

TO-DAY'S TIDES.  
High Water—2.35 a.m. 3.10 p.m.  
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PROBABILITIES FOR TO-DAY.  
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## BOLD BANK ROBBERY AT ST. THOMAS de MONTMAGNY.

### How Six Men Cracked the Safe of La Banque Nationale and Got Much Swag.

### FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS CARRIED OFF.

### They May Have Crossed the Border and Be Now in Uncle Sam's Dominion, or May be in Quebec

### THEIR MOVEMENTS PRIOR TO ROBBERY FULLY DETAILED

(From our Special Correspondent.)  
St. Thomas, Montmagny, P.Q., Nov. 27.—\$5,000 in gold. Nearly \$5,000 in bank notes and a few dollars in silver were the plunder secured by the burglars from La Banque Nationale here early Monday morning.

To say that the town is excited is a very mild way of putting it. Business is absolutely suspended. Little knots of people are to be seen in the streets discussing the robbery, and speculating as to how it occurred. Theories are plentiful, but facts as to what the robbers were, whence they came and where they went are very scarce.

The whole affair is a mystery, and no matter how much talking is done about it, no one is able to give the identity of the robbers has been found.

The burglars are evidently professionals for their work has been done with such care and finish that no gentleman here remarked humorously that it was a credit to the place.

### SCENE OF THE ROBBERY.

The St. Thomas Branch of the Bank Nationale was opened on the 3rd of July last. It is located in a brick building which faces the public square. In the building are also the City Hall and the Post Office.

The staff of the bank consists of Mr. J. I. Audette, manager, and Mr. F. A. Gauthier, teller.

St. Thomas is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants the business of the branch here is a thriving one and paid well. The bank premises consist of two rooms. The outer office is divided into two equal parts, one for the public and one for the clerks. The room is not large, perhaps fourteen by twelve feet. The vault is in the rear of this room. The manager's private office is not over eight square feet, all a person entering the bank would find it on the left hand side. Electric lights are in each of the two rooms. The vault is in full view from the street, and to-day the robbers were as cautious as flattening their noses against the windows in an endeavor to see the result of the visit of the marauders.

### THE VAULT THEY ROBBED.

The vault is built of brick, and the walls are about twenty inches thick. It is reached by a door of heavy iron, the outer door being secured by a combination lock—one of Taylor's newest chisel steel. A guaranteed burglar proof safe with a combination lock was placed in the vault. To secure the "swag" the burglars were obliged first to force open the office door, then to open the vault door, and then to break through the safe. Any one of these would be sufficient to hold out ordinary men, and it is difficult to understand how the burglars were able to do their work without arousing the attention of the staff.

To-day the bank is in desolation. The floor is covered with debris, the windows are smashed, desks are battered to pieces, and all that is left of the contents of the safe is a pile of badly twisted copper cents. The force of the explosion must have been terrific, for the safe appears to be a mass of twisted metal. The door, which was four inches deep, the lock, weighing over one hundred pounds, was thrown over the side of the door. The walls of the vault are cracked and the outer door of steel plate five feet by two feet six inches is bent into a semi-circular form, and about the size of a football and about the same shape. In the vault was found this morning a piece of fire fitted to a detonating cap, and spots of blood were seen on the floor. One of the burglars did not bring many tools with them. Probably only what they needed to break open the safe and the other appliances were borrowed for the occasion. Two chisels, a large monkey wrench and a pair of pliers were among the tools which were used. Those were claimed this morning by Mr. George Boulanger, a blacksmith. The I. C. R. agent identified a sledge, two crowbars and a pick as having been taken from the scene.

