### Chai With the Celebrated Explorer.

"Africa! well, that was my first love, but it is an old story now," was the greet ing the great explorer gave the Montreal Witness representative. "The land of the midnight sun and the times of the Vikings have more interest for me now.'

It was hard to realize, looking at this unconcerned looking little man, with a strong French accent, that a few years ago all the world had been set agog over the wonderful stories of the gorillas and the pigmies.

"Here," he said, with a wave of his hand towards a little table by his side, "here are the proofs of my new book, an historical romance of the Viking age. Yes, a romance this time, a genuine love story for all young people from sixteen to seventy-five. "Wonderful people those old Scandinavians. All that stuff Green and others tell you about the Anglo-Saxons having come

from below Jutland, is nonsense, pure nonthen were they to get to England.

question?' Why when I was writing my after mile, and, consequently, the animals book, "The Land of the Midnight Sun," I found there mostly inhabit the trees. Mon- fact, all over the vessel. found in the old tombs all over England keys are exceedingly numerous. For killthe same coins and relics that I found in | ing these tree-dwelling creatures the blow the graves all over Scandinavia! I found gun is the best possible instrument. It is myself and at first was under the impression where this iceberg was passed was in the three Roman coins of long before the Chris- made from a peculiar kind of reed, and al- that some stowaway was in distress. I track of homeward bound ship from Austian era; I found magnificent silks and though eleven or twelve feet in length, its found out that this was not the case, so brocades, showing that these people had weight is only a pound and a half. It is pro- (having an idea) I commenced imitating The Ben Douran should have rounded Cape by special soldiers. had extensive commerce with China. Gott- vided, like a rifle, with a fore sight and a various animals, and was soon delighted to Horn some time in June. Nearly all the land, that great island in the Baltic, must have been

THE ENGLAND OF THE VIKING AGE. The Picts and Scots who so bothered the Romans were without doubt Scandinavian robbers. The Scots of to-day are descended from these very people.'

" About my books? Well my " Land of My "Viking Age" has been a great success too, but not so many copies have been sold, students. I loved my work on nat book. ter, and then wrote for two year more.

" England was the only county in which I could print that book first. Only there could I get it kept in type until it was completed. Here they wanted to turn over their money too fast : couldn't spare their type so long. But see, I had to have it. Two years is a long time : my book must be accurate. If a few months after I had written a part I wanted to make a change low could I do so in the plates?"

"Now what shall I say about Africa? almost everybody

CALLED ME A LIAR, newspaper man. I did not know how to know it. the story for me.

making friends.

be. But," and an expressive shrug of the exclude air and moisture. shoulders said, "but it's not my way.

"There was Stairs, now," he continued. "He was of your own country. Ab, he was a noble fellow. I loved Stairs, and he is dead. Ah, well!

nothing of calling me a liar. The Americans, seem, has been indorsed by many public

EXPRESSED THEIR DOUBTS MORE MILDLY. And the young people, ah! the young people, they believed in me always. They were nearer my own age and sympathized with me, and young people's instincts are

"Did I know Livingstone? No: never met him, but I know Grant. He is grand man. He believed in me. Poor Speke! You know how he died! himself when shooting with some friends. There is fate for you! A man who had braved and passed safely through all the dangers of Central Africa drop at last in a turnip field.

"Burton! ah, Burton, he was the noblest traveller of all. He was a very dear friend. He believed in me. He was a gentleman. He was a scholar. No traveller was educated as he was in sciences and Oriental languages. No Western man knew the Mohammedans as he did."

"One time after I had lectured in Glasgow, I overheard as I was leaving on the train, a man speaking of Du Chaillu.

" Do you believe in Du Chaillu ?" I asked, "why he is an arrant humbug!" 'O no,' he said, 'I believe in him, I would give a hundred dollars to see him, but I could not go last night.' 'You would give a hundred dollars to see Du Chaillu,' I said, 'well here he is, you have been talking to him 'Nonsense,' he said, looking me all over, 'you don't make me believe that, you are too small.'

"Curious, isn't it, that so many people think of a man who has accomplished things as a big man.

