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## Select Tale.

## THE MYSTERIOUS ATTACK.

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In a recent conversation with a gentleman, who still makes his home in the West, he gave us the following thrilling narration of some of his own experience during the Kansas troubles :

"I was one of the earliest settlers in the territory nary conflict broke out between the two factions, I shots in almost as many seconds. was living very quietly and peacefully upon a pleasant farm, which I had succeeded in bringing into a state of excellent cultivation. My family consisted ci myself, wife, three small children, and a hired man; and as I had never taken any part in politics, and never intended to, I believed I had made no enemies and I had no fear of making any so long as it should depend upon my free will to take part on either side of what I considered a deplorable contest. Unfortunately, however, my neutrality soon brought me under the suspicious censure of both fired against a stone wall. tactions, each of whom affected to believe me secretinterrogated by neighbors and strangers, as to my political views, and whether I desired to live under pro-slavery or anti-slavery laws. I had one uniform answer for all, which was simply this;

lieve in strife. I came here before any agitating of my safety, and that all was going well, I stole question was started, hoping to spend a peaceful up cautiously, opened the other shutter, fired the life in honest toil, intending to obey like a good citizen whatever laws then governed, or might sub- get to it, though not until a chance shot had whiz- inst., drove a pair of horses, in a heavy four-seated sequently be enacted by the will of the people.'

next be asked.

" Just according to my conscience and Judge- losing my life.

argument on their side of the question, would de- with the way matters were going. As they now part and report me a firm adherent of the other. took the precaution to draw back some distance So long as I was not personally molested, however, from the house, I could not distinguish what they I cared little for their opinions, and kept steadily said; but I judged that some four or five had been at my regular business, allowing them to think and wounded, and one or two badly, if not mortally. say what they pleased of me. I took the precaution For perhaps five minutes I could hear the sound of though, to carry a loaded revolver about with me, voices, gradually growing more and more distant, and to keep my double-barrelled rifle, which I left and then a trampling sound, as of horses, which at the house, ready for instant use.

"The excitement had reached its height; civil war had begun; little battles had been fought; Stephen. towns had been taken and retaken; men had been murdered on both sides; houses plundered and burned-cattle stolen-women outraged; bands of robbers and assassins were traversing the country well as I could-though the truth was, I felt very and leaving desolation and mourning in their steps; | ill at ease myself, and my voice and manner showed and yet, so far, no hand had been lifted against me it. I did not regret anything I had done-for I or mine. But I was not always to escape, as the had only acted in self-defence, in a case of extrem-

sequel too fearfully proved. was reading a chapter in the Bible, preparatory to henceforth be a marked man by unknown enemies, retiring to rest, we were all startled by a quick, who would probably lay in wait till an opportunity heavy knocking at the door, and the demand of sev- should present of obtaining their revenge by the eral gruff voices for instant admittance. I had murder of myself, or tamily, or perhaps both. prepared myself against just such a surprise, by "It was perhags a couple of hours after the demaking my outer doors thick and strong, and se- parture of my unknown assailants, that, as I was curing them with heavy bars, and by having bullet- slowly walking to and fro in the still darkened and asked who was there and what was wanted.

loud, harsh voice.

another, before I had time to reply.

stick of timber being used as a battering ram.

not gh to confuse a man of coolness and nerve, and ride away. for a few moments I stood half bewildered. I ob-

having succeeded in checking the cries of my own armed and on the alert for a hidden foe. family, I again addressed myself to those outside.

no stranger has refuge under my roof.'

... You lie!' called back a savage voice.

desire to harm anyone.'

we'll talk the matter over. "No,' returned I' 'you are very much mista- on the soil to this day, either living or dead. ken if you think I will now open the door to men who act like so many ruffians. If you get in at all, you will have to break in, and if you do break in, then God have mercy on some of your sinful souls! wearer and cried, "There walks a wigwam." for I am well armed, and shall defend myself to the last. I do not wish to be considered as making threats,' I continued, ' but rather as giving you fair and manly warning, by telling you, as I now do, that unless you retire during the next five minutes, and leave me in peace, some of you will never

depart alive!' This announcement was received by wild shouts of derision and rage, and the efforts upon the door were renewed with greater violence. I said no more to the ruffians, but went back to examine my weapons and ammunition, get my wife and children to go down into the cellar, as the safest place, and

otherwise prepare for a deadly contest. "Besides my double-barreled rifle and a brace of revolvers, I had a fowling piece; and this my hired man, one Stephen Jones, as quiet and brave a fellow as ever lived, had already taken down and was in the act of leading with a heavy charge of buck-shot requested him to see that it was well-loaded and capped, at the same time asking him if he intended to stand by me at all hazards.

his lips and knitting his brows with that look of balderbash," said she. "If it is inhabited I'd like werds.

