of the the people of Canada, it ought to be, a very the right side. Mr. Reid then proceeded to Zulu King. Accordingly Sir Bartle Frere | "They have astonished the natives here, General's friends have categorically denied lower freights for themselves as a result of interesting one. The depression is only tem- speak of the project he was contemplating porary, but British manufacturers will find it for this year. He had had correspondence very difficult to recover the position they with the General Government regarding it. an ultimatum. If Cetewayo submit, good and rough tracks which answer for roads." As mond." The Cork business will be forgotten held two or three years ago. The times are changed England has now rivals. "She must Louise had passed through part of the Provlook to her own; while she has been the run- ince and had promised to visit other parts. with which the American imports are not travels, "I came across the Channel. I was ning horse for years, her competitors have What he contemplated was, in the event of the Chelmsford, are but few. Cetewayo can dress as we should in England. My house, in London, and one day when I went to the not been idle but improving their distance, Marquis and Princess visiting the Maritime bring at least 40,000 warriors into the field, which is really a good one, is now making The son of King Theodore, of Abyssinia, Herald office I was told that there was an in- until she has now to apply whip and spur to Provinces, in the course of next autumn, to and these the bravest of South Africa. The rapid progress. It came from England in doubt that England's great rival are the Grand Exhibition to be held in Fredericton, a large portion of the Transvaal, if not the and in the summer the General will reside in gaily decorated with flags and wreaths, and United States. The position of the latter on the first week in October. \$5,000, he whole of it, may have to be temporarily lighted by additional lamps and strong reflecting lighted by additional lamps are lighted by additional lamps and strong re half a dozen years ago. Its people have re- Exhibition Building, according to the original consequently looked for with considerable covered the effects of the civil war, their nal design, and to paint and decorate it. protection tariff has stimulated manufactures though it might be done for \$4000. He was until they have been made independent of confident that the project might be successforeign countries, they are pushing their fully carried out. Mr. Reid referring to the goods and produce everywhere abroad, and possibility of the meeting electing some on largely into England. They are again buoy- else as President, impressed on his hearers ant in spirit, and seem determined to win if the necessity, in making a new appointment, possible the first commercial and manufactur- of chosing a man, who could give a portion the Imperial Government. Voluminous re- fruitful soil-not only the fruits of Asia, but ing position in the world. This is the way of every day to working up the proposed ex- turns have been made in reply to questions some of them talk, "we have been blessed hibition, &: For his own part he would be relating to colonial timber, the analysis alone with a richer and more boundless country glad to give place to another. than any other people, and as we possess all the better qualities of all races, blent into Mr. Mulligan, Mr. J. H. Reid was re-elected American homogeneity, and endowed with President without a dissenting voice. that indiscribable something which springs Richards was re-elected Secretary. Some from its country or its liberty, or both, why discussion occurred on the motion to re-elect ineffective kind) to check waste and diminish should we be second to any other nation." Some of the more sanguine Americans, no gan objected to make the appointment when six Provinces of the Dominion have measures doubt after reading dismal accounts of the

state of trade, and industrial affairs generally touched the highest point of her greatness and trade supremacy and will henceforth de cline. But that is hardly the opinion of Americans who have had opportunities to study on the spot, her condition. The U. S. American Exporter for Jan. 1879, while holding that the summary of trade for the past sent position there has been no time when the general condition was so uncomfortable and the outlook so uninviting says "it must not be supposed that England is on the brink of It is depression after all and not disaster that exists. The manufacturing population especially has been reduced to straits, and it is

commercial community anxious and fearful; but among all it is rather a foreboding of coming trouble than the actual presence of a storm that causes the state of feeling that exists." The present depression is only temporary in England, but her trade outlook is permanently changed. The competition of the United States will grow keener and closer with the years. It is just possible (and the Consul General is inclined to be of that opin-

