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ally radiating kindliness, the brightest brown eyes, full of laughter and America. intelligence, and you have the very model of splendid English womanhood that Tennyson loved to draw. Miss Brooke-Hunt was kind enough former failures in this connection we to give me a pleasant hour in her little "den" in the flat at Albert Gate Court, where she lives with her mother and sisters, and there I found her surrounded by pictures and books, and a thousand and one relics of the eventful years into which she has crowded more action and thought than that of the average woman who reaches the sign.post of three score years and ten. Now what is the secret of the youthful buoyancy and yet mature wisdom of this young empire-maker? First of all, a happy healthy, childhood and girlhood in the country, where she resided under the roof of her grandfather, W. P. Price, M.P., in Glouchestershire, and where she was the companion of her brother in many of his sports and

Before she was fifteen Miss Brooke-Hunt had been encouraged by her grand-parent to start a boys' club in connection with the institutes and libraries on the estate, and she constantly listened to the discussions of the old squire on economic questions, which found practical exemplification in the work done in this miniature world. Later on she spent a short period at Cheltenham College, where the head mistress found her bent so clearly indicated that she allowed her to take up political and social economics, history and literature, in

and from this movement grew the both the Ministerialists and Oppoclub known as the "Gordon Wander- sitionists. To this the Governor of ers," where, under the auspices of Newfoundland replied: "The question the Home Arts and Industries, tech- is now being discussed among the nical instruction was given the lads, parties, and your correspondent has supported the institution by savings. Albert Court Gate was close to the Knightsbridge Barracks, and when fate brought Miss Brooke-Hunt and her family to Lonshe found that many of young privates in the Guard's were boys from her old institutes, who had from time to time enlisted and left their native country. Realizing that soldiers have more

than human enemies to fight when on active service, Miss Brooke-Hunt managed, in spite of many difficulties, to find her way to South Africa and there to establish soldiers' institutes. She went out on a troopship, and found plenty of work for her active mind on the voyage, as there were all sorts of entertainments, etc., to be devised for the men. The experiences in South Africa of this intrepid leader of men are embodied in her book, "A Woman's Memories of the War," writ-

A "Life of Lord Roberts for Boys," bey for Boys and Girls" are two of Miss Brooke-Hunt's most recent core Government offered, first of all,

To-day finds this enthusiastic young to pay interest on \$2,000,000 in adthe pleasure of listening to her ner and matter of the speech.

and sailors, to be established close | Between the offer of Canada and to Waterloo Station, is a project in the request of Newfoundland there which Miss Brooke-Hunt is greatly was a difference of about \$354,000 interested. The committee has al- a year. The first point of divergence ready nearly thirty thousand pounds | was with regard to the assumption in hand, but rquire fifty thousand, of the debt. Newfoundland asked Caand this Miss Brooke-Hunt is in- nada to assume nearly \$16,000,000 clined to think is soon forthcoming. of debt. Of this about \$6,000,000 Several medals have been bestowed | had been incurred on account of the upon the young Imperialist at dif- island railway, which Canada was ferent times. One, the Order of St. asked to complete to Port Aux John of Jerusalem, Canadians know Basques. It has since been completof in connection with ambulance and ed. Newfoundland asked also for nursing work. Then comes the Or- \$250,000 a year, in lieu of der of Our Lady of Grace, next the Crown lands, \$100,000 more South African war medal, and last, Canada's offer; and \$150,000 a year attached to it, is the coronation latter proposal Canada replied that

but not least, by reason of the story medal, which was presented to Miss | the Newfoundland fishermen would be Brooke-Hunt by the King at the paid the same bounties as were acgreat colonial review in 1902. was presented to her in the presence worked for during those three months direct communication with the King. whom they asked as a personal favor

to allow their friend and comrade to share the honor done them. The pretty little sunlit drawingroom at Albert Court is full of souvenirs of colonial gratitude. From every part of the Empire have come presents of fewellery or plate in recognition of the kindness shown and a massive pair of silver candlesticks testify to the gratitide of Canadian soldiers, while Ceylon sent a beautiful silver bowl resting on the backs of three carved elephants. South Africa sent jewels and a magnificent ostrich feather fan, and To buy a Dwelling, Building Cape Colony a handsome silver inkstand. In the very best sense Miss Brooke-Hunt is a "man's woman, with a wonderful insight and understanding of the needs, and possibly

the class in which she is most in-

terested.

