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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The United States Industrial Commission is to discuss trustc. Meanwhile, thanks to New Jersey laws, the trusts multiply daily and laugh at the federal commissions.

A Hamilton man has been the first one to receive a pension from the United States government on account of the late war with Spain. And yet Hamiltonians speak of Toronto as hogtown.

Ten tons of wheat have been shipped via Empress of India from Vancouver to Vladivostock, Russia, by order of the Russian government. It is believed that this shipment is for experimental purposes and may lead to a considerable trade.

Canadians living in the United States and approaching the United States government with advice and suggestions for changes in the republic's laws, would receive a scant hearing. The same sort of treatment should be ac corded the United States couple who are now at Ottawa to tell the government how to manage the Yukon.

Referring to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's coarse and cowardly attack under cover of anonymous slanderers on the Yukon officials, the Stratford Beacon pithily remarks: "Had he uttered onehalf the slanders outside the house that he did inside, it is safe to say he would have had to substantiate them in court. How degraded has knighthood become when such a man can sport the title of 'Sir' in front of his name!"

The Toronto World hints that the bicycle combine, which is being organized by a Chicagoan, is about ready to launch. When things are settled, it is pointed out that a lot of men will be thrown out of work, offices closed, etc., and the cutting of prices will cease. The sufferers will be the workmen and the buyers; the combine will take care of its own profits. A reduction of the duties on bicycles to 10 or 15 per cent, ad valorem will render the operations of the trust harmless, and no doubt Hon. Mr. Fielding will act when the time comes.

"Events," an Ottawa tory organ, is in a state of mind over the prospect of a redistribution of constituencies. It says: "There is no question about conservatives having gerrymandered the constituencies to suit themselves, and I do not think there will be any doubt that the object of the promised measure is to gerrymander them again to suit the liberals. There is no excuse for bringing in such a measure at this time, nor is it in keeping with the spirit o. the B. N. A. Act." Isn't the fact that a gross wrong was done - : wrong that is still operative-"excuse" enough, justification enough, for its ratification,? And what is there in the B. N. A. to forbid such a measure? Isn't Events trying to a ridiculous degree to help its tory friends?

Mr. A. Pattullo, M. P. P., draws attention to the important change made last session in the act relating to exemtions from taxes. He says: "The law which up to Friday morning enabled two-thirds of the members of any municipal council to grant tax exemptions has been changed. Municipal councils cannot now grant such exemption until two-thirds of the electors on the rolls of a municipality have declared in favor of it at a general municipal or special election. This means the prohibition of tax exemptions, certainly in all the large centres, and even in the smaller municipalities, except in rare and extraordinary cases." Mr. Pattullo deserves credit for his work in this direction. Perhaps some day the legislature may summon courage to deal a death-blow to the unjust bonus system in its entirety. .

Mr. Bok, the husband of the daugh ter of the publisher of the Ladies' Home Journal, who, a short time ago, vetood all references in the fashion department of the Journal to ladies' underwear, has been attracting attention again. Speaking of the club women and feminine world regulators generally, he says:

I have seen the rooms of their homes left in wild disorder. I have seen their servants sitting in idleness with work on every hand to do. I have seen the children neglected and left to their own devices. Fortunately the platform of woman's influence is steadily on the wane. She was never a power. She was never picturesque."

Now let Sorosis, the National Council of Women, the W. C. T. U.; the Council of Mothers, the Daughters of elected, resolutions upon many subjects | Sir Louis Davies' Plan to Train Canadian the Revolution, the Holland Dames, and were adopted, and in the evening the a few score other societies of the female | board of directors met and transacted persuasion wait on Mr. Bok and present him with-boquets.

The Mixed and Crumpled. The cow with the crumpled horn was

To a number of curious tricks, But the cow who jumped over the moon,

Prof. Robertson Describes the Fetich of Hon. Mr. Ross.

The Greek Professor of Victoria College Told the Educationists Some Things Felt But Not Generally Said About Our Educational System-Arraignment of the Minister's Policy-The O.E.A.'s Last Convention Day.