### THE MANAGER SPEAKS.

Mr. Audette, the manager, is of course very much excited over the robbery, but he told your correspondent his ideas concerning the method of procedure of the robbers. They entered the bank by prying open the front door with a crowbar, the door being locked with a light iron burglar's key in the office, and it is supposed that they drew down the blind in order to prevent detection from outside. It was an easy matter for them to get into the manager's office and to pass from there behind the counter. The burglars then knocked the knob from the combination lock on the vault and proceeded to drill a hole through the door to blow off its hinges. This was the explosion that did so much damage. A check was hooked from the shelf on which it stood, falling face up on the floor. The burglar who had the check stopped at six minutes to 2 o'clock. This indicates no doubt quite accurately the time of the robbery. It was impossible to drill the burglar proof door with any glycerine was inserted into the cracks of the door. A fuse exploded the safe by means of the detonating cap and then the burglars took possession of the funds and got safely away. They would not have been in a very great hurry for they took the trouble to unroll a package of counter coins, and have them scattered all over the place. Sir Audette first heard of the robbery at 6.30 this morning. He was informed of it by Mr. Lawrence, the Corporal of the 9th Lancers, who had just returned from the door was partly open. Mr. Audette was working in the bank on Sunday night from 6 until 10.30.

### HEARD THE EXPLOSION.

The only man to hear the explosion—though several women heard it—was Mr. A. G. Methuen, a physician, who lives almost directly opposite the bank. Mr. Methuen says he heard a noise and

## TODSLOUGH

### CIGAR

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WAIT A FEW DAYS.

### MILLER & LOCKWELL, QUEBEC.

## GENERAL METHUEN STILL ADVANCING.

### He Has Captured Hanev Nest Kloof—The Naval Brigade Lost Heavily in the Battle at Grosplan—The Queen's Thanks.

### A DESPERATE AND BLOODY FIGHT EXPECTED AT TUGELA RIVER

### THE FIGHT AT GROSPAN.

London, Nov. 27.—The commander-in-chief of the Cape has sent the Admiralty an additional list of casualties among the British naval brigade at the battle of Grosplan, as follows:—Midshipman Huddart, of the cruiser Doris, and ten sailors and marines killed, and thirteen petty officers and eamen and seventy-six non-commissioned officers and men of the marines wounded. Total casualties, 95, including the names of those already killed.

### THE QUEEN'S THANKS.

The following message has been telegraphed to the commander-in-chief at the Cape:—The Queen desires you to convey to the naval brigade who were present at the action at Grosplan Her Majesty's congratulations on their gallant conduct and at the same time express the Queen's regret at the losses sustained by the brigade.

### A COMBINED ATTACK.

Estcourt, Sunday, Nov. 26.—The railroad bridge at Frere, spanning a wide stream, has been destroyed by the Boers, who are reported to be retiring rapidly. A general advance upon Colenso has been ordered and a flying column has left here to intercept the Boer raiding parties.

### BEACON HILL.

Durban, Natal, Sunday, Nov. 26.—The latest reports of Gen. Hildyard show losses at the Beacon Hill engagement of fifty men killed and seventy-two wounded. The West Yorkshire regiment suffered heavily. Major Hobbs was captured and several more Boers were seen in the distance.

### LADYSMITH ALL WELL.

A pigeon message from Col. Ian Hamilton and Duff, at Ladysmith, under the command of the British first-class cruiser Terrible, with two 4.7 inch guns, started for the front to-night.

### BETTER OUTLOOK.

London, Nov. 27.—None too soon for the British has come the news of the important eastern and western sides of the South African Republic, as the constant small reverses were authorized recently against the Boers.

### FIRST VICTORY.

To Gen. Methuen it appears beyond the honor of the first real British victory of the present war, as Belmont was the first battle after which the Boers were forced to retreat. The fact that Gen. Methuen was forced to fight a second pitched battle near the scene of the first, shows the Boers were not demoralized, and with unabated courage, met the splendid assault of the British naval brigade at Grosplan.