In view of the present state of trade England and the revival of confidence and business in the United States, and the cerof that Empire. It is their duty as well as

time, to strengthen England, and not to play into the hands of her rival. Since writing the above, despatches from Ottawa give an idea what the "National from these beets, demonstrating beyond a Policy" will be like. No absolute dependence can be placed, of course, on these despatches, but if they are correct, the Dominion Government, in modifying, re-arranging, or re-adjusting the tariff, "will endeavor to tax such articles heavily as are imported extensively from the United States, and favor those imported from England, to a large extent." This is the policy, if Canada must have a protective tariff, which her position, as a part of the British Empire, seems to demand. Canada ought to throw all her weight on the side of England. The Ottawa despatches give some particulars, more or less trustworthy, we suppose, of the intenviews that deputations from the Manufacturers Associations of Ontario, Quebec, and said that these associations desire a general tariff rise, with a few exceptions, to 35 per cent, from the present 171 per cent. It is suggested that 35 per cent. will be imposed on leather, silk, boots, shoes, saddlery and machinery from 25 to 30 per cent. on furniper cent. on ropes and cortage, from 25 to 35 per cent, on wool, 35 to 50 per cent, on cottons, 50 to 75 per cent. on blankets, flannels,

York County Agricultural Society.

The Annual Meeting of the York County day at three in the afternoon in the Temperyear. Mr. Reid ere he quitted the Presi- | pute between the Boers and their neighbor, encountered in getting the Exhibition buildexpenditures and receipts on the building :-

Expenditure, \$3,255 00 Receipts, 3,153 00

He explained that there were several sums due from parties whom he named-who had

On the motion of Mr. Dibblee, seconded b Mr. J. A. Beckwith, Treasurer. Mr. Mulli- the frequency of forest fires. In none of the Mr. Beckwith was not present at the meeting he thought if gentlemen did not consider it in the old country, imagine that England has worth while to attend the meetings of the value of the trade is shown by the fact that Society, they should not be appointed to im- the exports of timber from the Dominion to the fact that the Treasurer had not, for several years, made up his accounts, and that of corn and grain. The returns exhibit in a Consul, General at London writing to the knew how the Society stood, what money prompt and comprehensive action to stay the they had received and paid out, or what property they had, he thought that in electing year is gloomy beyond all precedent in the a Treasurer they should appoint a gentleman There is a tendency in newly-settled coun-United Kingdom, and since he held his pre- who was able to attend to the duties of the office. A committee - Messrs. Edwards. Grieves and Dibblee - was at length appointed to wait upon Mr. Beckwith, confer with him regarding his acceptance of the ruin. Individuals and institutions and in- Treasurership. Messrs. Alex. Thompson, terests may suffer but the country is firm. W. Grieves and C. H. Whittaker, were ap- land, although even in these cases it would pointed members of the Executive Comand Wm. Grieves, Audit Committee.

Mr. Dibblee's motion to rescind all the bye-laws, rules and regulations of the Y. C. A. Society, and to appoint a committee to ment of the said Society, and to report at an to existence, in tropical climates. adjourned meeting, was carried, and Messrs. S. H. McKee, Geo. Y. Dibblee and Jas. Tibbits, appointed to act on said committee The meeting was then adjourned until the second Thursday of February.