"Peary, ah, Peary is an exception; pure Viking type, tall, fair, yellow hair, and very handsome. I met him and Mrs. Pearv at dinner the other day. Is she going with him again? Ah, well, she did not answer when I asked her that. She is charmingly modest is Mrs. Peary; has a great dread of getting into the newspapers. She won't talk much about her trip.

"It would bore her, too, to have to say the same thing over to so many people. It I can talk nothing but Africa.

When a man would show me a picture of lers after God in Chicago."

Columbus I would say, 'Which Columbus.' But a friend with me tapped me on the

shoulder and said. 'Well, friend Paul, who knows but that four hundred years from now they will be having just such an exhibition and procession in honor of you in Central Africa ! Pretty good, was it not, ha, ha, ha !"

And the great explorer lay back in his chair and laughed till the rooms rang and another expressive shrug seemed to say that he pitied the bored Africans of the future in their hero worship as much as he pitied the Americans of to-day.

#### HUNTING WITH BLOW GUNS.

#### Savages of Guiana who Use These Queer Weapons With Poisoned Arrows.

The blow pipes used by the savages of Guiana for shooting poisoned arrows are very wonderful weapons indeed. The climate of this equatorial region, being both very sense. No Saxon ever had a ship. How hot and very moist, produces a vegetation of astonishing luxuriance. The forests are " 'How did I first happen to go into this commonly ankle deep in water for mile back sight the latter being made of the hear myself answered. I proceeded cau- masters of vessels coming from that direc-

the straightness of their blow guns, and fell into the arms of a poor little pig that bourhood on account of the remarkable never allow them to lean against anything | we had lost three weeks before, and which | number of icebergs met with, some running lest they should be warped. The arrows had grown enormously fat during his incar- through ice for hundreds of miles. It would employed are made from the leaf ribs of a ceration, existing solely upon coal !" "I be a remarkable circumstance, therefore, kind of palm, made to fit the bore of the suppose that in many cases animals are the if no ships had come to grief, and as all the gun by a wrapping of wild cotton fastened cause of these strange noises?" "Oh, yes; vessels which rounded Cape Horn during the Midnight Sun" sold faster than it could with a fibre of silk grass. Great art is re- I have had many instances of the kind. June on their homeward journey have ar- \$10,000,000 a year, which is over five be printed. But that was a popular book. quired to put on the cotton properly. The One time I was sent for to calm the fears rived safely at home except the Ben Dou- millions more than Russia's annual approarrow is about ten inches long, no thicker than a crow quill and at one end for that is a scientific book, a book purely for brought to a point as sharp as a needle by and rappings that had, they assured me, remnant at least of her crew succeeded in scraping it between the keen-edged, saw-I travelled for seven years getting the mat- like teeth of the pirai fish. One-half of a sounds proceeded from the efforts of a cat death by starvation. pirai jaw is always suspended to the quiv- to extricate its head from a lobster-tin

the arrows is called "curari." It is extremely powerful and will kill a man within a few minutes when introduced into the circulation by an arrow point, though it is harmless when swallowed. It is very difficult a beautiful specimen of an ordinary rat, apprehend results of the administrative reto procure the strongest "curari" from the natives, who are most unwilling to part with it. The arrow heads are kept carefully I presume, had been tied round the poor ceptional delicacy and difficulty. He had separate from the shafts as a protection Well things are certainly changed. Why against accidents, the savages themselves panions, and in its journeying it tapped being very much afraid of the poisons against the laths and floors." "What are which they employ. The secret of prepar- your methods of unearthing 'ghosts'?" for saying that I discovered the gorillas and ing the poison is handed down by the mediother apes and the pigmes; yet they all cine man from generation to generation, and believed Stanley. Well I was not a the common people are not permitted to and can generally locate a sound directly