"I embraced my wife and children, and insisted upon their going below, for a time at least; and then, having seen my fire-arms all in order, and put two axes convenient to my hand, I locked at my watch, blew out the light, and softly opened the shutter of a window nearest the door, where the ruffians, some eight or ten in number, were still at work trying to break in, their oaths and curses keeping time with their blows. I considered I had given them warning enough; and as the five minutes had by this time fully expired, I reached out my arm,

"If you ever heard a band of Indians yell, you can form some idea of the response to my attack; and as I drew in my arm and secured the shutter, I heard one groan out that he was killed, another that his arm was broken, a third that he was hit in the leg, and several others that now they would have my life in revenge. There was indeed a rush to the window, which I had just left, and a discharge of several pistols and three or four rifles, which, for any harm they did, might just as well have been

"'Here, Stephen,' said I, quietly, as I exchanwhile I give the villians the contents of the other.' "'Don't be too rash!' he replied; 'I think they are all about the window.'

"But the other window commands this,' I re-"Gentlemen, I am no partisan, and do not be- joined; and then first assuring my frightened wife same as before, and closed it ere the ruffians could zed past my head, and plowed a small furrow on " But how was I going to vote?" would usually my shoulder-a flesh wound of no further consequence than as showing how near I had been to

"After this, for a few minutes, there seemed to "These answers generally failed to satisfy my in- be a great confusion and commotion among the rufsoon died away into silence.

"'Thank God! the villians have left us!' said

"But how soon to return?' said I, not believ-

ing that we had got rid of them altogether. "I now called up my wife, and reassured her as and studs. ity-but I could not help the reflection that I had drawn, and they lost two. "One dark, cold, stormy autumnal night, as I drawn blood, if not taken life, and that I should

proof shutters at the windows also, and so, telling room in a meditative mood, my wife having laid my family uot to be alarmed, I went to the door, down with the children, and Jones being stretched out on the hearth in a doze, my attention was at "We want you to open the door, you - tracted to certain reddish streaks of light along the scoundrel, before we break it open !' returned a floor. One glance at the fire-place showed me they did not come from the smouldering embers, and then ... We're after a fellow by the name of Smith, the truth flashed upon me-my barn was on fire.that we know has secreted himself inside,' said I ran to a rear window, cautiously put back the shutter a few inches, and saw it all in flames; while "Down with the door! don't stop to parley! on a hill overlooking it, and some quarter of a mile boiling hot; add twelve pounds of molasses, and break it open! shouted the voice of a third and at distant from me, was a small group of horsemen, half a pound essence of spruce; and when nearly the same moment there was a quick rush against it whom I believed to be the incendiaries and my late cool, put in half a pint of good ale yeast. This followed by heavy blows, as if from the end of a assailants. It was only the work of a minute to step back, seize my rifle, adjust the sights, take de- may be immediately bottled, well corked and tied, "Oh, my God! my God! what will become of liberate aim, and fire; and then it was, with a sort and packed in sawdust or sand, when it will be aloud for help. us! screamed my wife, while all the children joined of savage joy, to which I had heretofore been a ripe and fit to drink in a fortnight. stranger, that I saw one of the scoundrels fall from "The noise outside and inside together was his horse, and the others hastily pick him up and

"Of course there was no sleep for the older memserved, however, that the door remained firm, and bers of my household that night, and for weeks, and even months, my house became my fort, which

