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CANADA.

A big demand for lumber is reported in Manitoba. Guelph is to have a new pork packing company. The new directory of Ottawa gives the population as 63,480. Galt's town hall is to have a Jubilee clock to cost \$1,000. Heavy cattle shipments to England are reported from Winnipeg. It is rumored that the C. P. R. is to be extended from Reston into the Pipestone country. The shipment of cheese from the port of Montreal this season far exceeds the quantity sent for the corresponding period last year. Mr. W. W. Buchanan of Hamilton has resigned the offices of General Manager of the Royal Templars of Temperance and editor of The Templar.

J. Roland, a sword-swallower of Prince Albert, died in great agony at Winnipeg from injuries inflicted on himself while practicing the trick. A private telegram from Sir Wilfrid Laurier announces that he will sail from Liverpool for home on August 19. The Grand Trunk car works at Brantford have been closed and notices posted instructing the employees to apply for work at London. The Highland cadets of Montreal will shortly visit Ottawa for the purpose of being inspected by the Governor-General and Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia. A detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police has been ordered to the Crow's Nest Pass to maintain order upon the railway construction works. Mrs. Shortiss, mother of Valentine Shortiss, the Valleyfield murderer, whose death sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life, has returned to Canada, and it is believed an effort will be made to obtain his pardon. It is estimated that there are between three and four thousand unemployed men in Montreal, and efforts are being made to get some of them work on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. In connection with the John Eaton & Co. fire in Toronto some time ago, W. A. and T. C. Thompson were arrested in Toronto on Sunday night, charged with illegally transferring goods in June for the purpose of defrauding their creditors. One hundred and eighty-five immigrants from Galicia left Montreal Friday for Western points. They are all in splendid health, are people of comparative means, agriculturists by calling, and are bound to make good settlers. John Tanner, of Lunenburg, late of the schooner Ida, of Halifax, who was unlawfully imprisoned by the Spanish authorities at Porto Rico, has returned to Halifax. He has preferred a claim through the British Government for \$3,000 damages. The Archbishop of St. Boniface is making a determined effort to secure an increase of the French-Canadian population of Manitoba, and with that object in view has commissioned the Rev. Father Corbett as an immigration and repatriation agent in eastern Canada and the United States. GREAT BRITAIN. Miss Jean Ingelow, the English poet and novelist, died on Monday night. She was seventy-seven years of age. Sir John Bucknill, one of the founders of the volunteer movement in 1859, died. He was eighty years of age. Sir John Skelton, a Scotch writer, who used the nom de plume of Shirley, is dead. He was sixty-six years of age. The British Postmaster General will make a personal investigation of the grievances of the "overworked" post-office clerks. The Queen's Prize at Bisleigh was won by Private Ward of the First Devonshire regiment. In spite of official denials, the London military clubs regard the Duke of Connaught's appointment to the Quartermaster-Generalship as a certainty. Peter McNally, a Boston man, performed the feat of swimming the English Channel from Dover to a point three miles from Griz Nez, France. Enquiries in England have resulted in the discovery that Roland G. I. Barnett, of Montreal, is no relative of Barney Barnato, the deceased African millionaire. Last week there was a sale at the old Tudor castle of relics of Louis Prince Charlie. The Queen purchased his walking stick for one hundred and sixty pounds. It is confidently expected by the United States commission at present in London that Great Britain will attend the International Bi-metallic convention to be held in Washington. It is announced that the Hon. Winston Churchill, elder son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, will stand for Parliament in the Conservative interest at the next opportunity. According to London Vanity Fair, the London season, which is now nearing its end, has been remarkable for bringing into prominence the interpenetrable habits of society, the women being just as much as the men. The order of the British Admiralty for the battleship Kenown, the most powerful ironclad in the navy, to proceed to Behring Sea, is regarded as Lord Salisbury's reply to Secretary Sherman. An anonymous writer in the London Daily Mail urges the British Government to rectify the Canadian frontier by adding Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and part of New York State to Canadian territory. It is stated in London that, while Lord Salisbury is by no means pleased with the tone of Secretary Sherman's letter on the seal question, he is not disposed to take the matter too seriously, and his reply, while firm, will be polite and couched in diplomatic language.