Mayor's Election

Last Monday morning G. F. Gregory, Esq., 11th,) of the Encyclical:was re-elected, on the nomination of M Sterling, seconded by Mr. Hodge and Alderman Dykeman, Mayor for the ensuing year. officers, while the prisoners taken by the ene- Western New York, and a person interested tain competition in the future between the Mr. Gregory has entered on his seventh term my were 56 generals, 4,174 other officers, and in the suit. The country is being scoured two great countries, the question, "what of office. Mr Sterling, in the course of a everything, however very complimentary speech, said that in these | honestly acquired, and attempting even the going to propose, becomes, we think, inter-esting. What will the national policy be like? a mayor of Mr. Gregory's economical tenwhile protesting Canadian manufactures in- dencies. Mr Gregory in returning thanks governments have arisen wherein the Author terests, will it favor the old country or the for his re-election, said it had always been and Redeemer of the world is ignored, youth United States, during the season, the Ameri- republic? The tendency of trade as between his fortune to have friends who were very are trained to believe that man's destinies says the Broad Arrow, to encourage a sol- can Cultivator thus speaks of the work that Canada and England and the United States warm and foes who were very bitter, and he has been in favor of the latter country. accounted for his unopposed election by the Will the "N. P." do anything to counteract supposition that his foes had not been able expense. Thus the natural development of that tendency? Canada is a part of a great to bring out a candidate who would give him the Reformation was indicated by previous to achieve a most decided success during the Empire, and its people are deeply interested a sufficiently strong opposition. He would in the endurance, the welfare and prosperity hold out no other prospect, but increase of taxation this year. He spoke of the city debt and of the way it was accumulating, and trary to Scripture. There are distinction set his face against all such increas, as the construction of Water Works, which to be perfect must be accompanied by a complete Church shields the oppressed. When the system of sewerage, would entail. He spoke tyrant is too strong she enjoins resignation. city gained more than \$4,000 by having the vent to the master. Such inter dependence exhibition, and the fact that there is a per- rightly observed in the State as in the fammanent building, will tell strongly in favor exhibition comes up. Does His Worship not besides her own charities, enjoins arms-giv-Governor General and the Princess to open for which Socialism seeks a revolutionary an exhibition next October in that very building to which he grudges the grant. If powers accept the Church as the safeguard could J. H. have had for indulging in so glorious a dream! Mr Gregory said that the dusive to the interests of the city.

> ROYAL SPORT IN ITALY .- A Rome of a mere sents from His Majesty to his Ministers, the telegraphic despatch. But if the new tariff | rec. these that have been indicated, must be made, and others,

Afghanistan and Africa.

While all eyes have been turned towards Agricultural Society, took place on Thuars- Afghanistan, little attention has been paid to "the little war," that has been going on i ance Hall. The attendance was small. Be- South Africa. In Afghanistan the contest is gan, Edwards and Smith. The Secretary manling the invading force in Afghanistan read the minutes of the last meeting. There has adequate forces at his command, the motion he intended to move to rescind all siders necessary. While success has almost the bye-laws; rules, and regulations, of everywhere attended the British arms in laws, &c.. The President held that the said in South Africa is becoming more threaten-"By latest accounts matters are in a very

the King of the Zulus, about a certain strip however, were so confident of their ability to wipe out" the Zulu monarch and his ing. The building erected was a very good "regiments" that they would not listen to one, but hardly such as he had desired. He the friendly offer. By-and-bye their enthen read the Superintendent's Accounts of counter with Secoconi, a chief very inferior in power and resources to Cetewayo, moderated their lofty ideas, and made them ready their independent existence had come to an end, and their country was "annexed" to Britain. On this the British fell heirs to all consider the whole question, and these have

Waste of Colonial Timber.

A short time ago we referred to the v f timber lands in the Dominion from excessive lumbering and destructive fires. The subject has been engaging the attention of of which occupies between 30 and 40 pages of a "blue book." The returns are prefaced of some observations, from which-

It appears that Quebec is the only Province in the Dominion of Canada in which steps have been taken (and they are of an been taken to secure the replanting of cleared areas, notwithstanding an enormous and growing consumption. The importance and portant offices. Mr. Richards, adverting to the United Kingdom during the five years ending 1876 were valued at £24,633,226, as against £16,536,983, the value of the exports neither he or any of the other members striking manner the urgent need for some nfluences at work to destroy the indigenous forests, which constitute in many instance the principal natural riches of the colonies. tries to regard the timber as a mere incumorance to the land, and as it generally occupies the most fertile soils the finest timber is that first selected for destruction by fire, by ring barking, and other rude and wastefu methods in favor with settlers. It is probably not possible in newly-settled colonies to put restraints upon the clearing of the seem to be advisable to leave belts and mittee. Messrs, J. Edwards, W. Edgecombe clumps of timber for the future wants of the inhabitants. No such difficulty, however, exists in many of the localities to which these returns apply, where strong and well established Governments look on supinely while the timber is disappearing and the whole country is becoming treeless and bereft