### SICK OF THE WAR.

Estcourt, Nov. 26.—The Boers are travelling northward with wagons. Communications will be opened shortly. The Frere bridge will be repaired immediately. The Boers were captured yesterday point to Boer disabilities. The enemy are disheartened and alarmed by the reinforcements pouring into Stormberg and Naauwpoort. At Belmont and the hard fighting at Ladysmith, an ambulance party reports seeing 30 graves that were dug by the enemy after the fighting here. It is thus evident that Gen. Joubert's plan, in addition to raiding, was to destroy the Mooi River bridges

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## THE FOREIGN POLICY OF FRANCE

### Debated in the Chamber of Deputies.

### A CLERICAL MEMBER'S IDEAS.

### HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN FIST-SHAKING, NOR STANDING WITH FOLDED ARMS—NEWS-PAPER POLEMICS ARE MERELY PAPER FROTH—EMBASSY TO THE VATICAN.

Paris, Nov. 27.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the discussion of the foreign policy of the Government was resumed. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delescluse, protested against the attacks of the Opposition which he said did not recognize the nature of the embroiling France in external difficulties. The statement called forth Leftist cheers and nationalist protests. M. Delescluse then moved the re-establishment of the credit for an Embassy at the Vatican, as a matter of national interest to France, a great as the Government interested itself in the relations of the French clergy with the Curia, an Embassy at the Vatican was absolutely necessary.

### DETECTIVES' BIG FIND

### In a Burglar's Hiding Place—Valuable Goods of All Kinds Recovered.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—The secret hiding place of Gordon, the notorious burglar, who is now under sentence, has been discovered by the police. The police made a search of the place, but there are reasons that make it advisable not to make the location public. The police made a rich haul in the hiding place. It has all along been felt that Gordon did not break up his loot, but had some other place. For the last two weeks the detectives have been hunting for it. In it there was three cigar boxes full of all kinds of silver and gold ware and in odd corners there was found many articles. The burglar carried a regular workshop of the thief to carry on his perilous work entirely unsuspected. The detectives have also located two valuable collections of postage stamps that were stolen by the man. One belongs to Mr. Lauder, of the Civil Service, and is valued at over \$1,700. The other is the property of Mr. Burland, of the Bank Note Company, and is worth at least \$1,000. Twenty-one watches, which Gordon stole, have also been found.

### ILLEGAL INSURANCE

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 27.—The Provincial Inspector of Insurance has been informed that a couple of foreign insurance companies are illegally soliciting risks in Ontario—the Citizens' Insurance of Chicago and the Great Britain Insurance Corporation of London, with a branch office at Chicago. Neither Company is registered in Ontario. A number of Hamilton firms have been unable to collect claims on recent fire losses.

### KILLED ON THE TRACK.

Bellefleur, Ont., Nov. 27.—John A. Linton, of Toronto, a brakeman, fell under the wheels yesterday morning at Trenton and had both his legs and arms cut off. He was brought to the hospital here and died three hours later. Deceased, who was 34 years of age, leaves a widow and two children.

### FROM THE SENATE

To a Prison—He Committed Forgery, and Receives Two Years.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Alonso J. White, a former State Senator in the Minnesota Legislature, and prominent politician in that State, who disappeared after being convicted of forgery in this city, and who was recently re-arrested in New York, was taken to the House of Correction to-day to serve a sentence of two years.

### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The little sign of Castoria is on every wrapper.

## CABLE COMMUNICATION AGAIN INTERRUPTED.

### Uneasiness Concerning the Absence of the 9th Lancers—Have They Been Captured? General Hildyard's Achievement the Best of the War.

### THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE SHORTLY

London, Nov. 28.—4.30 a.m.—A fresh interruption in the East African cable service at this interesting moment, has caused a cessation of war news. As yet the War Office has not received Lord Methuen's detailed list of casualties, nor is any information at hand regarding the whereabouts of the 9th Lancers, who were sent in pursuit of the Boers from Grosplan.

### LANCERS STILL ABSENT.

The Daily Mail says that a private telegram announces that the Lancers are still scouting ahead of Methuen's advance column, but as he announced yesterday that he was giving his men a day's rest this is hardly possible. Indeed the greatest anxiety is felt and that in view of the fact that a Berlin journal, the Deutsche Wart, which regularly prints Boer communications, announced yesterday that it could have been ascertained from British sources that the Naval Brigade lost 100 men at Grosplan, and that the 9th Lancers were captured.