Toronto, April 7 .- The present educational system of Ontario came in for a good deal of untrammeled criticism and discussion in the colleges and high schools section of the Educational Association convention yesterday morning. The subject was introduced by Mr. J. C. Robertson, professor in Greek at Victoria University, who read an able paper on "The Education Department's Fetich." resulting in the passing of a resolution condemning the uniformity in our system of secondary education. There was a large attendance.

Prof. Robertson's Paper. In his introductory remarks Mr. Robertson said he was going to assume that the wholesale. Even many of the better there was a feeling of dissatisfaction and class of Nationalists have been beaten by unrest. The department was following in spite of everything foretold to the conblindly some idea which was leading trary, have been fought solely and wholly them on. There might, however, be a upon political lines, and the result is an contributing cause in the necessities of Kildare, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, a land-

opposing parties divided like the sheep placard calling upon the voters "To reand the goats. Both parties agreed that | member the traditions of Lord Edward all on the other side were sinners and Fitzgerald." all on the other side were sinners and "Even their enemies cannot fail to sym-all on their own side were saints. One pathize with the Irish landlords in their party vehemently attacked the system position to-day. and the other as vehemently defended it. The teacher was inclined to exclaim: "A be their fate in the elections now pending. plague on both your houses!" He was the landlords will in the end, if they are only to become cynical and discouraged, only true to the cause of Irish nationality, apt to become cynical and discouraged, but yet perhaps thought it better to bear the ills he had than to fly to others that

he knew not of. The Minister of Education was criticing in the direction of the restoration of unity to the Nationalist party, and where as he was painted. (Hear, hear.) The oftas he was painted. (Hear, hear.) The oft-repeated charge that he had bribed the and the landlords at the bottom. Mr. Dilteachers to silence by departmental teacher's examinations was untrue. (Applause.)

If the newspapers of Toronto, Prof. Robertson remarked proposed to the landsords at the bottom. Mr. Dillon's overtures for re-union have not yet been accepted by Messrs. Redmond and Healy, but his attitude is so patriotic and disinterested that they will be placed and ertson remarked, were as active in report- false position unless they meet him part ing these meetings as they were in others of a more trivial character, they would cils as bridges for entering Dublin Castle speedily discover that the mouths of the and proposing the creation of a central adteachers had not been closed.

He went on to say: It was at the very beginning of the present regime that the after the London County Council substiprinciple of uniformity first made its appearance. When the present Minister came to office, some 15 years ago, there were certain problems pressing for solution, three that I remember, the great variety in the requirements for various university and professional examinations, the school reader muddle, and the university problem. In all three the Minister's solution was in the direction of consolidation and unification.

Principle of Uniformity. Whether university consolidation was the ideal solution of the last-named problem may still be a moot point. But there is no doubt that in the other two matters the Minister took exactly the course he should have taken, and he has ever since displayed a justifiable though somewhat tiresome pride in his achievement. Perhaps because of his success in these matters, at any rate he has ever since devoutly believed in this principle of uniformity, and so the present regime may be characterized as the apothesis of unification. Dovetailing has been the supreme science of educational government, and the Minister is never so happy as when killing at least two birds with one stone How often in his speeches does he dwell on the one grand system university. "Is not this Great Babylon which I have built?" And The Globe regards it as the great glory of our school system, the one great object to be kept in view, that there shall be no waste from

unnecessary duplication. Classes of Pupils. There are in our high schools at least three distinct classes of students-those preparing to become public school teachers, those preparing for the university and the professions, and those who wish to obtain more mental training and culture before going out into literary and non-professional walks of life. At present we have a curriculum and an examination system, which are not the proper ones for any one of these three classes. In trying to suit all, the Minister of Education has suited none.