travelling for fame. I was travelling for which is closely allied to the tree which fur- minute examination of the doors and winscience, and I can laugi at it heartily now. nishes strychnine, and to the upas tree from dows and floors. If I suspect that it is caus-Why, some did not even give me credit for which the Dyaks of Borneo get the poison ed by an animal or by some practical joker the invention. I was lut a boy, you know. for their arrows. When the poison maker who is in the house, I scatter a little powder ance. His tyranny to those about him is They said some clever Yankee had invented has found the curari he looks for two bulb- or sand around all the entrances, sit down ous plants, the stems of which yield a glu- quietly and await the appearance of the ap-"But yes, as yousay I am fortunate. tinous juice. Another vegetable ingredient parition or the sound of the creature. If it Many men have not lived to see themselves is the bitter root, commonly used by these appears (it never does though!) and goes off righted before the public. No man can savages in poisoning water for the purpose again I examine the powder round the doors keep before the world for long. Look at of catching fish. To the mixture composed for footmarks or pawtreads. I understand Stanley! Yesterday the world in a furore. of these elements the medicine man adds two thoroughly the construction of a house, and, To-day! flat as a pancake! Some people kinds of venomous ants and the poison fangs consequently, can often detect flaws in the even accuse him now of stealing the ac- of deadly species of snakes. The whole is building that would not be noticed except counts of some of his adventures from me! allowed to simmer over a fire, the snakes' by a practical man. Strange noises are A wonderful fellow is Stanley. Daring, fangs and the ants being pounded and persevering, but he had not the faculty of thrown into the pot. The boiling is con- baskets that have contained wet clothes are tinued until the poison is reduced to a hung up in a warm room after washing-day. "No, as you say, one man cannot be thick brown syrup. Finally a few arrows everything, but many explorers have been are dipped experimentally in the poison, and more than he. Why, in all his African its effect is tried upon some animal or bird. journeys he never took a meal with his of- If satisfactory the poison is poured into a ficers! Dignity, you see, stronger command spherical earthenware pot, in which it is scratching sound. It is not a sufficiently by keeping farther away from them, may kept, carefully covered over with leaves, to known fact that imagination is the only in-

## Imperial Britain in Africa-

One of the most remarkable schemes o the day is the plan of Sir Cecil Rhodes, the state which is usually brought about by ex-"Oh, yes, some men believed in me. Premier of Cape Colony, to build a telegraph ternal objects actually present to them. More Americans than Englishmen. At line from the Cape to Egypt. Sir Cecil, it is least, the English were more brutal in their | said, is now on his way to Cairo to look after expressions of disbelief. They thought details, and the project, chimerical as it may men in England.

Sir Cecil's proposition takes the British fancy, because his telegraph is intended "Needless to say, Mr. Brooke, you have chiefly as the first thread upon which a great British Empire in Africa is to be strung. It is believed in England that the Germans will yet get out of Africa and leave their extensive possessions on the east coast to the Union Jack. Then England will have the unbroken right of way from the Cape to Cairo, by the way of Zanzibar

and the district of the Great Lakes. This is an attractive scheme on paper at least, and the character of its chief promoter lends interest to it. Sir Cecil Rhodes is the strong man of South Africa. His position there is similar to that occupied so long in Canada by Sir John Macdonald. He is the dominating personality at the Cape, the chief supporter of the Federation of the British Colonies in South Africa, and an open advocate of the extension of British power to the furthest limits in Africa. He wants a British empire there which wil rival that of India, and believes an oppor-

tunity exists to found it. There is some basis for Sir Cecil's dreams The English certainly have made great advances in Africa. Their territory in the southern part of the continent is extending rapidly, and virtually Egypt is theirs. Thus they are entrenched at both ends of the continent, while they have vast territories scattered between.

## The King and the Peasants.

A Rome paper vouches for the truth of side in the wind and wet, I discovered that the following story:-King Humbert, while the gutter was stopped up, and the water hunting recently in the north of the province flowed over on to a leaden flat and caused in a court of the Artillery Barracks at Port of Lome, met some peasants who had form- the tapping. Faces were never seen at the ed a corporation among themselves to culti- windows while I stayed there, and two pots | blind. It weighs, according to a French vate the land. His Majesty made inquiries of "four 'arf" informed me that "the blokes observer, 150 kilogrammes, and measures as to their condition, and, upon hearing that wot lived in one of the kerrovans to the they needed a loan of 40,000 francs, took fair ground behind used to go in the house out his cheque-book, and wrote a cheque for when it was empty to 'doss.' that amount, instructing them that the money, instead of being repaid to him, was t be used as a super-annuation fund.