"'If you think there is any one here but my own knowledge, and to this day I have no idea who they household,' I said, 'you are altogether mistaken- were, what they intended, nor what they actually forward a shower of musket balls, that mow down William Herdman, cousin of the deceased. suffered at my bands. They burned my barn, de- the foe in heaps. Our battery threw twenty-four The grief of the prisoner's wife at the dreadful to avoid any action which would tend to paralyze stroyed my hay, killed some of my cattle, and stole " 'I am a man of peace,' I continued-have lived three good horses, besides giving my family a fright here some years—have always minded my own busi- they never got over till I left the country, which I They marched steadily on, and hailed a perfect temness, and have never molested any one. I have no did the following spring, selling out at less than pest of balls upon us. Why we, as well as our who visited the Exhibition several times, informs proper amount of education there, and being menenemies that I am aware of, and certainly do not two-thirds of the real value. This was the only real trouble I met with during my residence in the ... Well, open the door, then, and let us in, and territory; and had it not been for the feelings of

> Captain Burton says that when the Kickapoo Indians first saw a crinoline, they pointed to the

There is a deed on file, in Cambridge, Mass. which describes a piece of land as bounded by William Smith."

A POSER. —On Sunday a lady called to her little boy, who was tossing marbles on the side-walk, to yes, but aint it Sunday in the back-yard mother?"

the key upon him, "faith its meself that, s rigular- and down went those three flags, and a gap was An "Emmancipation League" has been organized ensure an efficient teacher and school, and if the ly locked in!" "In," said his companion; "in had torn through them, and the dead lay in swarths. tion of the new league pledges it to resist the retenwhere?" "Why, in the street.

You may wish to get a wife without a failing and slugs. I handed him one of my revolvers, and but what if the lady, after you find her, happens to be in want of a husband of the same character !

Exed determination which is more assuring than to know what becomes of the people when there is and then we kept our position till night put an end nothing left of it but a little thin streak!"

Items, Foreign & Nocal.

hours to operate, it produces instantaneous results. news arrived of a murder in the south under cir-

would like to take a whole Yankee as a comforter.

000 of this is given by the Bishop.

During last week the enormous amount of one Fortunately for the ends of justice there was a witly inclined in favor of the other; and I was often ged revolvers with him, 'hurry and reload this, million four hundred and thirteen thousand four hundred and eighty-lour bushels of grain, and thirtyfive thousand four hundred and thirty-two barrels of flour, were shipped from New York for Europe, the most of it going to Great Britain.

who was serving in the Federal army, has been kil- ants with notice to quit. It is also said that he had

Mr. Bonner, of the New York Ledger, on the 4th in 1 minute and 7 seconds.

dant yield. It is thought there will not be a short Catholic by Ribandmen in a few weeks. supply in any particular.

ed at Paris, for the best essay on the "regeneration had returned on Wednesday evening from Strabane resources. It is indeed with a view to this very ding for the lads a home where they are carefully terrogators, who, after advancing all the strongest fians outside, who were evidently not at all pleased of bone," in the hope that, eventually, medical in the country of Tyrone, where he had extensive science will no longer have to resort to amputation. In the Arctic regions, persons can converse at more than a mile distant, when the thermometer is

> In water, sound passes 4,708 feet in a second ;in air, from 1,130 to 1,142 feet.

wink one's eyelids.

Twenty thousand vessels are annually admitted about one hundred acres.

Great Britain imports 1,000 tons of pearl shells, the whole of which are manufactured into buttons The oldest known painting in the world is that

of a Madonna and child of 886.

The wealth of the Rothschilds is estimated at

the strength of fifty horses to draw it. The French Government is seriously contemplating a scheme for replanting the mountains in France the diminution of timber trees creating considerable for many years.

A number of English lawyers have formed a volness they have named "The Devil's Own."

excessive cold, &c. Within the past year the Catholics of the United head, and fired. The slugs took effect in his face, them very costly and magnificent.

Brown Spruce Beer : - · Pour eight gallons water into a barrel, and then eight gallons more bung out two or three days, after which the liquor

Battery A, N. Y. Artillery, in Casey's Division, and addressed him. Mr. Herdman passed on, and better known as the "Napoleon-gun battery," in immediately she heard a shot, turned round, and tution. A garrison town is not the most desirable the front line of the first day's battle before Rich- saw the prisoner's arm raised. Immediately after- place to send young men and youths to be educated.