It is understood that the War Office intended to proceed immediately with the mobilization and embarkation of a sixth division of 6,000 men under a well known Lieut-General.

### HILDYARD'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Gen. Hildyard's achievement at Beacon Hill is beginning to be recognized as one of the best things the campaign has yet shown. It has relieved the tension of the situation in Natal, and has brought the relief of Ladysmith within measurable distance.

### BULLER CONFIDENT.

Gen. Buller appears to be confident of Lord Methuen's ability, and is devoting all his energy to Ladysmith. An attempt will be made presumably to reach Colenso in time to effect the retreat of the Boers from a Woenen, over the Tugela River. It is feared, however, that the enemy will get there first and destroy the bridge.

### BRIDGE DAMAGED.

At Frere bridge the British found two massive spans utterly wrecked by dynamite, one piece weighing 224 pounds, having been hurled 20 yards.

According to a despatch from De Aar, dated Sunday, the Boers had destroyed the bridge at Steynsborg the previous day and were being reinforced at that point.

### THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

London, Nov. 27.—For the moment the Boer invasion southward in Natal seems not only to have spent its force, but to have developed into a retrograde movement, though with forces more mobile as those of the Boers it is difficult to surmise where they will open next. Apparently General Clery's advance to the relief of Ladysmith has really commenced. So far as Ladysmith is concerned, General Hildyard's force, which is already at Frere, must number 10,000 men and should be able to re-occupy Colenso, where it may have to await reinforcements of the 9th Lancers and cavalry before the latter can be sent to the Princess of Wales, to be used as his discretion for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors.

### THE GUARDS AT BELMONT.

London, Nov. 27.—At Wellington barracks the following telegram was received from Col. Crabbe of the Grenadier Guards, respecting the fight at Belmont:—

"The Grenadiers on the right and the Scots Guards on the left successfully carried the height east of Belmont. The battalion fully maintained the reputation of the regiment. The casualty list shows that in addition to Lt. Fryer killed and Col. Crabbe and six other officers wounded, twenty-one men were killed and eighty wounded with five unaccounted for."

### JOUBERT CONFIDENT.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—Gen. Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, writing to a friend in Magdeburg, says: "It is no vanity on my part to assert that we will triumph. We prepared secretly for the war. We knew it was inevitable. The war will, perhaps last a year, but I am convinced that the blood spilled will never be on our children."

### METHUEN'S SECOND FIGHT.

London, Nov. 27.—(4 a.m.) The chief news beyond Gen. Lord Methuen's second fight, which fore-shadows hard fighting before Kimberley is relieved, is the opening of telegraphic and railway communication from Estcourt southwards. The correspondents of the Daily Mail are retiring towards Colenso and Ladysmith, though it would be unsafe to say that the relieving troops will advance to Colenso without opposition. It is officially announced that there are no Boers south of the Mooi River, while on Saturday 200 mounted men, the Second Devonshire regiment and the Welsh Fusiliers, marched from the Mooi River through to Estcourt.

The Daily Mail has a despatch from its correspondent at Estcourt, dated yesterday (Sunday). It says:—

"The Boer column will go north."

This indicates that the Boer investment of the Mooi River camp containing the British relieving force has been lifted and that the garrison of Estcourt under Gen. Hildyard is also free and about to proceed north towards Colenso en route to the relief of Ladysmith. The correspondents of the Daily Mail are retiring towards Colenso and Ladysmith in considerable numbers. They are sick from want of food and exposure. Many are expected to surrender. The Mooi River column effected a junction at Frere this morning with Gen. Hildyard, who, with his troops, advanced to Frere, where Gen. Joubert's, which has been captured, states that a command of 900 under Belmen left Ladysmith. Frida with a gun and a Maxim, quick-firer for 1500 and a Maxim, which it is believed that orders is sent as to whether General Joubert approves of the command attacking the caribners, who have forts south of the Tugela. The correspondents of the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, says:—

### CONSUL MACRUM'S TROUBLES.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 27.—A Washington special says: It is an open diplomatic secret here that trouble with Consul Macrum at Pretoria is that he has been indiscreet in his friendliness with Great Britain. England was good to the United States in the Spanish war, and an effort is being made

to pay back Macrum overid it, and was caught. This is what is at the bottom of the protests of the Boers, and the anxiety of Macrum to come home.