A story is told among American book- take place in Greece is unusually large in prois very tiresome to me to have people think sellers of a man who ordered from Chicago, portion to the population of hardly two there is a man in Berlin who earns his livwith other volumes, a copy of Cano millions. There are at the present time 100 ing by taking dogs out to walk. His pat-"The other day, at the Columbian ex- Farrar's book, "Seekers after God," i hibition in New York, I had an amusing then issued. In a short time the oil encounter. I had got so tired hearing of volumes came to hand, but the Canon's | nine people have been guillotined—two in that they reach home in safety. I wonder Columbus. You know there were more book being out of stock, the publishers Shan 400 pictures of him and no two alike. | wrote 35 the foot of the invoice " No seek-

#### ARE THERE ANY GHOSTS?

An Unbeliever's Statement. Mr. W. F. Brooke, an Englishman, says -" I do not believe in ghosts, but I do believe there are people who see them-in imagination." Mr. Brooke complains somewhat of the British Psychical Research Society, and thinks that if more activity was shown many houses that have been empty for years, because they havethe reputation of being haunted, might be let, He has great faith in individual work in this line, and is convinced that if someone would set himself up as a "specialist," and offer to take up his quarters in the "dread being's own abode" for a little time, he might easily find out the real cause of the disturbance, and thus do away with the silly notions that soon spread about and give a house a bad name. "What was your first achievement?" "Oh, a very simple affair. I was on board a ship in Newcastle, Australia, and we had taken a cargo of coals for New Zealand, but on the day previous to the sailing every man on board deserted on account of the strange noises that were heard in the ship's hold, and, in I HEARD THE NOISES

teeth of a small beast called the acouchi. | tiously in the direction of the sound, but | tion have told marvellous stories of hair-The natives are most careful respecting slipped, and, rolling down the heap of coals, breadth escapes from disaster in this neighof two maiden ladies who had been frighten- ran, it may be taken for granted that she priation for common schools. is ed for several nights by unearthly noises ran into a berg and foundered, and that a under the floors. In another case I was The vegetable poison used for envenoming | quietly sitting in a 'haunted house' with a dim glimmer of light, a piece of cheese near a suspicious-looking hole, and my trusty eral Baranok, who recently died at that No. 2 shot in a little barrel, when I saw two town, and is generally believed to have glistening eyes, and I 'let go'! I drew forth | been poisoned by persons having cause to with a wooden ball tied round its neck; no forms which he was about to introduce in more rapping was heard there. The wood, Turkestan, had in hand a commission of exbrute as an old dodge to scare away its com-

"They are very simple. I have VERY ACUTE HEARING. hear it; but if I fail to discover in which puff. But I was content to wait. I was not | First must be sought the curari vine, direction it comes from directly, I make a caused by a variety of things; clothes They will emit peculiar sounds to the nervous. Loose boards under the carpets will set many people wondering, a beetle underneath a wall paper, too, will make a strange tellectual faculty which exercises a direct influence on the bodily organs, those organs being the organs of sense. It acts by producing in them, or in parts of the brain with which they communicate, the same The eye is most liable to be affected by these false impressions, which occur in many different states of system. I know a man who sees phantoms very often. I have been in his company when he sees them-he has had two or three attacks of 'D.T.' always discovered the nature and whereabouts of the 'spirits'?" "Yes. I have never been beaten, but have had several tough customers to deal with. One house that I visited bore a very bad name.

UNEARTHLY SHRIEKS as of a woman while being ill-treated had been heard by the neighbors, as well as by the late occupants. I stayed in the house by myself one evening, but failed to hear anything out of the common, until the lady, a few minutes before twelve, gave me a taste of her quality. I heard her as I was sitting in the kitchen, and then in the room above; I went into the garden-she was there; went into the street-she was there. know she was there, because I heard her. I examined the house thoroughly, but without success, until my efforts were rewarded after about a couple of hours' searching, and I traced her voice to the root, I went for it with a ladder, and brought it down under arm-the chimney-pot cowl was rusty, knocked out of shape by the sweep's brush, and the wind caused these unmusical sounds." "By no means a pleasant job, clambering over the roof of an empty house?" "I've had worse. I managed to unearth the cause of the footsteps that were always heard during rainy weather in a large house in High Street, Deptford, some time since. After swarming about the out-

## Executions in Greece.

The number of executions which annually

M.sslonghi.