Mr. Labouchere, who was one of the members of the Parliamentary Commission appointed to enquire into the Transvaal raid, has given notice that he will make a motion in the House of Commons that the name of Cecil Rhodes be removed from the list of Privy Counsellors. UNITED STATES. At New York bar silver has declined to the lowest price in two years. It is thought at Washington that England may participate in the bi-metallic conference to be held in the American capital next fall. The Dingley Tariff bill passed both Houses of Congress on Saturday, and was signed by President McKinley the same day. Final judgment has been given that Mrs. Olive A. Sternemann of Buffalo must return to Cayuga for trial on the charge of murdering her husband. President McKinley sent a message to Congress on Saturday advocating the revision of the national system of the country and suggesting the appointment of a commission to consider the question. The Pittsburg council of the coal miners has passed a resolution calling on President McKinley to use his good offices in the settlement of the coal miners' strike. Mr. Whitelaw Reid, special United States envoy to the jubilee, states that he was impressed by the profound devotion of the English people to the Queen and their desire to be on good terms with the United States. Twenty prisoners in the King's County, N. Y., penitentiary have become insane since the beginning of the year owing to enforced idleness, the result of the Anti-Convict Labour law. Mr. T. V. Powderley has been appointed by President McKinley, Commissioner-General of Immigration, but the Knights of Labour will fight, tooth and nail, to prevent confirmation by the Senate. It is regarded as probable that the arbitration treaty question will be reopened in Washington shortly, and that an agreement will be drafted acceptable to the United States and British Governments. James R. Keene, the noted American broker, who recently speculated on the wrong side, is credited with having made \$2,000,000 in stock operations in Wall street, New York, in the past two months. Frank Moss, an old-time miner, has returned to Grand Falls, Mont., from the Klondyke gold regions. He confirms all the reports of the wonderful auriferous nature of the country, but says it is a death trap, and that the place is dotted thick with the graves of those who died of starvation and hardship in their quest for wealth. The tenor of the reports of Messrs. Dun and Bradstreet, as to the business situation in the United States is not of an especially encouraging nature; still there is a universal feeling among business men in the United States that we shall witness a marked revival in trade all along the line, and in the opinion of professional business experts, this belief is well founded. GENERAL. The Harvest in Hungary will not be as great as last year. There have been serious outbreaks and riots at Barcelona, and the gendarmes have been stoned by the mob. The report that the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Thessaly has begun is denied. By the wrecking of a Chinese steamer bound from Singapore for Malacca 120 persons were drowned. The Prussische Jahrbucher advocates the return of Metz to France in consideration of her ratification of the annexation of Luxembourg. The best scientific opinion in Berlin is not sanguine of the success of Herr Andree's attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon. The finest showing at the Exhibition at Brussels is made by France, Great Britain being a good second, and Germany third. The Indian Government has decided upon prosecuting a number of editors of native papers who have of late been preaching sedition. Edhem Pasha, commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces, in Thessaly, was severely wounded by the explosion of an infernal machine sent to him, according to a report from Budapest. The trial of twelve women and two men for wholesale poisonings was concluded at Buda-Pesth on Friday, when four of the prisoners were sentenced to death. The Japanese Cabinet has agreed to the proposal of the Hawaiian Government to submit the question at issue between the two Governments to arbitration. Emperor William's incessant interference in politics is weakening the Government ranks, while the ranks of the Socialists and discontents are swelling day by day. Large quantities of arms and ammunition are stored at the French border of Spain for the Carlists, and in the event of discontent over the Cuban question spreading Don Carlos may try his luck again. A Japanese paper, the Kokumin, expresses the hope that no rupture of the harmonious feeling between Japan and the United States will take place over such a paltry affair as the Hawaiian question. The Customs Committee of the Norwegian Storting has adopted a report proposing the introduction of differential tariff duties on several agricultural products, and giving greater protection to small manufacturing interests. PUTTING OUT THE FIRE. Barkeeper (Big Bazoo Hotel)—Hi there stranger—What th—er are you doing? Can't you see that th—er is used only whur there's a fire? Stranger—Yes (gurgles). I know (gurgles, gurgles). I just had a drink of your whisky (gurgles, gurgles, gurgles).