NEWFOUNDLAND. HIS FIRST BOW.

Confederation With Canada Becoming a Live Question-Thy the Colony Has Held Aloui From Dominion.

Confederation is again becoming a live question in Newfoundland. This year a general election will divide the people upon the issue. Many look to Canada as the true haven of the island colony. They point out that its manifest destiny is mem-Who is Miss Violet Brooke-Hunt? I bership in the great Canadian Conknow full well that many officers | federation, that a time of prosperity like the present is the best time for making advantageous terms, and, writes Lally Bernard, in The Toron- finally, that the settlement of the French shore question removes last bar to the happy union of all the British possessions in North

ion of the Canadas and Newfound- eyes of his King. land was first discussed. From our idea was not popular in Newfound- making a gallant show with their land. On their return the delegates glistening helmets and nodding plumwere ridiculed and reviled, and re- es, dash up through a roar of welpresented as selling the independence coming shouts from the crowds of of the colony to Canada. The pro- curious sightseers, and to feel proudposals were overwhelmingly defeated by that I, too, was a part, however at the polls.

Soon afterwards, in June, 1869, the Newfoundland Government promulgated the terms on which the willing to accept the terms, but the Newfoundland Legislature suddenly changed its mind, defeated the Government that proposed them, and declared for separate existence.

which subjects she won high distinc- Tupper paid a visit to St. John's. tension lecture work by one girl. It | that the Canadian Government con- Joseph's coat and probably far is needless to say that the lectures | sidered the time convenient for the were on history, economics and so- discussion of union, and was confi- all types and ages-a few generals, ciology, and that the lecturer, bring- | dent that no difficulty would be exing her youthful enthusiasm into the perienced in arranging the terms. work, scored a huge success. This It was suggested that the Newfoundgirl of eighteen managed to bring land Legislature should send a deboys and men of the artisan class putation to negotiate, and also into intense sympathy with the work | that the delegates should represent no doubt but that a deputation will be sent." No deputation was sent

Then arose the dispute over the Bond-Blaine Treaty, in which Canada objected to Newfoundland making a fisheries arrangement at Washington independently of this country Newfoundland, taking umbrage at this, refused bait to Canadians. Fin ally, however, a conference restored narmony. At the conference Si John Thompson proposed Confederation as a solution of all the difficulties, but the Newfoundland dele gates replied they were not authoriz-

Dark days financially overtook years. Driven to the verge of bank-Ottawa to discuss Confederation. Then were proposed the terms which made counter-proposals, which Newfoundland rejected. And thus the scarlet-clad dignitaries da's proposals were based on the lined embroidered tunics, silverand "A Story of Westminster Ab- terms accorded to the existing members of the Confederation. Our

Imperialist busy as the Organizing dition. Thus the total obligation to Tariff Reform League, and I had 000, or fifty dollars per head population. The colony was offered speech at the initial meeting of the on annual subsidy of \$465,000. league at the house of Lord Glenesk, which was made up as follows: \$50, in Piccadilly. That speech was a re- 000 allowance for legislation, \$165, velation to me of what a woman's | 000 per capita subsidy, at 80 cents grasp of the subject might mean. I per head of population; \$150,000 alwas immensely struck with the man- lowance for Crown lands, timber and mines, and \$100,000, being five per The Union Hack Club, for soldiers | cent. on the excess debt.

in bounties to fishermen. To the corded at any time to the Canadian

The great obstacle to agreement nancially. Hence, whatever debt altionate allowance. By conceaing to Newfoundland \$6,000,000 more than of 60 per cent., the Dominion would invite claims from the different provinces for compensation. The Dominion has assumed, or allowed, pro-\$109,430,148. If we were to increase land practically proposed, we would \$65,000,000, exclusive of the debt of Newfoundland. This prospect caused Canada to pause and count the cost. It certainly justified caution.

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at the same time the weaknesses, of tain Don't think for a minute that any man is interested in your troublesunless be is a lawyer.

