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BULLDOZING THE PEOPLE. Hon. Mr. Duff, who is the commissioner of agriculture in the Ontario government, has undertaken to bulldoze the farmers of the province.

Mr. Duff and Mr. Matheson attended the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association and it is alleged that privately the first named gentleman intimated that it was not expedient to introduce reciprocity, and hence it was not prudent to discuss reciprocity.

Neither is it clear why the cost of republishing as well as maintaining certain public buildings, amounting to \$113,000, is entered as part of the ordinary outlay for the year while a \$28,000 outlay in addition to Osgoode Hall is not. But so it is and by this system of omission Mr. Matheson is able to show a nominal and very small surplus when as a matter of fact there was borrowed during the year nearly one and one-half million dollars.

THE REAL NATIONALISM. Prof. Morison, before the Young Men's Club, of Queen Street Methodist church, last evening, presented his idea of the nationalism that has merit in it, and the nationalism that is bound to find favour with every true Canadian.

There were three types of nationalism which the professor discussed in a candid and lucid way—the nationalism of Ireland, of Quebec and of Canada. Ireland's aspirations were described in a kindly way. There were features in the past which tended to friction.

Prof. Morison's outlook for Canada was optimistic. His study of Canadian history had converted him to the theory of home rule, and whatever might be the result of the reciprocity arrangement, which favored a freer trade between Canada and the United States, this country was bound to be an integral part of the British empire.

not been sketched ordinarily, and carrying with it an education and an inspiration of the highest quality. Upon his service to the state the professor is to be surely congratulated.

A PRETTY BAD SHOWING.

Some members of the legislature advised Mr. McEwing to break it to them gently when he said the accounts of the province showed a deficit of nearly \$2,000,000 in place of a surplus—the exceedingly small surplus of \$4,000, while the revenue of the year, from all sources, including what Mr. Matheson formerly called capital, amounted to \$9,900,000.

"Ob, but," some one observes, "think of or remember the extraordinary expenditure that has been made in connection with the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway." That has been duly accounted for, and, by the way, it is not included in the ordinary outlay of the year, which provokes an independent critic, the Weekly Sun, to remark:

"Not only is an advance of over \$2,000,000 to the Hydro-Electric, and \$785,000 to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission omitted from the statement on which the year's balance is struck, but \$150,316 expended on the good roads scheme, \$90,670 on account of new government house, \$28,000 for addition to Osgoode Hall, and other like items are eliminated as well. Just why an expenditure of \$150,000 in building roads in older Ontario is treated as a capital charge, while an item of \$452,000 for the building of colonization roads in New Ontario is treated as current expenditure is not clear.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Saskatchewan charters a grain growers' elevator company because government ownership in Manitoba has been a failure. Here is an experience worth noting.

Let well enough alone," is the slogan of the Canadian millers. By the way, do they not represent a trust which regulates the cost of flour and keeps up the prices no matter how cheap wheat may be?

Peterboro's school trustees complain of the unfriendliness of the children for study because they are out so late at night in the picture shows. Some results are evidenced everywhere the shows are given. The cure—high license and high admission fees.

Canada is not disposed to bonus any manufacturers of iron, sheet steel, or anything else by bounties. That is the gist of the finance minister's reply to the Morrisburg application, and it will evoke applause from the farmers all over Canada.

Mayor Hugo (Waterloo, a former Kingstonian), had a glorious time in Washington as the opponent of the paper features of the reciprocity agreement. The senate committee charged that the trust, not the tariff, regulated the prices of paper, and for once it is right!

Chicago Record-Herald. Enraged over something the local newspaper had printed about him, a subscriber burst into the editor's office in search of the responsible reporter. "Who are you?" he demanded, glaring at the editor, who was also the main stockholder.

KILLED AND EATEN

AUSTRALIAN HILL TRIBE Cannibals.

Feed on Coast Natives—The Commonwealth is in the Grip of a Prostrating Heat Wave.

Melbourne, Feb. 10.—Cannibalism is rampant in the Admiralty Islands, according to information received here. The hill tribes in the islands descend from their fastnesses, capture the civilized natives who live on the coast and kill and eat them.

TAX CHURCH PROPERTY. C. R. McEwing Talks Straight on Issue.

The question of exemption of church property from taxation may come up before the Ontario legislature of the province at the present session. C. R. McEwing, member for Dufferin, has in contemplation a measure which may raise some little discussion. Certain it is that if he brings it in there will be much to be said on both sides by the members.

Mr. McEwing himself would favor doing away with all tax exemptions; but he does not intend to go so far just now. All he has in mind at present is the abolition of exemptions on the land covered by and immediately surrounding church buildings. He would not tax graveyards. But where a church occupies a large piece of ground, and has laws surrounding it, perhaps filling a complete city square, he sees no justice in allowing it to escape paying the share of the contributions to civic government.

Speaking of the present exemption of educational institutions, Mr. McEwing said his own idea would be to do away with all exemptions, but he does not think of such a sweeping change in his bill.

Stories About Animals. Chicago News. It appears to have a strong objection to gasoline. Not long ago a visitor exploring the London sewers was told by his guide as they walked under Long Acre and Soho that the sewers in this neighborhood are almost entirely free from rats. This immunity has been noticed only since the development of the motor car industry and the establishment of its headquarters in Shaftesbury Avenue and Long Acre.

More than a dozen birds, including an owl, wrens, thrushes and chaffinches, alighted exhausted on the deck of the steamer Caledonia, bound from Manchester to Boston. All except two chaffinches in Shaftesbury Avenue and Long Acre. A large quantity of gasoline thus finds its way down the drains, and this, in the opinion of the sewer man, effectually keeps the rats away.

An unexpected result of the Portuguese revolution was the indisposition of the animals at the Lisbon zoological gardens. They all became ill, having been so alarmed by the bombardment that they refused to eat and drink.

Almost a Relative. An impecunious nobleman saw a portrait of an ancestor in a West End shop window. He went in and inquired the price. It was \$60.

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Another of the new languages is Namau, which is current in a part of British New Guinea and is employed by 40,000 cannibals. Cannibalism also are the habits of the Houailou and Ponerihouen tribes of New Caledonia, for whose enlightenment certain of the gospels have been recently translated.

But they yet remains much work before us. How many languages are actually spoken in the world it is impossible to say with definiteness. I have seen the number estimated at two thousand. This leaves us substantial scope for further endeavor.

Therefore, from the new publication these people not only gain a knowledge of Holy Writ, but also some acquaintance with English, while, incidentally, the result must tend towards unification of the empire.

There also is the first book ever published by the society—St. John's gospel, in Mohawk, printed in 1801. There is also a New Testament issued for the Indians of Massachusetts in 1661—a book which no living persons is able to read because the tribe which spoke the language has entirely disappeared.

There are many a blood-stained page which belonged to a teacher in Uvea, one of the Loyalty Islands, who was reading it when the natives stabbed him to death. There also is the first book ever published by the society—St. John's gospel, in Mohawk, printed in 1801. There is also a New Testament issued for the Indians of Massachusetts in 1661—a book which no living persons is able to read because the tribe which spoke the language has entirely disappeared.

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HIS NAME WAS "CHRISTIE." Incident in Which Sir George Gibbons was Involved. Canadian Courier. At a dinner of the Canadian Club at Guelph not long ago the speaker for the occasion was Sir George C. Gibbons, K.C., of London, the new Canadian knight of the International Waterways Commission.