The first result, then, is unsatisfactory courses for each of the three classes; the next is over-pressure. On this common bill-of-fare are placed some subjects that the matriculant wants, but the prospective teacher does not, and others that the prospective teacher wants, but not the

general student. Continuing, the speaker pointed out the disorganization which had arisen by making a course designed to round off the education of those who are not going to have a high school education, a preparatory course to advanced high school classes. Under the present system individuality was entirely repressed. The department might do well to study the principles underlying the English secondary schools. The Ontario system savored too much of the continental. The erratic changes of the department were not an antidote to uniformity, but an aggravation, and the restlessness was a sign of disease, not healthy growth.

Discussion. In the discussion which followed Messrs, Embree, Levan, Burt and Ellis took part. They contributed additional instances as to the evil results of a hard and fast system. Provost Welch of Trinity College thought that the prestige of the teaching profession was not as great in Canada as in England. There it offered a career; here, doubtless on account of

this tedious uniformity, it did not. Prof. Dale, formerly of Toronto Uni versity, thought that state control should end with the primary schools; the inspection and control of secondary schools should be in the power of the universities, a practice which obtains in England.

Resolution Passed. After some further discussion the feeling of the meeting was expressed in a resolution introduced by Mr. I. Levan of Woodstock, and seconded by Mr. L. E. Embreo of Jameson Avenue Collegiate Institute: "That this meeting is of the opinion that the undue influence of uniformity, aggravated by too frequent changes, is the cause of grave evils in the matter of secondary education."

Close of the Convention, A great many valuable papers from a technical standpoint were read yesterday, officers in some of the sections were routine business. This concluded one of the most successful conventions the Ontario Educational Association has ever

Trouble in Macedonia,

London, April 10 .- The Daily Telegraph's Vienna correspondent says: "Most unfavorable news has been received in official quar-ters from Macedonia. The insurrectionary feeling is increasing, and suspicious move-Must have ventured her horn to mix. ments are being made along the Bulgarian and Montenegrin frontiers." THE IRISH ELECTIONS.

The Nationalists Own the County Councils-The Unionists Were Very

Heavily Beaten. London, April 10 .- The results of the first Irish County Council elections under the new Local Government Act are arriving slowly. It is known that 300 Nationalists and 83 Unionists have been elected. The results in Dublin County were 13 Nationalists and 7 Unionists; Klikenny, 20 to 14; Kings' County, 20 to 1; Mayo, 6 to 0; Westmeath, 21 to 2; Derry, Carlow, 20 to 0.

Miss Charlotte Barrington, the only woman candidate, was elected in Limerick. Lord Mayo received only 19 votes in Wicklow, and Lord Castletown only 12 votes in Cork.

Labor candidates won 11 of the 16 seats in Limerick District.

GAINS FOR WORKERS.

Both Unionists and Nationalists Went Down Before the Army of Determined Workingmen.

New York, April 10 .- The London corre spondent of The Times says: "Returns of the Irish County Council elections are not It was followed by a lengthy discussion, yet nearly all to hand, and they will not be completely available for several days, but enough is known to justify the remark of The London Times' correspondent that "Unionism has been annihilated in Munster and Connaught, almost totally extirpated in Leinster, and badly wounded even in Ulster." The Unionists of position and property and with a life time of experience in public affairs, have been defeated by lord and Tory, secures an election as the The system was at a disadvantage by reason of political divisions. The two bellious traditions of the people. He issued a

"A specially well-informed Irish correspondent wrote yesterday: 'Whatever may be welcomed with open arms to take their

natural place as leaders of the nation." Progressing Towards Unity. The Tribune's London correspondent says: "Politics have been at a low ebb, except way. Already there are signs that the Nationalists will make use of the new counministration in touch with all local bodies. That would be a close approach to Gladstonian Home Rule, with a body modelled tuted for the national parliament."

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Telegraphic Briefs That Contain Much of the Day's News. England won the international cham-

pionship football match on Saturday at Birmingham by a score of 2 to 1. The London correspondent of Paris Le Matin says that the successor of Pope Leo XIII. will be Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster.

Two out of the four murderers at Dawson City have died-the oldest of the of the other two a further respite has A telegram from Montreal says that

the Consumers' syndicate of New York, with \$500,000 capital, is organizing to engage in the Canadian domestic and be abandoned, a concession which the then foreign meat traffic.