"But I never saw my assailants again to my that is fired by a fuse the same as a shell. The mis- and it was corroborated by a beggar woman, who various institutions which act as feeders for the Uniof these a minute, and as we had the exact range of occurrence is almost uncontrollable. - Times. every part of the field, every shot told with frightshot into the dense masses of the foe, who came on hesitation, went in the direction of the division ves but likewise upon the institution. We should one dearer to me than my own, I should have been in prodigious and overwhelming torce. And they assigned to it, "fearing the worst." His first feel- be careful then how we remove these grants—we ies went down before that murderous fire; but they produced here. "stump and stones, where Daniel Harrington licked closed up with an order and discipline that was awevictory if they could by any overwhelming rush drive adequately be described .- Despatch. us from our position. It was awful to see their ranks shattered and torn by every discharge of cancome into the house: "Don't you know you should nister that we poured right into their faces, and tons pig lead to be turned into Minie rifle bullets. schools, under the present system, are and must be not be out there, my son? Go into the back yard if while their dead and dying lay in piles, closed up, It will make 150,000,000 of balls. you want to play marbles. It is Sunday." "Well, and still kept advancing right in the face of that

were steadily advancing, and three of their flags 400 yards, five rounds at each. We understand about their inefficiency, but this may in some mea-"FAITH," said an Irishmen, who could not get were brought within range of one of our guns shot- that the two first distances will be fired standing. opened through those three lines, as if a thunderbolt at New York. One of the articles of the constitu-But they at once closed up, and came steadily on, tion of any Slave State in the Union, unless it will the present law the Grammar schools are only renever halting or wavering, right through the woods first pass an act of emancipation. guns, and sweeping everything before them, captur- At Berlin and London, the longest day 16½ hours. not at all sufficient; was the sum required to be and virtue. Therefore, if direct taxation was emed every piece. When we delivered our last fire, they were within fifteen or twenty paces of us, and, burg. 19; shortest, 7. At St. Petersburgh, 19; would be enough to give them efficiency. I believe within fifteen or twenty paces of us, and, burg. 19; shortest, 7. At St. Petersburgh, 19; would be enough to give them efficiency. I believe without the stant required to be bodied in this resolution, I would go for it; but it would be enough to give them efficiency. I believe without the stant required to be bodied in this resolution, I would go for it; but it would be enough to give them efficiency. I believe as all our horses had been killed or wounded, we shortest, 5. At Finland, 211; shortest, 21. In if the principle of direct taxation was fairly brought without producing another and a better system to A gentleman was arguing with a lady, and assu- could not carry off a gun. Our whole division was Norway the day lasts from 21st of May to July 22, before the people of the Province and discussed, take its place. "To the death!" he replied quietly, compressing ring her that the moon is inhabited. "That is all cut to pieces, with what losses I do not know. We without any interruption; and in Spitzbergen the cut to pieces, with what losses I do not know. We without any interruption in facult to pieces, with what losses I do not know. We without any interruption in facult to pieces, with what losses I do not know. The public only require to be there would be a second line of entrepelments and there longest day lasts three months and a half! held the enemy in check till reinforcements arrived, to the battle.

ATROCIOUS MURDERS IN IRELAND .- Murders of the most atrocious character are multiplying in this country with awful rapidity. The perpetrators last. seem to have no more remorse than tigers, and The latest improvement in pharmacy is a pill, scarcely any more fear of consequences. While the got up upon the principle of a shell. When swal- public mind was still full of consternation and horlowed it explodes. Instead of requiring four or five for at the assasination of Mr. Herdman, of Belfast, cumstances singularly similar and equally appaling. A lady in Missouri offers a premium for enough If they were designed to produce the impression Yankee scalps to make a bed-quilt. Perhaps she that life in Ireland is utterly insecure, and to make the best and most useful members of society fly from The tenants on the Balmoral estates have resolved it as from a land smitten with the plague, they to erect a granite obelisk as a monument to the late | could not have adopted any plan | better | calculated of Kansas," he said; "and at the time the sangui- pointed my revolver toward them, and fired six Prince Consort. The place of erection was left to to effect the purpose. Mr. Francis Fitzgerald was the Queen; and she has decided upon a little wood- a landed proprietor, residing near Kilmallock, a few ed "knowe," to the south-west of the Castle, and miles from the town of Bruff, in the County of Limerick. About 5 o'clock yesterday evening he was standing at his own hall door, conversing with his The sum of £6,827 has been already collected for wife, both apparently admiring the rich and beauthe cathedral about to be erected in Belfast. £1,- tiful scenery of one of the finest districts in the county, nature smiling in all her loveliness under a Three disreputable characters, having been guilty | brilliant sun, giving promise of plenty, suggesting of improper conduct at Tangier, N. S., were tried only thoughts of peace, and inspiring grateful and by a committee of miners, and sentenced to banish- happy feelings, which probably found expression ment, and the worst of the three to receive thirty- from the lips of husband and wife. But at that six lashes besides. The sentence was duly carried moment the unsuspecting gentleman's head was out, and the worthies were escorted beyond the pre- "covered" by the assassin. A ball passed through cincts of the district by a large number of the his neck, and he fell a corpse at the feet of his wife. There were two assassins lurking behind a hedge. Having effected their purpose they walked away .-