### LIBERAL LIPTON.

London, Nov. 27.—Sir Thomas Lipton, in view of the fact that his steam yacht Enia cannot be utilized by the Government as a hospital, has offered £20,000 to the Princess of Wales, to be used as his discretion for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors.

The Executive Committee of the American Hospital Ship Fund has received an anonymous gift of \$5,000 from the United States, together with a promise of as much more, if it should be needed.

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Toronto, Ont., Nov. 27.—Military men are of the opinion that a second contingent will in the near future be sent from Canada, and in order that there will be no delay when the order comes, preparations are being made to have the men who are willing to go ready at any moment. The captains of the various companies of the 12th York Rangers have received a communication from Colonel Wey

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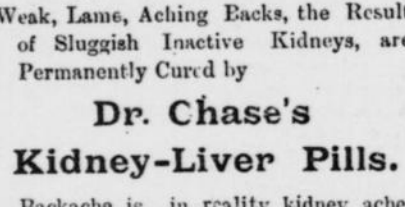
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FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

Messrs. Begin & Proulx, printers, of this city, assigned yesterday; assets, \$270.00; liabilities, \$1,100. A PERTINENT QUESTION. To the Quebec Chronicle: WHAT ABOUT THE BRIDGE? Is it dead, or is the party keeping it for next election to use as a War Cry?

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THE UNION COMMERCIALE.

At a meeting of the Union Commerciale the following members were elected an amusements Committee: President, Mr. E. A. Germain; Secretary, Mr. J. N. Mattie; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. R. Beland; Directors, Messrs. J. A. Aubert, J. A. Curie, H. Vermeine, J. M. A. Durois, and J. Chauvette. This Committee has decided to inaugurate the season by an oyster supper at the Victoria Hotel on Thursday evening next.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

We understand that Mr. E. A. Bishop has arranged a very fine musical service in connection with the anniversary sermon to be preached by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Hill, in Chalmers Church, on Thursday evening next. A very strong choir has been got together, and apart from the regular hymns will include one or two anthems and solos. All the public are invited, and we feel sure there will be a large attendance, for Dr. Hill is considered one of the finest preachers in Canada.

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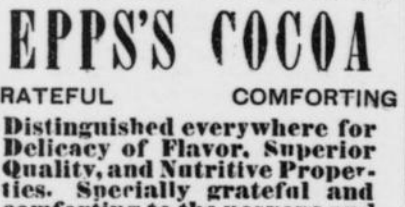
IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jacques Joseph Boisvert, of Quebec, Insurance Agent, in his quality of Testamentary Executor to the estate of the late Louis Alexandre Boisvert, in his lifetime of the city of Quebec, hotel keeper, will apply at the next session of the Provincial Legislature for the passing of a Private Bill, declaring valid, for all legal purposes, a sale of a portion of a lot of the cadastral plan of the City of Quebec, No. 2098, sold to the said Louis Alexandre Boisvert, on the 5th of September, 1890, by George Henshaw Holt, of the parish of St. Jean d'Iberville, gentleman, representing in virtue of notarial powers of Attorney, his wife, Dame Ellen Macpherson, Dame Mary Macpherson, wife, separated as to property from James Hervey, of the Parish of St. Raymond, clerk; Dame Margaret Macpherson of the City of Montreal, widow of Charles Gates Holt, in his lifetime of Quebec, Quebec's Counsel; Dame Ellen Georgiana Burnham Holt, wife of St. George Knight, of the town of Lachine, book-keeper; Miss Margaret Cecilia Holt, of the City of Montreal, spinster; Quebec's Counsel; Dame Ellen Georgiana Burnham Holt, wife of St. George Knight, of the town of Lachine, book-keeper; Miss Margaret Cecilia Holt, of the City of Montreal, spinster. DROUIN, PELLETIER & BELANGER Attorneys for Jacques Joseph Boisvert, Testamentary Executor of Louis Alexandre Boisvert.