A YOUNG LIEUTENANT AT A

LEVES. Military Debutante's Appear-

ance Before King-Might Have Saved His Trepidation. Just as a young conutante tooks forward to her first drawing-room with feelings as much of nervous trepidation as of delight, so a young officer or lawyer fights more

an enemy in the field or conducting his first case in court, although naturally he feels proud of the pros-It is now forty years since the un- pect of coming individually under the I am not ashamed to confess that when some time ago, in all the glory have something to learn. In 1864, of the full-dress uniform of a lieutwhen the idea of the union of the enant of Yeomanry, I made my way British colonies on this continent on foot to St. James's Palace to was put forward. Newfoundland, be presented to His Majesty as on along with the other provinces and of his gallant soldiers, it was with a colonies, was invited to take part in little internal quaking and an exthe negotiations. It was represented ternal trembling of the knees, which by Sir Ambrose Shea and Mr. F. B. rather belied my brave appearance. T. Carter, who framed what the de- I was just in time, as I neared the legates hoped would prove an ac- Palace, to see the King's equipage, ceptable basis of union. But the with its escort of Life Guardsmen

Ran Gauntlet of Crowds.

insignificant, of the "show."

My own reception by the crowd, islative expenses, a subsidy of 80 can afford to be criticised, I thought cents per head; and \$150,000 in lieu as, with the air of a field marshal, of Crown lands. Canada was quite I ran the gauntlet of the crowds and at last found myself safely landed within the palace walls. And what a startling transforma-

> tion it was from the dinginess of the world outside to the blaze of color more picturesque. They were men of tunics, cocked hats, and plumesmen apparently oid enough to have fought at Balaclava and Inkerman, and still ready if need be to take bird life. The ever-potent appeal to as gaily attired as so many popin-

A Brilliant Scene,

Dotted here and there in this gorgeous stream of color, slowly moving onward to the Throne Room, Newfoundland in the succeeding are the white wigs and black robes of lawyers fresh from the courts and ruptcy the colony sent delegates to their briefs, and come to pay homage to the King; men in the modest steel-looped cocked hats, and swords and buckles of steel; stray ministers of the Crown in gold-laced uniforms; conference proved fruitless. Cana- Church; county lieutenants in silklaced trousers, and crimson and gold sashes: Chinamen, gorgeous in robes of silk, and gold; picturesque

Japanese; and turbaned Turks. In my uniform of dark green I felt quite eclipsed by the blaze of color ing with the stream I found myself passing through room after room scanned by keen-eyed officials, on the lookout for anything irregular in dress, and the entrance to each room guarded by two gentlemen-at-arms ready to bar the entrance with cord of silk if the pressure should

At last, after what seems hours of slow progression, I catch a distant glimpse of the Throne Room, voices which until now have been incessant become hushed, I clutch my ticket of presentation to make sure that I have still got it, and summon up my evaporating courage for the

ordeal which is now near.

Catches Sight of the King. A little later I find myself at the marshal's uniform, standing on a raised platform with a brilliant group behind, to the right, and in front of him-Royal Princes and walk forward, make a clumsy obeishow, before I realize that it can possibly be over, I have emerged from the room and find myself in a

After all, I thought, it was not very formidable, and I might just as well have saved myself all my trepidation. For a few moments waited in the corridor watching the stendy flow from the Throne Roomthe Army, the Navy, the Church, and the Law, Ministers and Attaches-and I could not help fancying that they all seemed as pleased as myself at having done homage to our gracious King, and that the

Drawing Wire.

The art of drawing wire was not day." practiced until the fourteenth century, or introduced into England until the seventeenth century, all made by hammering into rounded tain. lengths narrow strips of metal cut from plates previously beaten out.

THE WILD FLOWERS.

the first awakening of an interest in

nature and her ways prompts un-

thinking destruction. Perhaps it is

Brought Destruction in Its Train-Plea for Their Protection. It seems an unfortunate rule that

a necessary stage on the road to knowledge, still we should strive to avoid it if possible, and at least to leave it behind as speedily as we may. The indiscriminate collector has disappeared from among the bird lovers. He may have served a good purpose in his time, but his work is done. Such destruction of shy of his first levee than of facing bird life as the scientific investigators have found necessary has been fully atoned for by their work in the cause of preservation, both by legal and moral restraints. The work of examining the tissues of dead birds has been completed. The food of every species at all seasons of the year has been determined by examination and analysis. Complete collections of skins at all stages of development and conditions of plumage have been made. The naturalist must turn from a study of the dead to a study of the living, and there a fascinating and inexhaustible field awaits him. The laboratory has done its work, but the more enticing secrets of the woods, the marshes, the shores, and the fields await the diligent investigator.