> the murderers and had them arrested. Another account states that Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald were out driving in the gig when the murder was committed. Mr. Fitzgerald was a member of The St. Andrews Standard says that a young man an old Irish family. He was a Roman Catholic .belonging to that place, named William Pheasant, It is stated that he had served some defaulting tenreceived threatening letters. The mardered gentleman was well known and much respected in Limerick. The principal offender was arrested this morning, at 4 o'clock, by Sub-Inspector Milling road waggon, with three other persons, half a mile and his party. The constabulary are scouring the country for the other Mr. Fitzgerald can identify The fruit crop of Nova Scotia promises most abun- the assassins. This is the third murder of a Roman

ness of the deed, a clerical student, who followed

show how mysteriously the fate of a good man may A prize of twenty thousand frances has been offer- be linked with that of a miscreant. Mr. Herdman cotton mills. He was also a partner in the firm of Messrs. J. and J. Herdman, owners of the Smithfield unique among our cities for its manufacturing innot an enemy in the world. On Thursday he had exceedingly, being in excellent health and spirits. After dinner the party took a walk. Clitonville, where Mr. Herdman resided, is a most beautiful district-a slope under Cane-hill, at the Antrim side of Belfast, covered with villas, richly planted, The All-England Eleven won six of the twelve and commanding a view of the town, the Lough, cricket matches played in Australia, four were and the county of Down on the opposite side. No scene could possibly be more suggestive of peace and security. The idea that it would be selected deliberately by an assassin for the perpetration of mur-800,000,000 francs, a sum that in gold would task der, in open day, on the public road, in presence of

Mr. Herdman had scarcely passed out of h grounds on the public road, accompanied only by Mrs. Thompson, whose husband had gone with the unteer company, which in a fit of moral conscious- rest of the party and the children in another direc-Late papers from Victoria, V. I, report that there said "Can I speak with you?" Mr. Herdman, who have grown and strengthened and become useful rious denominations, as they should, will support is much suffering among the miners at Frazier's seemed to know the man well, replied "Not now." River, Lilloett, Stickeen, &c., from want of food, The man followed, and said "I must speak with drew a pistol which he had concealed, aimed at his

States have dedicated ninety-five churches, many of as he seems to have turned round at the moment. second barrel and shot him to the heart, and, having looked at his victim for a moment, departed, throwassistance of the dying man, who was only able to say, "I am killed, send for my wife." Mrs. Thompson instantly spread the alarm, and cried

held yesterday morning. Mrs. Chas. Thompson was the first witness examined. She at once iden-THE CONFEDERATE ONSET .- AN AWFUL Scene .- ified the prisoner as the man who came up to her and An extract from a private letter of a member of Mr. Herdman, when they were walking together, wards she heard a second shot, and Mr. Herdman but we have the University established here, and it "Our spherical case shot are awful misiles, each fell. Witness then ran for help, and the prisoner, "Silence!' I shouted, stamping my foot; and I only left when obliged to, and then always well of them consisting of a clotted mass of seventy-six having looked at the body, walked back towards being admitted, it then becomes our duty to make musket balls, with a charge of powder in the centre, Belfast. Mrs. Thompson's evidence was conclusive as pure, and preserve as efficient, as we can, those sile first acts as a solid shot, ploughing its way was close to the spot and saw the prisoner. The versity. Grammar schools and Superior schools through masses of men, and then exploding, hurls Jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder" against have grown up throughout the country, under the