NOT HIS FAULT. Conductor to cyclist who has been thrown by train—See, here, my man—don't you know any better than to try to run an engine down? Cyclist—What's gettin' through your

SNAIL RAISING.

How the Farms are Conducted—Large Consumption in France.

Snail farming forms a peculiar branch of agricultural industry in France and other countries, and the consumption of them in France is very large. Edible snails vary greatly in size; the large white ones are the real escargot, but this term is usually employed to designate all edible snails adapted to table purposes, but in the markets, besides escargots, there are two other varieties, known as limace and limaçon, the former being of medium size, and the latter quite small. Though the great majority of the edible snails produced in France are of natural growth, their artificial culture is carried on to a very considerable extent. They are propagated from August to October in ground especially prepared for the purpose, and fed with cabbage, clover, etc. During the winter they are sheltered in houses composed of brick or wood, and they are gathered and marketed from April to June. In the Tyrol from June to the middle of August the snails are collected from every available damp place and taken to the feeding ground near the owner's dwelling. This is a bit of garden ground free from trees and shrubs and surrounded on all sides by running water. In this feeding ground are little heaps of mountain pine twigs, mixed loosely with wood moss, and these twigs when dry are replaced by fresh ones. Every day they are fed on cabbage, leaves and grass, and when cold weather sets in they go under cover, that is, they collect under the heaps of twigs and bury themselves and there seal themselves up for the winter. When this has been successfully accomplished, they are collected packed in perforated boxes lined with straw, and sent off to Paris and other towns.

A MEAN HUSBAND'S REVENGE.

Mrs. De Pride, anxious that her daughter shall make a rich match—I wonder why Mr. Richfellow doesn't come to see our daughter any more. Mr. De Pride—I don't know. The last time he was here he borrowed my clock-work phonograph to have some music played into it. He brought it back to my office the next morning, saying that the musician was sick or something, and that's the last I've seen of him. Was the phonograph empty? Um, now I think of it, I believe it did have in it your reception of me when I came home late the night before. Maybe he's changed his mind about marrying. THE PIANIST MADE AUNTIE SICK. The young woman who takes music lessons and practices scales announced to her friends that she was going away. Isn't it rather a sudden determination? Yes, it's the doctor's orders. Why, you don't look a bit ill. Oh, I'm perfectly well. Auntie is the one who is ill. A MILLIONAIRE'S SON. Silas Hinkley, a son of the millionaire President of the Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Electric Railroad Company, is leaving coal as a stoker in the employ of the company at \$1.50 a day. He is a Harvard graduate, but took his present place voluntarily in order to learn the business thoroughly. GOODNESS AND TRUTH. Angelina—There never was such a good fellow as Edwin. Her Friend—I hope he isn't too good to be true.

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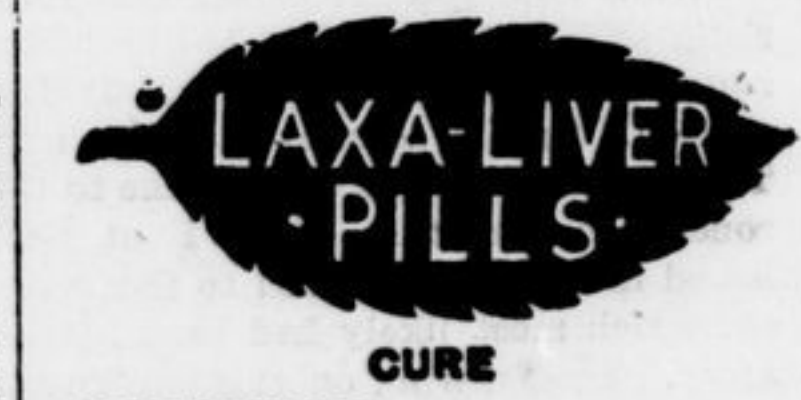
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