Alice Senecal, aged 3, and Alberta Lachapelle, aged 2, fell from a bedroom window on Saturday into the street at out his threat to greet their appearance by Montreal and the first died from her disclosures as to their action in 1896. injuries. The other may recover. The entries for the great Horse Show to

be held in Toronto Armouries on Thursthat leads from the kindergarten to the day, Friday and Saturday next are already full, and in harness, saddle horse wonderful story of progress and the tri-and hunting classes are ahead of the uniph of administrative foresight and milialready full, and in harness, saddle horse

On Saturday the French ambassador at Washington, M. Cambon, presented thus tap the territory about the Upper Nile, President McKinley, for the American people, two magnificent sevres vases from the late President Faure to commemorate the opening of the Franco-American cable on 17th Aug. last.

The next Ponton trial may be held in Toronto. The case was argued on Saturday, but Justice Robertson withheld judgment until he had consulted his brother judges. Mr. Osler had mentioned Toronto, and if the Crown gets a change of venue it will have to supply the funds for the procurement and the payment of all witnesses for the defence.

LOSS TO MASSEY-HARRIS CO.

A Sunday Fire in Petrolea by Which the Big Firm Suffered. Petrolea, Ont., April 9.—This morning about 2 o'clock fire broke out in a frame

building situated on Main-street, known as the old Oil Exchange Hall. The building of late was turned into a warehouse in the rear and small stores and offices in the front. The building was totally destroyed. Mr. Knight, harnessmaker, occupied the same store, but saved all his goods, except his working tools. Insurance small. Messrs.

Jopp and Young, horse doctors, had an
office in front. Their loss was small. Mr. J. W. Downer, agent for the Massey-Harris Co., occupied the rear of the building, and had it pretty well filled up with all kinds of machinery. He managed to save a small amount of the implements. Ir surance small. The fire was confined to the one building by good work on the part of the fire department. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Dawson Mails Twice a Month.

Malone, N.Y., April 10.—A letter just received from H. A. Turner of Dawson City, dated March 1, gives late news regarding the chief city of the Klondike. It says a regular bi-monthly mail service has now been established, under the direction of the Northwest Mounted Police, over the Pass to Skaguay. The last mall out was ten days on the way, but on one of the in-going trips the fast time of 8 days and 1 hour was made. This was accomplished by traveling day and night and changing men and dogs at every police station along the trail.

ENGLAND LEADS IN DRINKING. The Hope That She Had Fallen Behind Unrealized.

London, April 9 .- An official statement just issued shows England to be the greatest drinking nation in the world, a discovery which has astonished her people, who hoped she had fallen behind in the Of beer England drinks 30.31 gallons per head per annum; America, 12.20; Germany, 25.50; France, 5.10. Wine-England drinks .39 gallons; America, .44; Germany, Of spirits England drinks 1.02 per head; America, .84; Germany and France both This gives England's total consumption 32.71 gallons; America's, 13.48; Germany's, 28.73; France, 28.79. The drinking of wine is decreasing in England, while that of spirits and beer

MARCH TRADE RETURNS.

Fishermen for the Navy.

London, April 10.-The March trade returns show the following changes in the imports from Canada in Canadian bottoms, i.e., from Halifax and St. John, compared with the returns of last year: Increases, cattle, £7000; corn, £5000; bacon, £6000; hams, £11,000; butter, slight; pulp, £7000; timber, £3000; lumber, £24,000. Decreases, wheat, £18,000; flour, £11,000; peas, £2000; cheese, £32,000; flsh, £13,000; horses, £1000. The reports which have been cabled over of Sir Louis Davies' plan for training Canadian fishermen for the Imperial navy creates wide interest here. Developments are eagerly awaited.



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Sir Mackenzie Bowell and the Evidence of Incendiarism in Bolters May Meet.

OLD SCORES MAY BE SETTLED.