horses, were not every one shot down, will forever us that New Brunswick is well represented there. tally and morally trained, they will come up to the remain a mystery to me. We did not mind the He had misgivings about the number and quality University prepared to advance in the paths of leaden hail, however, but kept pouring our case- of the articles sent from the Province, and, after knowledge, reflecting not only credit upon themselfought splendidly too. Our shot tore their ranks ing was one of surprise, which quickly turned to should not do it hastily, but in a sliding scale, and wide open, and shattered them asunder in a manner admiration; and he formed a comparison between in time they will become self-sustaining. I would that was frightful to witness; but they closed up the Canadian department and that of New Bruns- most willingly give my support to a bill, involving again at once, and came on as steadily as English wick in favor of the latter, inasmuch as less was to the principle of direct taxation, and, that principle veterans. When they got within four hundred be expected from this province. The specimens of once established, I would then willingly go to wipe yards, we closed our case shot and opened on them cereals, coal, minerals, and the workmanship in away all those denominational grants and place with cannister, and such destruction I never else- cutlery, the Albertine oils and other things called them in the same category with grammar and other where witnessed. At each discharge great gaps forth much admiration from the Londoners who schools, gradually reducing the grants; the system were made in their ranks-indeed, whole compan- seemed to have no idea that such articles could be of direct taxation, while it will affect every mans'

inspiring. They seemed to be animated with the the interior of the building is beautiful in the extreme is devoted among the people, and after a time courage of despair blended with the hope of a speedy and the Picture Gallery an exhibition that cannot these denominational schools, under the more gen-

THE DISTANCE to be fired at the P. E. Island assing. With reference to the Grammar schools,

At one time, three lines, one behind another, Shooting Match in August, is to be 200, 300 and no doubt there is too much truth in the remarks

half millions of pounds sterling annually.

THE FUTURE OF THE PROVINCE. Hon. MR. KINNEAR'S speech continued from our

General, and the Clerk of the Council, whose duty consumers, and, consequently, not contributors to it is to have all business in a state to be attended to the revenues in proportion to their wealth; and at any time. And now there are but two points the effect of direct taxation would be to equalize more to ask for your honors' attention, and those the contributions of all classes, for support of edutwo be would shortly refer to. I regret to see that cation, in proportion to their actual wealth. an individual of high political standing in the Pro- Hon. CAPT. ROBINSON .- I am quite certain the vince has made reference to the injustice of the Grammar School in Charlotte is of very great bene-Mother Country calling upon the Colonists to pay fit, and in it some very intelligent young men have the main part of the expense of defending themselves, been prepared for higher studies. I cannot agree and in the late case of sending out British troops for with my hon. friend, Mr. Steeves, that the Univerour defense, in consequence of the Trent affair, was sity is solely for the benefit of the rich; I think, as referred to by him-because that quarrel was a ques- at present constituted, it rather favors the poor tion of national policy and not our own affair-as mans' sons. I know there are several young men an illustration of such injustice. But I believe in studying within its walls, who are sons of men in no such narrow, selfish policy; and that when the St. Andrews, mechanics, who are not rich men. It union of these Provinces shall have been achieved, struck me as rather singular, that, on the very day such a line of policy will be utterly scouted, as it when, after an agitation of years, during which the ought to be now. On the contrary, he rejoiced in College had been continually assailed because, as the thought that they were a constituent part of the was alleged, it was an Episcopalian institution, the great British Empire, and should take their share in doors of that College under the name of "The Uniwhatever tended to advance its general prosperity; versity of New Brunswick" were thrown open to and so far was he from thinking that they should every body, and every sectarian barrier removed, not pay any part of such expenses, even though the that on that very same day, an attempt should be war should be on their own borders, because not made to establish a denominational College at Sackbrought about by themselves, he thought it right ville. I do not think Grammar Schools generally and proper, and truly loyal, to tender any assistance get lair play. The teachers of these being usually as their limited resources might command to our men of superior attainments and more cultivated Gracious Sovereign whenever the integrity of the minds, who keep themselves more aloof from soci-Empire was menaced. Although I earnestly hope ety, and whose personal influence is not so great in that the deplorable calamity of war may ever be building up and increasing the attendance at the averted from every portion of that Empire, I firmly schools; the Superior School Teachers on the other believe that if it should come and fall upon our fa- hand, are much better known, take more interest ther land, the people of these lower Provinces would in every day matters going on, and the consequence be found imitating Canada in sending their Regi- is they have large schools. I would myself much ment from their shores to aid in its defence. That more prefer a good Grammar school in any locality is the true unselfish spirit I wish to see throughout than a parish school. There is one thing which I the whole of British North America; and it is would suggest, that there should be a provision of strange that any one could hear of or see the gal- law compelling the masters of the Grammar schools lant regiments one after another come from that to receive boarders; or some provision on the part land, so carefully equipped and so ready for the of the trustees, for the proper reception of youths fight, and not feel, while the heart warmed toward coming from a distance; this is one reason why The circumstances attending the Belfast murder glorious old England and her unconquered soldiers, there are so many pupils from a distance who atthat she was entitled to command all their gratitude, tend the Collegiate School here in Fredericton. The and whatever could in any way be spared from their Rev. Mr. Coster having taken an interest in provithing that I am glad to see in these resolutions for looked after, and to which the parents feel safe in a rigid economy in our expenditure, some prospect sending them. The National Board of Education of being prepared for any such call by England. I in England, has decided, that in the National spinning mill, Belfast. He was one of the wealthi- would say to your honors, as I would had I the ear Schools only the three primary branches of Educaest and most respected of those merchant princes of the whole population of the Province, while you tion should be taught-Reading. Writing, and who have made Belfast the manchester of Ireland, desire to retain and are proud of the name of British Arithmetic, -contending that these are quite suffiand form a component of the great British Empire, cient for such schools; those whose time and means dustry and mercantile prosperity. A year ago Mr. pover let us shrink from bearing a portion of its may permit them to enter upon higher branches of A ray of light will perform the tour of the world Herdman was chosen by his fellow merchants Presin about the same time that it would require to ident of the Chamber of Commerce. He was surrounded with all the conditions of happiness. His is borne for the immediate protection of this coun- the support of Education. Last year it contributed wife was the mother of 13 children, and was about try, let us cheerfully give our mite also to assist in \$116,000, or about one-fifth of the whole revenue, to add another to the number. He was surrounded relieving those burdens, and be thankful for the giving forty-six and a half cents to each man, wointo the Liverpool Docks, which occupy an area of by troops of friends, and to all appearance he had position which calls upon us to do it. I will cheer- man and child in the Province, or tour dollars for fully support all the resolutions, with the exception each pupil attending school .- The proportion of