#### Fate of The Ben Douran.

The fate of the Glasgow ship Ben Douran. which has been posted as missing at Lloyd's. will probably never be known, but the following report of the master of the barque Gladys, which arrived at Hamburg on 1st October from Iquique, tells a terrible story. which it is almost certain refers to the Ben Duran. It throws the only light that can possibly be gleaned upon her fate, and is a record of a terrible ocean mystery. After referring to his own adventures amongst the ice, Captain Hatfield, of the Gladys. says :- "About four o'clock on the afternoon of 4th July, in lat. 39:30 S, long. 31:40 W, whilst passing to the westward of a large iceberg, saw signs of human beings having been on it. On the north-west side a beaten track was on the berg, and it also appeared as if there had been a place of Europe. shelter formed in the side of the cleft on the top of the ice. We also saw what appeared to be five dead human beings lying in to different places, one lying outside the place of shelter, and one halfway up the path. There were no signs of life, and as the place was densely packed with icebergs and night coming on, it was not prudent to stop." So ends this story, which tells a and the tragic fate of the crew. The place tralasia and the American Pacific ports.

Extraordinary Story of a Grand Duke.

Letters from Tashkend report that Genbeen deputed from a high quarter to investigate and report upon the conduct of Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch, the Czar's cousin, who has lived in exile in Central Asia since the painful drama which twenty years ago brought about the disgrace of his manner of living in the remote Central measure-so extraordinary, indeed, that ties of air are forced into the larynx are many people suppose him to be either demented or addicted to habits of intemperexcessive, and all his people tremble at their master's approach. Lately the Grand Duke has had a magnificent palace built at Tashkend, but he lives in an old and dilapidated building with his wife, a person whom he married in a fit of eccentricity, and whom he constantly beats. Another of the peculiarities of His Imperial Highness is to wear, both at home and abroad, a native robe or khalat, which resembles a robe de chambre, and is neither rich in appearance nor free from rents. At his orders his every word with blind obedience. More than once it has happened that the prince, to punish people who have offended him, to the burning sun. Not long ago a doctor, take warm baths at night. who was subjected to this barbarous treatof his mind. It is therefore no matter for wonder that complaints of the Grand Duke's the proceedings of the august exile.

## The Latest from Uganda.

Private letters were received at the close of last week by Captain Lugard from Cap tain Williams, son of General Williams, of Pulbrook, Hants, dated Uganda, September 25. These letters reached Zanzibar on December 3, on which date, it is well to remember, a sensational report, said to be based on a telegram from Sir Gerald Portal to the Foriegn Office, was circulated stating that Captain Williams was very ill and was proceeding to the coast, and that an interregnum would therefore occur in Uganda and the rest of Kitara. The present letters bearing the same date from Uganda therefore give the first authentic detailed news. Captain Williams had been ill with a most violent attack of fever, but was convalescent. He intended, on the doctor's advice, to return to the coast, but was awaiting Major Smith's arrival. He speaks in the most hopeful way of the commercial prospects of Uganda, which are developing under the new era of peace. "Things," he says, "are going on very well here," in spite of a few minor difficulties with the Walfranza and Mohammedan factions, and this satisfactory news proves that the settlement in Uganda was a sound one, and has stood the test of time. All the European officers are well, and the Soudanese refugees were most loyal and doing excellently. Ka barega, of Unzoro, was treating for peace, and difficulties in Busoga and Kavirondo were satisfactorily settled.

## A Gigantic Turtle.

When Mauritius was ceded to Great Britain in 1810, there was a gigantic turtle Louis which is there still, although almost 2.59 metres (31ft) across the carapace. It height from the ground to the top of the carapace, when it walks, is about 0.63 metres (about 2ft). It is believed to be 200 years old at least, nevertheless it carries two men on its back with ease.