As nature's sylvan treasures begin

to recede there is a sudden awakening of interest and keen appreciation of their manifold charms. The lover of wild flowers is no longer alone, but finds kindred spirits on every hand, Familiar and once loneony would enter Confederation. however, was not quite so cordial as ly routes through the woods and that of the King, although one critic along the streams and marshes are moderate. They proposed that New- did exclaim, 'I say, Bill, don't 'e changing to worn pathways. And foundland should have a debt al- think 'e's a torf!' which, after all, this new awakening of interest brings lowance equal to \$25 per head of was rather a dubious kind of a com- destruction in its train. Many of population, \$35,000 a year for leg- pliment. But a soldier of the King | the familiar wild flowers are disappearing from their usual haunts, and it remains for their steadfast friends to save them from further destruction. Man's interference helps the coarse and the commonplace to push aside the fragile and delicate. In the struggle for existence the encroaching grass crowds out and kills This settled the issue for nearly and life and animation in which I off the most delicate and beautiful twenty years. In 1888 Sir Charles found myself within the palace. Here flowers of the suburban woods. In were hundreds of men stretching parks where the leaves are raked up tion. Later came a move to Glou- On his return the Governor-General away in a long vista as far as the and burned the destructive grass cester, and the result was the found- of Canada sent a message to the eye could see, a river of moving col- takes immediate possession and the ing of a branch of the university ex- Governor of Newfoundland, stating ors as variegated as those of wild flowers are doomed. And where flower lovers is a slower process of To protect and preserve our native

flora demands a higher degree of

altruism than the preservation of

the field again; and rubbing should- selfishness can be advanced on beers with these grizzled veterans were | half of almost all our feathered visdapper young subalterns of Guards itors, and he who is not moved by their glad message of spring jays, and no doubt full of dreams of nor their happy activity in the day when they too, should wear the weary summer will give heed to a general's badge. Here are aides- their value in protecting the farm, de-camp in their richly embroidered the garden, and the orchard. Their tunics, gold aigrettes, plumed hats | fine, sensitive organism gives them a and gold sashes; Highland officers in higher claim, for it appeals to tartan trews and feather bonnets; human sympathy that recoils from naval commanders in their the infliction of pain. But to se more soher but most becoming blue the beautiful ultramarine flower and gold; officers of engineers and the fringed gentian and the bright artillery, of cavalry and infantry of scarlet tuft of the painted cup, and the line, Yeomen and volunteers-an leave them that they may produce epitome, in fact, of the British Army | seed for the next season, requires an and all sporting their bravest col- altruistic perfection of mind to which poor humanity can seldom at tain. These and other annuals are suffering severely, and will be exterminated in the vicinity of cities and towns unless their admirers can be made to realize that the supreme test of love is renunciation. Annuals are plants that die after filling their mission in the production of seed, and they suffer most from their admirers. Plants with perennial roots, that send up new growth with each succeeding spring, survivo depredations. The trailing arbutus, though possessing a perennial trailing rootstock and hardy, everthrough the carelessness of admirers. The perfume of its early flowers is irresistible, and the stems are so tough and strong that the careless gatherers tear up long trailers from the ground. A little care will save its life without sacrificing any of the pleasures of early spring. The violets and fly flowers survive because their most fruitful flowers are hidden under ground. The daisies of summer and the asters and golden rods of autumn may be gathered by the armful. But true lovers of nature must prove their worthiness by leaving the annuals to fulfill their mission. Abnegation is its own re

> Canada's Ability to Feed Britain. Dominion Statistician George Johnson writes: If Manitohn took a strip of land five miles on each side of her existing railways i

would give an area of 14,000,000 acres, which, at the average yield of 18.65 bushels per acre, would yield 260,000,000 bushels of wheat, which is more than Great Britain took the 2,100 miles of railway in the Northwest, beyond Manitoba, there would be another 14,000,000 acres, which would give in all 260, vield of 2,069,000 acres was 53,-000,000 busiels of wheat. Four times that acreage would give all that Great Britain required and 20,000,000 bushels over. Manitoba contains 48,000,000 acres from which to select the 8,000,000 acres

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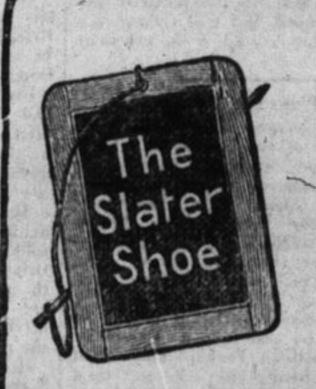
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