The Quarrel Between the Bowell and the Tupper Factions May Be Again Fanned Into Flame at Brockville -Very Interesting Situation Centering Around Hon,

Ottawa, April 10.-The candidature of Hon. Peter White in Brockville shows signs of fanning into flame the smouldering embers of the quarrel between the Bowell and Tupper factions that began four years ago and that reached its height in the eventful days at the commencement of 1896. Hon. John Haggart and Hon. W. H. Montague have been much together during the past week, and have decided to take the stump in Brockville, whither Sir Mackenzie will repair this week with the same object in view. Mr. White heard only yesterday that Messrs, Haggart, Foster and Montague intend to visit the riding, and news of his strong objection to the proposed course has already reached Ottawa. Mr. White, though his position as Speaker of the House of Commons at the time of the bolt in 1896 prevented his publicly expressing his views on the desertion of the seven colleagues of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, agreed in private to enter a reorganized Cabinet, with Sir Mackenzle as Premier, as Minister of Finance. To his intimates Mr. Speaker White was unsparing in his denunciation of the action of the renegades, and when, through the offices of Sir Frank Smith, who acted as conciliator and intermediary between the factions, Messrs. Foster, Haggart et al. re-entered the Administration, Mr. White saw no reason to change his opinion of their action, although his conduct in office of course gave no indication of his personal antipathy to the seceders. It was at the suggestion of Hon. Mr. White and his friends that Sir Mackenzie on Friday last accepted an invitation to take part in the Brockville election campaign; indeed there is every reason to believe that in any event gratitude to Hon. Mr. White would have prompted him voluntarily to do so. Word of this fact reached Messrs. Haggart, Montague and Foster on Thursday, and they im-mediately decided to go into the riding. Sir Mackenzie's friends say that he is the last man in the country to be frightened out by three Indians and the boy. In the cases his late enemies, and that the latter, if they persist in their intention to meet him in the riding, may have some home truths told them concerning the inner history of the "bolt" and of the conspiracy which preceded it. Though Mr. White was ready to enter Sir Mackenzie's reconstructed Cabinet. he stipulated that the remedial bill would

> The Britishers in Egypt. London, April 10.-The report of Baron Cromer, the British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, is looked upon as being a tary vigor. He advocates extending the railroad from Khartoum through Abuh-Hara to Godarif and Kassala, to Suakim, and which Sir Samuel Baker called "the gran-ary of the Soudan." The British agent also makes a significant remark, that "school statistics show that French is dying out as the language of the middle classes and English has already largely taken its

Premier would not make. It is on this fact

that Messrs. Haggart, Foster and Montague

rely for a defensive case with the Conser-vative rank and file if Sir Mackenzie carries

RUSSIANS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA If the Provincial Government Will Give Them Coast Land.

Vancouver, B.C., April 10.-Canadians generally were recently much interested in the arrival in the Dominion of nearly 4000 Russians, the majority of whom have settled in Manitoba. There are, however, still 3000 of 4000 of these people who are anxious to escape to Canada, from the land of the Czar, and it may be that they will settle in British Columbia, says the London corresspondent of The News-Advertiser. A deputation headed by Mr. Arthur Bergstrom of Hango, Finland, recently waited upon Mr. W. Walter the Agent-General for British Columbia, and asked him if the Provincial Government would grant them land on the sea coast. The deputation impressed upon Mr. Walter that they did not want their passage money paid or any Government grant, beyond the land, and as most of them had a little money they expected to be able to pay their way. Mr. Walter requested the deputation to put the request in writing, when he would formard it to the Provincial Government.

Threatening Letters.

Butler Foley Under Police Surveillance -A Policeman Sent for by Mrs. Andrews a Few Hours Before the Flames Were Seen, But Dismissed Mysteriously by a Servant,