anticipated by the hon, mover.

in and have been particularly pleased by the manner borrowed. In New Brunswick our revenue was in which they have been, thus far, discussed-a £139,000; interest on debt £70,000; for schools than which, there is none which involves the inte- for all other purposes-great and bye roads, expenrests of the people, more generally, because it af- ses of government, &c., and having to borrow £35,a lady, would have been considered a thought too feets rich and poor, and because the intelligence, 000. The difference in the educational grants will wild for romance, especially in the neighborhood of the virtue, the progress of the whole people depends thus be apparent to your honors. We ought to be Belfast, where a murder had not been committed upon education. In view of its great importance, the best educated people in the world.—We may existing establishments, unless we are prepared could she afford to expend one-fifth of her revenue We should be particularly careful how we withdraw proportion to our population, than does England. tion, when he was accosted by a tall dark man, who Legislative support from useful institutions which I have no doubt the time will come when the vawhile yet they are not strong enough to sustain all these denominational grants will be swept away. themselves and do without it. Reference has been My hon, friend, Mr. Mitchel, referred to the Mamade to the Provincial University. We all know dras school as being peculiarly an Episcopalian inthe difficulties through which that institution has stitution; this is not so. I know in St. Andrews had to struggle; how difficult it has been to con- at all events, the utmost liberality prevails, and the Mr. Herdman then ran forward a little, and was vince people that it could be so remodeled as to only object appears to be to make the school useful; pursued rapidly by his assailant, who discharged a prove useful and popular. It is now however, under children of every class are admitted, and it has sevits new Government being brought more fairly un- eral children of color among its pupils. I think der the notice of the people of the Province. Its the old system of parish schools better than the one ing down the pistol near the spot. Mrs. Thompson, objectionable features have been removed and now now in force; although the Inspector for Charlotte whose consternation may be imagined, ran to the there appears to be a general and growing feeling I believe attends to his duty very faithfully. The in its favor. This change in public sentiment may great increase of schools of any exceptionable chabe. I think, attributed in a large measure to the ef- racter, under the direction of young women, who The inquest on the body of Mr. Herdman was country, presented the claims of the institution, and to enable them to purchase a little finery for their education generally, in such a plain, pleasing, yet bridals, has had a very bad effect, and certainly reconvincing manner, as to create at once not only a quires an immediate check. sentiment of sympathy for the institution, but of There may be objections to the locality of the insti- as to the disposal of this resolution, and think is our duty to make the most we can of it. This University depends upon the character of the lower tul effect. But the enemy were not at all daunted. New Brunswick at the International Exhibi- institutions. If the young men in the latter have pocket, will as a consequence induce more general obtain in society, will loose their denominational The U.S. Government has contracted for 5000 identity altogether. The claims of denominational