A new business .-- An exchange says that sons condemned to death and awaiting rons pay him a penny an hour for giving fate in various prisons. In five days their dogs a daily airing, and seeing to it Athens, four at Ægina, and three at Naup. who is taking care of the children belonging lia, and a few days ago a soldier was shot at to those families, and whether they will all reach home safely ?

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Parts of the Atlantic Ocean are five miles Only one person in a thousand dies of old

A physician says practice at singing wards

The first public library in Rome was

ounded 167 B. C. Three times as many herrings are con-

sumed as any other kind of fish. Ten days per annum is the average mount of sickness in human life.

A leopard recently shot in Bengal had killed at various times, 154 persons. China has vast undeveloped coal mines-

twenty times more than all those of A celebrated doctor has decided that walking is the exercise most conducive to

physical beauty in women. On the Royal Sovereign, the new English pattleship, there are 800 electric lights,

connected by thirty miles of wire. The ocean is more productive than the land. An acre of good fishing ground will shocking enough tale of a terrible shipwreck | yield more food than an acre of the best

Half armour was worn in the Continental armies until the present century. In exceptional cases body armour is still worn

The Argentine Republic lays claim to the longest shore railway in the world, which runs from Buenos Ayres to San Martin-a distance of about fifty miles. In certain parts of India cocoanut trees,

once almost lifeless in appearance, have been made to yield abundantly by placing salt at the roots. The Czar's personal expenses are about

A footpad was lately captured in a

Hungarian town, and with him a bear that 'come out of the earth.' I found that the scaling the icy cliffs only to meet a terrible he had tamed and taught to grapple with pedestrians whom he desired to rob. The German Government will not use any

white horses in the army in future. In a battle the enemy can discern white horses at a considerable distance. It is estimated that 160,000 incandescent lamps are daily made in the United States. A recent decision of the United States

Court of Appeals gives to the Edison Company the sole right to manufacture them. The monument to Alexander II. in the Kremlin is almost complete. It has a front of 160 feet. The interior will contain an immense bronze statue of the Emperor in

coronation dress, the right hand extending in blessing. It has been found that bicyclists who Imperial Highness. The Grand Duke's ride to excess are afflicted with a catarrhal laryngitis. Mouth breathing and the rapid-Asian city is described as strange beyond ity and pressure with which large quanti-

> said to be the cause. There is a point near the famous stony cave, in the Catskill Mountains, where ice may be found on any day in the year. This locality is locally known as the Notch, and is walled in on all sides by steep mountains, some of which are more than 3,000 feet high. STRANGE CATS. - A lady in Germantown has a collection, among which is a Persian cat white as snow, a Manx cat-which means, it seems, a species of cats without tails-asky-blue cat, and I don't know how many other strange varieties. She values her collection at five thousand dollars.

Lean women who desire to accumulate a are some 20 Ural Cossacks, who carry out | plump covering on their bones are advised to avoid worry, to cultivate calmness, to sleep eight hours every day, to take moderate exercises, to eat fattening foods, such has had them buried up to their neck in as soup, butter, cream, fat and juicy meats, sand, while their heads were left exposed olive oil and farinaceous articles, and to

The largest heathen temple in the world ment, suffered so terribly that he went out is in Seringapatam, and it comprises a square, each side being one nile in length, inside of which are six other squares. The conduct reached St. Petersburg, and that | walls are 25 feet high and 5 feet thick, and instructions were subsequently sent to Gen- | the hall where pilgrims congregate is superal Baranok to institute an inquiry into ported by a thousand pillars, each cut from a single block of stone.

Some people suppose that rosewood takes its name from its colour, but that is a mistake. Rosewood is not red or yellow, but almost black. Its name comes from the fact that when first cut it exhales a perfume similar to that of a rose; and, although the dried rosewood of commerce retains no trace of this perfume, the name lingers as a relic of the early history of the wood.

One of the curiosities of Lord Brassey's house in Park-lane is the marble figure of a sleeping infant reposing on crimson velvet cushions, which are arranged as a divan in the central hall of the museum. It is the sculptured portrait of one of the first Lady Brassey's children, who died of fever, and it is said the marble child was taken with her wherever she travelled.