New York, April 10 .- Despite reticence on the part of the police, facts became public Saturday which make it appear that the fire which on Friday destroyed thirteen persons was of incendiary origin. It trans-pired that a few hours before the flames were seen a policeman was sent for from the Andrews house, and was mysteriously dismissed by a servant, who said he was not wanted. Letters threatening the lives of the Andrews and the children were found. It is believed that the motive for incendiarism was revenge, and that the affair rose out of a quarrel among the servants. Until some arrests are made it will be practically impossible to unravel what now seems to have been a plot. The letters made charges against Mary Flanagan and the butler. The writer said in part : "I hope you and Mrs. Andrews don't think for one moment that I am reconciled or pacified with Mary Flanagan, for indeed I am not, and what is further, I never will until I get my revenge. I feel that I have given warning enough, and I am going to fix her for life, and because you and Mrs. Andrews did not give heed to warning, I'm going to fix you, too. I'm going to make someone throw something in your nurses' and children's faces that will disfigure them and eat all the flesh off the bone. This I will do for spite, because you did not let Mary go as I told you to. You had just as well let her go first as last. You will have no girl alive when I get through with her." With the exception of Jennie Burns, all the injured were reported to be doing as well as could be expected. For the Burns girl there seems no hope. Both the police and the fire department officials were today investigating the cause of the fire and some wild stories of plots and incendiarism were affoat. Wall the police would say was that they had Andrew Foley, butler to the Andrews, under surveillance. They think that he knows more about the fire than he has told. Further than to add that there were many bickerings among the Andrews servants, the police were re-

to-day that Mrs. Andrews sent for a policeman to guard the house shortly before midrambling, and the police say that he has made several contradictory statements. Foley's assertion is not borne out by the other servants as far as can be ascertained.

MEETS ONCE IN FOUR YEARS.

Preparations for the 25th Anniversary Pan-Presbyterian Council.

Washington, D.C., April 10 .- The Executive Committee appointed at the meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Glasgow four years ago to make preparations for the meeting which is to be held in Washington on Sept. 27, 1899, will assemble in the First Presbyterian Church in Richmond next Thursday. The Rev William Henry Roberts, D.D., LL.D., of Philadelphia, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the United States, and the Rev. William Caven, D.D., LL.D., President of Knox College, Toronto, are in charge, and have arranged a program of exercises for the council at the Washingg, in which they desire the approval of their colleagues,

Historical Themes. As this meeting will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Pau-Presbyterian Council, and the close of the century, the reports and addresses will be somewhat of a historical character. Some of the chief themes will be: "The growth of the influence of Calvinism in missionary work and national life," "The results accomplished and the progress made by the Presbyterian Church during the century," "The comparative influence of different religions upon life, society, politics and morals," "Practical matters in modern development of church work," "Special characteristics of the Presbyterian system,"
"The relation of the church to sociological questions."

Mr. Maclean Rapidly Recovering. Toronto, April 10.—It was four weeks yesterday since Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., met with his accident by a trolley car. The fractured thigh bone has made a good union without any loss in length, and the doctors hope to have him out of bed before the end of April. Mr. Maclean's general health is excellent, and he seems to be rather enjoying his forced holiday under

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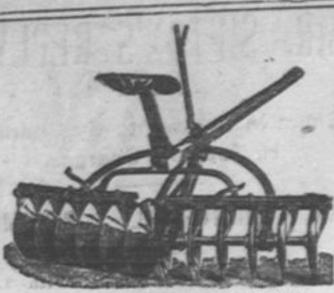
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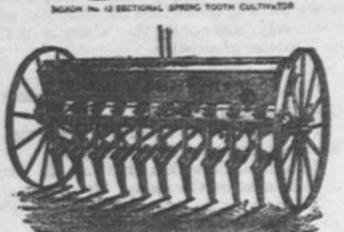


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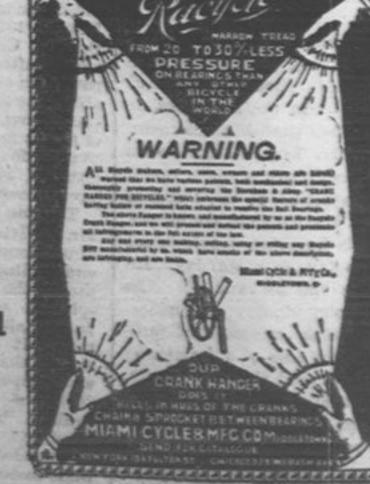
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