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CAN DO BETTER.

In 1902 the number of farms reported was 5,133, with an irrigated area of 439,981 acres, an increase since 1899 of 51,671 acres, or 13.3 per cent for the three years. The per cent increase for the 10 years from 1890 to 1900 —

In 1902 2,555 irrigating systems were in operation, representing a total construction cost of \$2,089,809, an average of \$818 per system and \$4.75 per irrigated acre. The total length of

The aggregate number of acres irrigated by the 2,417 systems receiving water from streams was 428,925, belonging to 4,978 farms. The average

tennis supplied with water from springs irrigated 10,759 acres on 131 farms, the average cost per acre being \$2.31. Twenty-four well systems irrigated 292 acres, representing 24 farms, at an average cost per acre of \$15.25.

\$2,062,186 for 3,604 miles of main canals and ditches and the necessary dams and head gates. The first cost of the spring systems was \$22,895, and the length of main ditches was 46 miles. The construction of the well

BATTLESHIP BADLY DAMAGED.
Japanese Shella Struck the Czarevitch
in the Last Engagement.

has been received here regarding the Port Arthur engagement, with the exception that the Telegraph's Yinkow correspondent says the Japanese bomb-

barbette of the Russian battleship
Czarevitch. The correspondent adds:
"According to a rumor, 65 Japanese
transports, escorted by four cruisers
approached Niu Chwang Saturday, and
then departed southward. It is stated

The Post's Niu Chwang correspondent learns that the Japanese will not land an expedition in the Lao river valley after April 20, as their transports are still engaged in conveying

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says that in compliance with Viceroy Alexieff's demand the Tartar governor of Weng Fan has withdrawn its troops to a distance 60 miles from Mukden. He adds that the Russian

CONSULS WITH NO JURISDICTION.

Niu Chwang, March 30.—The foreign consuls had a conference with the civil administrator today. The latter informed them that the full intention of Russia's order of yesterday was to

The British consul interpreted the order as not declaring martial law. The other consuls were unable yesterday to

The administrator agrees with the consuls to suspend a rigid enforcement of said order until the foreign governments act in order to lessen the complications.

regarding placing consuls in Manchuria by the execution of Russia's order.

Figures on a Long War.
Paris, March 30—The Martin's Harbin correspondent says a rumor is being circulated there to the effect that the war will last 20 years, and that it

the rains making July and August unfavorable for military operations. "Despite China's protestations of neutrality," the correspondent continues, "General Ma persists in advancing into Manchuria. If this movement is

the Rusisans will be obliged to act against General Ma."

Famine Follows Tornado.
Hamburg, March 30.—An export

patch from Reunion island, in the Indian ocean, confirming the announcement of the disaster caused by a tornado March 21 and 22. The island was completely devastated and the capital, St. Dennis, was destroyed.

The sugar cane, tobacco and coffee crops are entirely destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Dowie Was Insulting.

consequence of a speech insulting King Edward the government has refused the use of public buildings to John Alexander Dowie. The mayor of Adelaide wrote to Dowie telling him he was a disgrace to the nationality.