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INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

The country has everything to gain through the cultivation of independent thought and independent action in the political sphere. At most elections it is the independent vote that turns the scale and decides which party shall administer the affairs of the Dominion. It would probably be shown, if the figures could be obtained, that neither party enjoys at any time the adhesion of a majority of the whole electorate. There is always a large dormant vote reaching as high as 30 or 40 per cent of the whole. A movement that can interest these people and bring them out at elections, is bound to be helpful. One of the most potent factors in preventing the public from taking a deeper interest in politics is failure of candidates who are elected to faithfully adhere to their pledges. In Canada, of late years, there has been a marred disposition to treat as a light matter the promises by which elections are won. Every time this is done hundreds of people are disgusted with politics, and conclude that it does not matter who wins that one party or one man in office is the same as another. This is a tendency that ought to be checked, by whatever means are available. British politics do not sanction such laxity, nor is it to be safely encouraged in this country. So long as it is the public will be humbugged, and governments will come and go with no more effect than a mere change of personnel. The public should discriminate between the men who violate and those who respect their pre-election pledges. This will be the first duty of an independent influence in politics. It is the right of every man to do his own thinking when he has to decide how he shall mark his ballot. If he voted last time, and independently of the party allegiance of his forefathers, he will not go far astray. He may have to choose between the Liberals and the Conservatives or between them and a third party, but so long as the choice is the result of his own deliberate judgment, he is entitled to feel that he has faithfully discharged his political responsibility. To do this one must read the arguments of all sides of politics without bias and prejudice, and must be ready to give a fair hearing to the exponents of the different political schools. If this sort of independence were more generally exercised, some politicians would be the losers, but in the end Canada would be the gainer.

THE SIGNAL SERVICE.

At the time of the accident to the Scotsman the suggestion was made in these columns that the Department of Marine should lose no time in adopting wireless telegraphy in the Signal Service, and is generally improving the system. That there is absolute need for improvement is admitted by the Minister of Public Works. Mr. Tarte said recently: "Our whole system of buoys and lights from Belle Isle to Montreal is away behind the times. It must be all changed. I have many ideas on that question. I was particularly struck with the system of lights and buoys in the British Channel. They are so much better than ours that there is simply no comparison." This is sufficiently emphatic to be ample justification for the demand for great improvements in the service, and we trust that the Minister has lost no time in convincing his colleagues that a reform is necessary. The proposal that wireless telegraphy should be utilized is now endorsed by the Shareholder, of Montreal. It is convinced that inasmuch as the system has been worked satisfactorily on the English coast lightships, and as the experience at the international yacht race also showed that it is practicable, Canada ought to make an attempt to apply it to the navigation of the St. Lawrence route. When the subject is taken up the Government would do well to do it in a thorough and complete way. It can do much to remove the prejudice that has been created against the St. Lawrence route, and indifference to its responsibility would be a calamity to Canada.

GENERAL BULLER'S MOVEMENTS.

The work of the censor is evidenced by the fact that Gen. Buller has managed to keep his movements well concealed. We last heard of him at Cape Town, and he turns up suddenly at Durban, and is now at Pietermaritzburg, within striking distance almost of the principal Boer forces. Buller is now 189 miles from Ladysmith, which he will make an early effort to reach. His presence in Natal, and the onward movement of the relieving column, will soon have its effect upon the enemy. The Boers have shown themselves wonderfully mobile and numerous beyond expectation, but until they have met with the first serious reverse, we cannot form an opinion as to the nature of the campaign to expect from them. News of a general engagement in Natal, which will be the turning point in the war, may come at any moment.

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