Papal Encyclical.

cyclical letter against the revolationary doctrins of the age. He assumes a very lofty tone to all "principalities and powers." The

The Pope inveighs against Socialism. Communism and Nihilism, which militate, no longer secretly, but openly, against the ignoring the rights of property, claiming to their former chief. are bounded by the present and without any pontiffs, from Clement XIV. to Pius IX. in their Allocutions and Encyclicals. But the Church's warning is more than ever required. The equality desiderated by a section is conbetween the angels in heaven, a fortiori must there be distinctions between men upon earth. When tyranny prevails then the against the grant for the Exhibition Build. The Pope justifies Christian marriage and ing. But surely the grant is defensible; the of the child to the parent, and of the serthe subservience of the woman to the man. ily would operate on earth as it does in heaknow that Mr. Reid intends to invite the ing on the rich, to whom she thus reconciled the poor. Such is the solution of the evils remedy. Let therefore all principalities and here had been no building, what foundation of earthly and the surety of heavenly things. The Fire Department are in trouble with

last year was to himself the least satisfactory the Silsby Engine. Last Saturday afternoon of all the years during which he had filled it was taken to the river for the purpose of the office of Mayor, nothing occurred to stir flooding the rink in the officers square, and up the popular mind. Does he entend to it failed so badly in performing the work signalise his seventh term of office by some that it led to a thorough examination of her reform, which will break up the prevailing component parts. The engineer found that apathy regarding civic affairs, by some act between eight or nine of the numerous tubular which will make the seventh term memor- orifices by which the crown or top sheet are able! Instead of being the least satisfactory, perforated, were cracked, that some of the may he see the way to make it the most tubes were ill fitted to the orifices, and that satisfactory to himself, and the most con- some of the tubes or pipes were rotten. thus allowing the escape of steam and the the loss of power. It appears that the "crownsheet," which is composed of two correspondent writes :- His Majesty returned layers of iron was, owing to their incomplete The work of overhauling the Silsby has been troublesome and will cost something as in on spirits and the finest brands of tobacco and waggons to convey it to the Quirinal. Three addition to a new crownplate, the tubes that Largely increased. It is not dogs were gored during the sport. The pro- passed through it which had to be cut about these sug- duct of the chase were distributed in pre- will require to be renewed. A new crownsheet and tubes have been ordered from the

The Trial of the Directors of the City of Glasgow Bank.

Canadian Carriages and Cyprus.

Great fun was made of Tir Garnet Wolsely n some of the London papers, because, as they alleged, he had after praising the salu- much mattered had not the press taken the brity of Cyprus, asked leave of absence as to listen to reason. By this time, however, his health had been undermined by the climate. It is now said that Sir Garnet has not been suffering from ill health, and will to a third term, to let pass. For the last called the Unicorn Line. It will carry grain the claims and obligations of the Boers, and not return to England. A letter was receivto this dispute among the rest. Commisted to led from him lately by some one in Montreal, sioners have accordingly been appointed to in which he writes of the Canadian carriages feeling against him, by raking up stories cargoes and quick despatch. This announces which were sent to him from that city :-

has summoned Cetewayo to appoint proper who, accustomed only to the primitive and all these stories, and between them they the establishment of the new line. parties to receive the decision, and has put clumsy carts of the country, cannot under- have made a very pretty quarrel of it. Grant, his demand, it is understood, in the shape of stand how such light traps can exist over the by this time, is off to India, in the "Richhood of submission is faint, and the troops in different from what we had in the summer. will receive a grand ovation and the Herald subject, and making the necessary calculathat quarter, under the command of Lord The nights are cold, and during the day we possibly will be highest in its pæans. siderable difficulty. It is even thought that together," That residence is for the winter, night, was a lively affair. The Rink was whom there are three Cypriotes, more in con-Turkish code, "although," he adds, "the disported themselves on the ice. Grandees latter was by no means a bad one, had it and English Caveliers and Spanish Senerething and everything will grow in this most

> The correspondent of the Toronto Mail. writing under the date (Dec. 26) from Lon-

also those of England.'