al jealousies which are apt to arise, very embarsupported. The salary now paid is not sufficient to

The customs receipts at Liverpool are four and a system, their contributions would be smaller; that Todd, Davidson, Steeves, Rice. Perley, Mitchel, it would not cost so much for education as it does Gordon, Hamilton, Wark,-10. [To be continued.

now; and while this applies to those having children to educate, those who are not interested in this way would soon come to see, that the general improvement and education of society was a matter "There is very little to do in attending for a few of direct interest to them. The wealth of the counhours a day and listening to matters already pre- try should contribute to the education of the counpared by the Provincial Secretary, the Attorney try. Under the present system the rich are not

invited a few friends to dinner, and enjoyed himself perhaps of one or two, on which I have not fully our revenues which we give to schools, is greater made up my mind; and trust that their passage than in any other part of the world. England last and discussion here will produce much of the good year, with a revenue of sixty-two millions. expended 27,000,000 for the army and navy, 27,000,000 Hon. Mr. Topp.—This is a subject in which I for interest on the national debt, 9.000,000 for all have always taken a deep interest. I have felt grat- other purposes, including 800,000 for national ified that my hon, friend brought those resolutions schools, leaving a deficiency of £2,000,000 to be manner becoming the importance of the subject, £29,000, nothing for defenses, leaving the balance then, we should be careful how we interfere with well ask what would be the condition of England with some more efficient system than that under for Education. We give twenty times more, in which those institutions are at present sustained .- proportion to our revenue, and fifty times more in forts made by its present head, Dr. Jack, who in only embrace teaching for a few months, perhaps his visits to, and lectures in various parts of the to get the government third class allowance-so as

> guide to the Executive. The discussion, I think, will prove beneficial, and I feel obliged to my hon. friend for introducing the subject, and giving hon. members of this body an opportunity of showing by their deliberations that they feel as much interest in the country, and its prosperity, as do Members of the Lower House. There is no doubt the most rigid system of economy should be adopted in connection with every branch of the public service, and any offices not necessary to, or consistent with the general welfare, should be abolished. This subject of denominational schools is one which it is very difficult to meddle with, having grown up intimately with the Province; and it is hardly fair to ask the Government to interfere without we lay down some definite rule for their guidance. The Madras Board is entirely under control of Episcopalians, and the grant to its support I regard as a grant to Episcopalians. Do we need proof? The Rev. Dr. Donald, the only member of the Board outside of the Episcopal Church, was not allowed to introduce into the schools the Shorter Catechism of the church to which he belonged, and which in Scotland is recognized as the established church; and some years ago the order was given, enacting from the Governor, that every child in the school should be compelled to learn the Episcopal Catechism. The only way, I think, of getting rid of denominational grants is by introducing direct taxation .--Many years ago I made up my mind that such was the correct system, and there is not an argument which could be used in favor of taxing for the poor, or for any other public service, which does not apply with equal force to this. Of the duties of property to a state, it is no more necessary that it should provide against the starvation of the people. than against the people growing up in ignorance. If the principle of direct taxation was adopted, not only would an immediate and healthy impetus be given to education, and a new and warm feeling of regard for it be excited within the minds of the people, but then these denominational grants would ie out as a consequence. The system would be found to be a saving in many respects. The people now are taxed heavily to support the criminal juquired to receive £50 to entitle them to the grant police force that can be bad. Ignorance, promoof £100, and every one must be aware that £150 is ting crime,—education, promoting enlightenment

Hon. MR. WARK -I feel considerable indifference