Every men in Russia must be provided with a passport, which must be annually renewed through the authorities of his village. When the commune refuses to forward the necessary documents, the absentee, who may be earning a good livelihood away from his village, is obliged immediately to return, to avoid arrest for the criminal offence of having no legal status.

The ancient Romans considered February 29 a most critical season, always reckoning it among their unlucky days. That this belief has not by any means lost ground is evidenced by a deep-rooted dislike parents have to a child being born on Leap Day, it being a popular notion that to come into the world at such an odd time is ominous, as signifying the babe's speedy exit.

Fish-hatching in China is sometimes conducted with the aid of a hen. The spawn is collected from the water's edge, and placed in an empty egg-shell. The egg is then sealed with wax and placed under a sitting hen. After some days the egg iscarefully broken, and the swarm emptied into water well warmed by the sun. There the little fish are nursed until they are strong enough to be turned into a lake or stream.

The Monta di Pieta at Rome, which has existed ever since 1585, is probably the most lenient pawnbroker's shop in the world. Any person who brings a pledge may borrow from £3 to £5 without paying any interest : but all that is lent above that sum is paid for at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum. At the end of two years, if the pledge is not redesmed nor interest of the money paid, it is sold, and the overplus of the debt is laid by for the owner, who has it in his power to demand it within one hundred years.

# THEWEE

Horse stealing is un in the neighborhood It is announced t divided and will, after two members in th

The transactions at house amounted in 1 compared with \$514,

year. The President ha Moore, of Washingt Three Rivers, Canad The Continental Societies will proba

meeting at Kingston

Mr. John Jacob A can millionaire, is in pose of enjoying the The Montreal M abolishing the pres decentralization a sa could be effected.

It is proposed to at Ottawa, with a p ness it will be to i distress in the city. Two Montreal firm on seal oil, which is

United States, and

handsomely on the t A Cleveland synd London and Port S establishing a line of port and Cleveland i Mr. Peter Mitchel Montreal from New

the winter fishing t Miramichi is excepti Mr. O.T. Masson, in the Richelieu at Company, died very Tuesday, while waiti to see his legal advis

A young man name engaged in felling to Edward Henry, Win afternoon, was struc received injuries from following morning. The fire which des Mr. Frank Thomas,

responsible for two mother was burned and now news has be of Mr. Walter Haul: severe injuries. Circulars are being proprietors of the I

to contribute copies to be placed in the World's Fair. Mr. Hall, the Q urer, declares that a erty would be impra

difficult to collect w

of costly machinery. Chief Justice Beg on Thursday, gave j the Crown v. The S Hattie, charged with Sea. He held that ly legal, and ordere to be condemned.

Vice-President Sh dian Pacific railwa each way was delay Rocky mountains, b days trains have arri very promptly, and tically on schedule t

The Episcopal dec marriages were read Catholic churches Su bids Catholics marry by special dispensati performed by a pries ing themselves to brought up as Catho

Ex-Premier Merci Courrier de Maskino that the failure of th succeed as they oug fratricidal strife, and to give point to his he says, was brought his own countrymen

Gossip in London with the Governor-It is officially stat Wales has no inte World's Fair. The Earl of Lond ill with typhoid feve has been summoned

Mr. Gladstone h from the Continent. It is reported that Dublin have failed, ing to nearly £200,0 At the Wheal Ov Cornwall, while th water from an aba

rushed in and thirty The comet medal ciety of the Pacific to Edwin Holmes, discovery of the un vember 6. Rev. Henry S. Li ter of London, with

Worcester are make Christian reunion a salem. A cable from Lon wheat is highly ap considered superior Western States. very large, but the

quality. Mr. Ben. Tillott, was an unsuccessful general elections in on trial at Bristol labourers to riot Christmas day.

Baroness de Ro contradicting the s Mrs. Maybrick, sw duce effusion of blo sion that she was i sumption.

The extreme dep industry is shown 479 vessels with a up in English and

UNIT Three deaths fr place on North B Lucsday.