"News is scarce, for "the world and his wife" are out of town. Of course the same emark applies to Royalty. The Queen is at Osborne, the Prince of Wales and his family are at Sandringham in Norfolk, and the Duke of Edinburgh, who is about to be made a Rear Admiral, preparatory to leaving the sea, and his family are at their country seat n Kent, Eastwell Park. For the moment we jog along in town without either Ministry r Opposition. But the calm is that which recedes a storm. Lord Granville is gone -day to Hawarden, to confer with Mr. Gladone; but the first clarion call to arms will robably be that which Mr. W. E. Foster now in his seventy-fourth year) will sound on the sixth prox., in addressing his contituents at St. George's Hall, Bradford. He anguet at the Agricultural Hall, Islington and, early in February, by John Bright at Birmingham. But my Lord Beaconsfield s virtually settled, or some other fortunate ncident has turned the face of the public sure that a general election will come within own (S. H. Gill's) name.

Ottawa in a way that leads to the belief that the report is correct, that Judge Ritchie will be appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in the room of Sir W. B. Richards. prepare new bye-laws, &c., for the govern- of the shade so necessary to health, and even who has handed in his resignation, and that Judge Gwynne of the Ontario Court of Common Pleas will be appointed to the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court, caused by the coming elavation of Judge Ritchie The pope has indited a very lengthy En- If this report is correct, it effectually disposes of the rumor that Sir John McDonald. intended to shelve himself on the bench of the Supreme Court, and assume the place. following is the telegraphic abstract, (Jan. which it would appear he intends to bestow quisitely, and was enthusiastically applauded. In 1837 he set up as a manufacturer of on one who has never been a political adherlawyer. The Bench and Bar of New Bruns- ceived. Altogether, the ladies in managecivil state, rupturing the matrimonial tie, wick will be proud of the promotion given ment must have been pleased with the con- gineering tools, & c. By 1869 his workshops

The promotion of Judge Ritchie is past a eradventure. He was sworn in Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, at Ottawa, ves-

of quiet, has not come out of her "agony." hereafter. Hence the impatient and aggresive The political situation is generally considered is expected that all parts of the county will est in the affairs of the concern. spirit which seeks its gratification at others to be critical. The extreme left of the Re- be represented at the meeting, and we learn eem determined to overthrow the Dufame ing out the Permissive Bill. Cabinet, unless it complies with certain of its demands. The Times, Paris correspondent (Jan. 16) says: "the overthrow of the Cabinet would lead to McMahon's retirement and to government by the "extreme left." with revolutionary programma, which would inst. profoundedly derange society throughout

Thomas Dowd was executed for the murder of Thomas Ward, at St. Andrews, on ven. The poverty of which Socialism is Tuesday morning; and a large crowd collectof Fredericton when the question of the next impatient is corrected by the Oburch, which, ed around the jail; within the precincts of last he protested that Mrs. Ward was inno- ent adopts shows his animus. He like the she may be pardoned, or the term of her im- to publish his letter. risonment lessened. Dowd, in his confession persisted in saving that he struck old Ward with the axe in self defence, but after the first blow was struck, a demoniac fury possessed him, under the influence of which, he is splenetic and ungallant. If the life of the finished him by battering his scull.

----The Globé says we are not correct in deny- in it. ng the statement made by its correspondent, that a company is being formed to establish a Sugar Beet Factory in Gibson. All we can say is, that we have made inquiries in a Wednesday next, 22nd inst., has been un- mechanics in the construction of machines that quarter where reliable information is likely avoidably postponed to the 29th, in the are to test the faithfulness of the guards. to be had, and we must still hold to our state- following week. ment, that there is, as yet, no such company. We do not know what will happen. A company may be formed in time, and we been moved instructing the representatives pation that might have grown to large prohope it will. Gibson is as likely a place as in Congress to ask for \$60,000 to aid in who has recently received a patent for a any, to be the seat of such a factory, Gibson building four bridges over the St. John river coffin torpedo, which consists of a canister whose very name seems to imply, money, above the Grand Falls. enterprise and success in any undertaking. ****

e Chamber of Deputies and Silsby Works, Seneca Falls, N. Y. and are contemplates erecting four additional starch be a member of the Board of School Trustees, enough to wake the dead so that they can

Gen. Grant.

