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The result of the Ohio election has cheered and encouraged the Republicans of New York state. They hope to be successful in electing Davenport three weeks hence.

Our High Commissioner costs us as much as Mr. Phelps costs the United States in his residence at the Court of St. James. Six Charles Tupper is an able man, and occasionally does the country a service, but he is worth \$14,000 a year, a free house the furnishing of which cost \$45,000, and all the other luxuries which his position affords?

Few people think how unjust it is to hang the Indians, convicted of Northwest cruelties, while all the influences possible are being exerted in order to save Reel. The real man were innocent compared with the Metis chief; they had not his reasoning powers, and could not be expected to act with his intelligence; they simply caught the inspiration of his rebellious spirit, and their feelings were effectually operated upon by him.

WAR IN BURMAH.

There is reason to suspect that the trouble in Burma is, to some extent, the result of conspiracy on the part of the French officials. The cablegrams announce the purpose of the Chinese government to build railways and open up the south-western provinces of China. This announcement is the definite outcome of a scheme inaugurated some years ago, and of which the British and French governments have been quick to take advantage.

PERMANENT EXHIBITION.

The proposal to change the site of the Central Fair and to raise it in public popularity meets with general approval. The removal of the crystal palace from its present location is only a matter of time. The land is now part of the penitentiary farm, and its use for exhibition purposes depends upon the sufferance of the government.

CHURCH AND ITS WORK.

THE WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.—INTERESTING ADDRESS. Daily Whig, 19th. At St. George's Cathedral yesterday morning the Rev. Mr. Bliss, of the Upper Ottawa Mission, gave an interesting address in relation to the mission work of the church in his large mission work of 100 miles on the Upper Ottawa.

COLLEGE CONFEDERATION.

Writing to the Educational Weekly, and in review of the address delivered by the President of the British Association at its last meeting, Principal Grant observes: "He says plainly that 'even Oxford and Cambridge, which have done so much in recent years in the equipment of laboratories and in adding to their scientific staffs, are still far behind a second-class German University.'"

ARGUING THE REBELS' CASE.

A Decision Expected to be Rendered by the Privy Council and Appeal Referred. Ottawa, Oct. 17. In view of the cable dispatch from Britain, intimating that Riel's sentence will be commuted to penal servitude for life, the Liberals are contending here that the Imperial authorities have no constitutional power to so commute Riel's sentence.

THE POTATO BLIGHT.

The Losses that Farmers will Have this Year.—They will be general. "It was a blight that struck the potato stocks, withered them, and afterwards affected the potatoes," said a farmer when asked if he could account for the rotting of the potatoes everywhere in the district. "The blight came just before the heavy rains, but I don't think they had anything to do with it, he continued. "The potatoes planted early came out all right, but the late crops are worthless. The farmers, you know, find potatoes so cheap, did not plant them this year on valuable land, but put them in low spots and some will get them in 100 bushels. The rain came on too quick and continued until seed time was past."

MEDICAL BOARDS APPOINTED.

The Canada Gazette contains the appointment of medical boards at London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Halifax for the purpose of investigating claims on the part of active militiamen, in the respective contracted disease while on service in the Northwest Territories during the recent rebellion. The board at London, wholly or in part from following their usual occupation. The board at Kingston consists of Dr. Fife Fowler, President; Dr. B. F. Wilson and Dr. G. H. Boulter. The cases to be investigated are divided into two classes: 1st, cases of militiamen who have received wounds or injuries, or have contracted disease on actual service such as to incapacitate them wholly from following their usual trade or profession; 2nd, cases of militiamen who have received wounds or injuries or have contracted disease in actual service such as to incapacitate them for a time from following their usual trade or profession.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Items for the Week Supplied by Our Exchanges, and Greatly Reduced by Condensation. Monday, Oct. 19th. Rev. Mr. Hooker lectures on "Sir Henry Havelock, the Christian Soldier," in Grace Church, Gananoque, on Thursday evening.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY.

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