

The Weekly Times

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AN UNEXPECTED CRITICISM.

The Chilliwack Progress has for some time been a staunch supporter of the Davie government, but its opinion seems to have changed, if we may judge from an article on "British Columbia Favours" which is copied into the fourth page of its last issue.

In the case of Quebec the federal help does little more than pay the interest on loans, and at the present rate of progress British Columbia may soon find itself similarly situated. It receives now from the Dominion \$242,000 a year, of which \$195,420 is practically pledged to creditors, leaving \$47,000 towards the million dollars which is spent in addition to maintain the local government, public works, schools and institutions.

This, be it remembered, was written before the government took authority to contract the two million dollar loan, the interest on which will far more than exhaust the margin of Dominion subsidy mentioned. The article concludes with a admonition quite in line with what any true friends of the province have frequently urged: "To-day British Columbia, still in its infancy, gives promise of strong and vigorous manhood, which should make it the pride of the whole Dominion."

VESTED INTEREST IN LICENSES.

Premier Davie has seen fit to renew his efforts to create a vested interest in liquor licenses—for that is plainly the intent and object of bill No. 71, which bears his name as sponsor. This new attempt is made in an unusually insidious way, the intention being masked as skilfully as possible, but the purpose is still apparent enough.

The Mark Lane Express has nothing stronger than this to say of the present state of agriculture. But here are a number of proved statements which throw further light on the protectionist period in England:

THE REASON WHY.

Our neighbor throws at us these two remarkable sentences: "It (the Times) cannot have the slightest notion what the effect that the introduction of the Manitoba school question will have on the relative position of parties in the country."

felt by the Bowell government, inasmuch as the settlement of the question is their duty, not the duty of the opposition. We are much afraid that it was some assumption of superior wisdom like that of our neighbor which led Solomon to exclaim: "Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him."

FARMING IN BRITAIN.

The agricultural industry in Great Britain under the free trade system is suffering from severe depression; therefore free trade is a bad system. This is protectionist logic. In Canada and the United States the farming industry is suffering from worse depression than in England; these two countries enjoy protection; therefore protection is a worse system than free trade.

Some people who talk about free trade in Great Britain forget or ignore the fact that Britain was once upon a time blessed with the protective system. In 1815 the corn law was passed, which placed a heavy duty on foreign wheat so long as the price was under 80 shillings a quarter, when the price reached that figure foreign wheat might be imported free.

Great difficulties had been felt by the agricultural interest in 1814, 1815 and 1816, but the difficulties of all former years were surpassed by the distress of the winter of 1821-22. The insolvency of tenants at this period was unparalleled in the history of the agricultural classes; and the inefficiency of the act of 1815 was so universally acknowledged that an alteration in the law was made in the session of 1822; but the alteration being contingent on circumstances which never occurred, no permanent or practical change took place until the year 1828.

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tion society, whose weekly earnings averaged only 13d per head; 5305 persons were visited, and they had only 496 blankets amongst them, or about one blanket to every eleven persons.

In one district in Manchester there were 2000 families without a bed. In Glasgow 12,000 people were on the relief funds.

While farmers were being "ruined by practically starving, and therefore ready to break out into 'bread riots' when it got the word. One farmer who was examined by a parliamentary committee in 1821 gave the following evidence: "Are there many persons leaving their farms in consequence of distress in your neighborhood? and what is the extent of the distress?"

This is only a specimen of the evidence given by hundreds of farmer witnesses. It is not surprising that in England they put down as a "crank" of the worst kind a man who ventures to suggest a revival of the corn law.

LEXOW'S COMMITTEE.

They Found That the Public Would not be Trifled With.

New York, Feb. 2.—The main topic of discussion among politicians last evening was the announcement yesterday of Senator Lexow that the majority of his committee had made up their minds to amend their bill so as to place the power of appointment of three commissioners to take charge of the reorganization of the New York city police department in the mayor's hands instead of the governor's.

PACIFIC RAILWAYS.

Some Sarcastic Remarks about the late Senator Stanford.

Washington, Feb. 2.—In the house the Pacific railroad bill came up in committee of the whole. An effort was made to extend the time for the general debate until 2:30 o'clock so as to permit Messrs. Stanford and Wreck to address the committee. Grosvenor, in a sarcastic speech, expressed wonder that the people of the Pacific coast could have repeatedly elected Stanford, who is now charged with being a thief, scoundrel, and, also, how the gentlemen on the floor of the house could have delivered eulogies upon the late senator.

A SURVEYOR'S LIFE.

ONE OF HARDSHIP AND FREQUENT GREAT EXPOSURE.

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WHITE'S MILLIONS.

There Will Be a Contest Over the Will.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Samuel Rosner, who is sexton at the Temple Emanuel, and brother-in-law of the late millionaire, Levi White, of Portland, says that there will be a contest of the will. "Undue influence will be urged as the principal ground," he said, "and I think it will hold. My sister had an independent fortune when she married White, and it would seem just that we should not be neglected. I have reason to think that it was my sister's intention to have the money revert to me at her death."

An abnormally thick skull and a very large brain were found to be Rubenstein's peculiarities, as developed in the post mortem examination.

The demand for a pail and tub that can always be relied upon as handsome, cleanly and indistructible has led to the making FIBREWARE. Besides, it is as light as a feather as tight as a drum and has no hoops to rust or fall off. E. B. EDDY'S INDURATED FIBREWARE.

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