The trial of the directors and managers of touring it through Europe. He has visited the case was ultimately compromised for the city of Glasgow Bank, in the high court all, and received the freedom of many of the of Justiciary Edinburgh, which will com- principal cities in Great Britain and the conmence on Monday the 20th, will excite uni- tinent. He has been obliged to make so the thirty-eight ton gun on board the Thunversal interest. The indictment served upon many speeches that he has almost acquired derer on the 2nd inst., confirms the theory the accused, charges each and all alike, with the power of free utterance. He has listen- that the accident was caused by the deprestheft fraud and embezzlement, though it is ed in Westminster Abbey to a sermon from ball slipped forward, leaving a space of nearly probable, that theft will not be pressed; that Dean Stanley who made a graceful allusion sixteen inches between the ball and the charge is founded upon certain bills obtain- to his presence, he has dined in Windsor cartridge. ed from the London and Westminster Bank, Castle; he has hobnobbed with President the proceeds of which were retained in pos- McMahon, he would have been royally enter- respondent of the Cleveland Leader is session of the City Bank. The charges of tained at Berlin had not the old Emperor anxious "to see the eagle of America and the fraud and embezzlement proceed upon various been suffering from the shot of Noebiling, he young lion of Great Britain cross the bloody bills and stock transactions, as well as the was present at Madrid when Moncasi fired at chasm together," which, it would appear, last annual report. Mr. Leresche, Secretary of the Bank has, it is said turned Queen's eviof the Bank has, it is said turned Queen's evi- latory festivities at Alfonso's escape; every- tion to be present at the viaduct celebration, dence, and will from his professional ac- where by principalities, powers, and peoples which invitation, he suggests, should be exquaintance with the doings of the bank, un- he has been hospitably received as a great tended to them. ravel a few of the mysteries leading up to soldier, and the representative man of a great the disastrous failure. The question that nation. He crossed the channel last Decemhas been puzzling the officials of the court is ber, and set foot on the Emerald Isle. He how are they to provide the necessary accom- was cheered, feted, and addressed in Dublin modation in the Justiciary Court room, for but passing through Cork, he felt for the first mysteriously diminishing. He fixed a microthe counsel in the case—over twenty besides time in the old world that he was a common agents—and the press which will be more man, and he only recovered his tone, when largely represented than at any previous trial, he visited Protestant Belfast, where people sult. Very shortly he heard the clinking of stood out in the rain to do him honor, and bottles, followed by the gurgling sound of where one man hailed him as "Oliver Cromwell" Grant. What motive actuated the Cork ing small bottles with oil for easy conveyance Council to refuse Grant the customary civic from the premises. civilities does not appear. It would not have "slight" up. It was too good an opportunity of 18 British steamers will with the New for the New York Herald who has a grudge Year begin traffic from New York to Liveragainst General Grant, who, it is said, aspires nection with the New York Central Railroad week it has been engaged in the very amiable and provisions on through bills of lading which seem to show, that, Grant, when Pre- ment is causing sensation among other New sident, was hostile to the Catholics. The York shipping interests, which anticipate

**** The Carnival.

tors. The spectator's outer circle was 1,928,160,000; of sixty years years, 3,007,formity with English ideas than the old crowded, and about fifty costumed skaters have," he goes on to say, "abundance of tas, mixed familiarly with boot blacks and fruit here, and although we are now well on chimney sweeps: Auroras and representain the winter, we continue to have fresh tives of the star-spangled heavens, flashed grapes and figs every day. The fact is, any- past old Mother Hubbard and venerable but petite grandmas. Two snow men like white polar bears, Esquimaux and Canadian voyageurs skimmed around the circle with a 71st Batt. he bottle came to grief with a thud on the ce. The music of Bryson's Band "lent life nd mettle" to the feet of the skaters.

