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THE BRITISH MAIL SERVICE.

The report published a few days ago in a despatch from Ottawa to the effect that the mail service with Great Britain was at present under consideration of the Government.

eration. It is hardly doubtful, however, that the expenditure is too large for the service employed, and that a subsidy, in the true sense of a subsidy, as an encouragement to one line is no longer necessary.

THE HARDSHIPS OF SHADWELL.

An expedition through "unexplored London" by a man who has lived much of his life in London, Mr. Kennedy, formerly on the staff of this paper, reveals the fact that, in the middle of that magnificent, wealthy, prosperous city, there is abject poverty and misery, probably deeper and certainly more wretched and lonely than is to be found among the rocky wilds of Connemara about which we hear so much.

THE PROGRESS OF THE TOW.

During the last decade a great change has taken place, the effects of which can hardly be over-estimated. This change began first upon the Mississippi shortly after the war, which fatally crippled the great southern steamboat lines, and soon in place of the really magnificent river steamers manned by a crew of a hundred, a puffing tug-boat and a line of ugly barges became the main carriers of freight, owned generally by Northern men.

owners suffer considerably, but the business will be in great danger of passing into American hands. Not only have they much greater facilities for the building of powerful sea-going tugs, but the coasting laws of the United States will give them a great advantage, as they could not only tow from Canadian ports but from American as well.

RANAVALONA II.

The death of the Queen of Madagascar, which was announced some weeks ago by the French, but not generally credited, is now, apparently, placed beyond doubt by a despatch to the London Missionary Society.

A STIMULUS LACKING.

Of all trades the glass blowers have been most successful in maintaining for the men already in the business a monopoly of the work of the continent, dictating to the companies engaged in that industry the terms on which it should be carried on.

A TERRIBLE VISITATION.

The eruption of the volcanic mountain of Krakatoa in the Strait of Sunda has been followed by perhaps the most tremendous outbreak of volcanic energy ever known.

THE LONG STRUGGLE.

THE LONG STRUGGLE between Chili and Peru is over at last, not even a guerrilla now remaining to uphold the cause of the latter. Although the war has been virtually over for years, the last great battle may be said to have been the one in which the guerrilla leader, Caseres, was utterly routed by a force about half the size of his own.

ONE OF THE VALUABLE RESULTS OF PROTECTION.

ONE OF THE VALUABLE RESULTS of protection is the very large increase in the inventive powers of those who worship at its golden shrine. It is unfortunately true that the inventions of the protectionist are not strictly practical, but, as all true inventors know, this does not detract from the glory of the invention.

a German professor with a very long name, after years of patient toil and research, is reported to have succeeded by the aid of galvanism in making an artificial egg and hatching therefrom a featherless biped resembling a chicken.

THE POLICE MAGISTRATE OF HAMILTON.

HE GOT INTO a somewhat similar scrape in the case of Capt. Ludgate, of the Salvation Army, to that of Admiral Pierre with Mr. Shaw, the missionary. He has got a prisoner and does not know what to do with him.

THE ISLANDS OF THE EAST INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO.

THE ISLANDS OF THE EAST INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO are, most of them, of volcanic character, as are, indeed, all the shores of the Pacific Ocean, and Java is no exception to the rule.

THE ABOLITION PARTY IN BRAZIL.

THE ABOLITION PARTY in Brazil is daily gaining in strength and power, and if its success in the future is as great as it has been in the past slavery will not last much longer.

THE PUBLIC HAS LONG BEEN CURIOUS.

THE PUBLIC HAS LONG BEEN CURIOUS to know why Mr. Mercier abandoned the suit for the disqualification of Mr. Monseu in the Jacques Cartier election case.

veyed to those who listen best is to be obtained from these very reports, which are sometimes as like the actual proceedings as the reflection in a broken looking-glass resembles a face.

THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

HE HAS PREPARED tables which give particulars of the mail service from Liverpool to Montreal during the last winter season.

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WHEN THE CONSTITUTION OF MANITOBA.

WHEN THE CONSTITUTION OF MANITOBA was framed the Church of Rome, which is all powerful in Quebec, got through its willing tools in the Dominion Government, the Quebec title law extended over the new Province.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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probably been the great sufferers. In 1874 there were nearly nine hundred French vessels manned by nearly six thousand men engaged in those fisheries.

MICHAEL SCOTT SOLD HIMSELF TO THE DEVIL.

MICHAEL SCOTT sold himself to the devil, who gave him all manner of powers in this world on condition of having him in the next to torment at pleasure.

ONE OF THE GRAVEST DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF SPELLING REFORM.

ONE OF THE GRAVEST DIFFICULTIES in the way of spelling reform is that of getting the reformers to agree. As a step in the direction sought, we understand that there has been an agreement on the part of councils of the learned on both sides of the Atlantic to begin by dropping all letters which produce no effect whatever on the pronunciation of the words in which they occur.

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