The Ferry Lease Dispute.

A Special Meeting of the City Council was Ferry Lease case, to which S. H. Gill and A. S. Crawford and Austin Gill are parties. that a decline of England's power in Asia Mr. Blair appeared for the former and Mr. meant a decline also in the advance of the Wetmore for the latter. Witnesses were gospel, for which none of the missionary efheard, but the case is "sub judice."

the lease held by the Gills, which had one will, I doubt not, take all the wind out of boat on the route. He procured an assignthe Opposition sails by dissolving just in the ment of the lease from Austin Gill, but S. very nick of time, when the Afghan question H. Gill stayed proceedings on the ground that Austin had no legal right to make such with favor towards the Government. I feel assignment, as the lease was made out in his Mr. Crawford, we understand, states, that

W. C. T. U. CONCERT.-The concert in onnection with the W. C. T. U. lecture ourse, on Tuesday night, in the City Hall. was very well attended, and gratified the formers were the same who made so favor- tried. able an impression at the Reform Club Band concert, with the addition of Mrs. Beek and Mrs. E. E. Phair. Miss Richards sang two songs, "Spring-Time" and "Waiting" exant of his party, but who is a thoroughly able | Phair's "Esmeralda," were equally well recert and its tangible results.

will be held on Tuesday next, 21st inst., at work in the county, will be considered. It publican party object to the appointment of that provision will be made for active mea-

W. Ethelbert Eastty, Esq., of London, England, will give select readings in the basement of the Methodist Church, in this city, on the evening of Monday, the 20th in contact with frosty iron. One of his com-

The programme will include some choice A Leap Year Wooing," David Macrae : "The

which only a few were admitted. He ap- is too pointed and would tend to excite angry pears to have met his fate quietly, and to feelings at the approaching Aldermanic elec- ed his head away and tore the top of his have died almost instantaneously. To the tions. The "non de plume" our corresponding to the top of cent of all knowledge of the crime, and his old fox is wiley and polite, and that is a Citizen. last act was to sign a petition, praying that sufficient excuse for us respectfully declining

> nication in another column, signed "Blue being employed. To the tombstone will be Ribbon." Our correspondent, we must say, Reform Club hangs on so uncertain a tenure ed every half hour, and it will be inspected as he asserts, there cannot be much vitality twice a day to see whether it has been carried

In the Maine Legislature a resolution has ing, by establishing a new industry or occu-

It is stated that a new Hampshire firm pointment of George E. Coulthard, M. D., to of Fredericton.

A Scotch baronet, Sir Hew Pollock has been sued by his housemaid for breach of Gen. Grant has, for a year and a half been promise. Damages were laid at \$5,800, but \$800 and expenses.

The official enquiry as to the bursting of

THE MICROPHONE AS A THIEF CATCHER. -The microphone as a thief catcher has proved very useful to an English resident in India, who found his store of oil rapidly and phone to the oil cans, carried the wire up to liquid being poured out, and running down-

A NEW LINE OF STEAMERS.—A new line pool, Haver, Antwerp, and Hamburg, in con-

tions, has determined that the number of pulsations during the different ages of life is as follows :- During the first year, 63,000,000, in round numbers; during the first two years, 000; the first twelve years, 614,000,000; the

ITALIAN METHOD WITH DIPHTHERIA .-The two methods of treating diphtheria, with chlorate of potash and hydrate of chlorat, have been combined by Dr. Cesare Cittaglia, of Rome, and, as he claims with remarkable success. He desolves a drachm of hydrate of chloral in five drachms of glycerine, and applies it to the false membranes three or four times a day, by means of a camel's hair brush. Of the chlorate of potash he gives from two and a half to four drachms a day. dissolved in four and and a half ounces of in and a Donnybrook Irishman and little water to children of from three to six years ockeys, &c. The monstrous headed man and an ounce to adults. With these medihased the merry clown around the rink, and cines he combines a tonic and restorative

The vote of the Bishops in the House of Lords in support of the Government during the recent Afghanistan debate has evoked much trenchant criticism from the Liberal organs. A letter appeared from the Bishop held on the 16th inst., to sit upon the Lower of Gloucester in a journal that had been most rapid in its strictures on the episcopacy. His Lordship defended his vote on the grounds forts of Russia could, he assures us, compensate. Commenting on this, Sir W. Lawson in the House of Commons, remarked that obtained from the City Council a lease of General Roberts's corps and the wild hilllower ferry, for ten years, \$80 a year, con- tribes in its train were simply a branch of the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

The Prince of Wales' courage was put to a severe test recently, and he stood the ordeal well. His Royal Highness and Dr. Lyon Playfair were standing near a caldron containing lead, which was boiling at a white heat. "Has your Royal Highness any faith in science?" said the Doctor. "Certainly." replied the Prince. "Will you, then, place your hand in the boiling metal, and ladle out in order to make preparations to have a first- a portion of it?" "Do you tell me to do It is announced in correspondence from class boat ready to run at the opening of the this?" asked the Prince. "I do," replied the navigation, he has expended or made him- Doctor. The Prince then ladled out some responsible for a sum between \$1,000 of the boiling lead with his hand, without sustaining any injury. It is a well-known scientific fact, remarks the London World. from which the story comes, that the human hand may be placed uninjured in lead, boiling at white heat, being protected from any harm by the moisture of the skin. Should was very well attended, and gratified the musical tastes of many. The principal per-

Richard Hartmann, of Chemnitz, "the king of the Saxon machinists," has just died at the age of sixty-nine. He began life as a Miss Martin's "Good Night," and Mrs. E. E. of cotton-spinning machinery; in 1847 he added a locomotive factory to his establishment, and in 1855 he undertook the manufacture of mining and boring machinery, enwere fifty in number, and he employed 2.600 men. Ever restlessly striving to develop his Convention .- An adjourned meeting of business, Herr Hartman acquired for his prothe York County Temperance Convention, ductions a world-wide reputation, and his industrial activity caused him to be justly re-10 o'clock, A. M., in the Temperance Reform wonders of the present century. In 1872 he garded in manufacturing circles as one of the Club rooms in this city, at which business of sold his works to a joint stock company, France, though she has had a long interval importance, connected with the temperance since which time they have been known as the "Saxon Machine Factory;" but up to the time of his death he took an active inter-

A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT. - Yesterday General Gresay, as Minister of War, and sures for the future; more especially in carry- afternoon, 10th inst., a small boy was proceeding over the Sapper's Bridge, when his attention was attracted by something in the Canal Basin. He stood at the railing for some time watching some object, when it occurred to him that he ought to experience the sensation produced by his tongue coming panions at school had told him that it was a pleasant thing, but although he did not credit pieces. "David Copperfield's Courtship," the statement he concluded to test the matter, and accordingly undertook to lick the frost the statement he concluded to test the matter, Dickens: "The Puzzled Interviewer," Mark off the bridge railing. As soon as he touch-Twain ; "Clarence's Dream," Shakespeare ; ed the iron a union was affected between his tongue, and the bridge as firm as that between the Siamese twins, The lad immediately cried for help and was soon surrounded The communication signed by "Old Fox" by a crowd of people who suggested all sorts of things to extricate him from his painful position. Maddened with fear the boy jerkwhen medical aid was called in .- Ottawa

> The grave of Mr. Thomas H. Powers the Philadelphia millionaire, who recently died "BLUE RIBBON."—We publish a commu- is to be watched by night and day, four men attached a key to a watch locked in a case which the men on guard will carry. The watch must have the key at the grave insertto the grave at the intervals required. It is easy to be seen that if a prepetual watch of We are requested to state that the lecture four guards is to be kept over the body of which was to have been delivered in the every rich man who dies in the future, there Orange Hall, by Mr. Fred M. Sproul, on large number of watchmen, but to many In this way some of the millionaires might be more useful to the world dead than livcontaining powder, balls and a firing trigger, The last Royal Gazette announces the apbe instantly exploded, and deadly balls sent defend themselves .- Maine Farmer.