THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1900.

THE WAR.

The transport of troops across Portutime ago. It is rather surprising that advantage was not taken of this route some time ago so as to send a relief force to Mafeking. The distance from Beira to Salisbury, which is on the line 300 miles. There is no railway from Beira inland, but there is a telegraph

The withdraw of Gen. Colville and Col. of statesmen or the wisdom of legis French from the country east of Bloem- latures. contein cannot be understood as an abandonment of any determined plan. The movement was probably only a

that other force which set out for any other public man in Canada. Griquatown some two weeks ago, the movements of which the despatches said remarkable for nothing in particular. would be worth watching.

ing northward through the Free State talking about. to join Gen. Roberts have not been re-

ported for several days. leave the front.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Prince of Wales will evoke expressions knows of. of sympathy and indignation from everyone, except the comparatively few illhatred for everything appertaining to rage. And half the truth about it has in saying that, if the Coal Company royalty. It is difficult to believe that not yet been told. even among such there will be any other feeling than one of gratification that the would-be assassin's bullet missed its sixty years. He has not always es-

## THE QUEEN IN IRELAND.

The visit of Her Most Gracious nation. Her reception has been hearty; and we are confident that her presence visit to Dublin at this time might be attended with some measure of personal danger: but this we never believed. for such a reason shrink from doing her duty. She is known to possess preeminently that most regal of all qualities, courage, which is indeed a characteristic of the family from which she is

This visit to Dublin has and is intendthe thanks of herself and people for the the thanks of herself and people for the heroism of those to whom she had liberal party of this province to graciously given permission to wear the Shamrock. It was a woman's thought: expects them to accept as a minister to for in all things the womanly side of take charge of the finances of this prov-

ouching about it. We read in the stories of chivalry how, when the fighttories of chivalry how, when the fighting men came home from many a bloody Martin encountered him. Does such an and took care that the railway subsidies maidens came out to meet them in token in possession of ordinary sound judg- act of the province, and therefore be of their thankfulness. Many an artist ment? has chosen such a scene for his skill, Really the matter has assumed a very Mr. Martin's blunder has borne unguese territory from Beira is not quite and depicted womanly youth and beauty as important now as it was a short greeting the battle-stained veterans from money of this province is to be subject that but for the care and foresight of not wait for the heroes to come to her. it difficult to secure employment with of \$500,000,000 would have been lost to he cannot understand why the Colonist She could not go to them, but she could any firm for which he has recently the province. go to their mothers, their wives, their worked, not because he is morally persisters, their sweethearts and tell them verted, but simply because of his utter of railway to the Cape, is approximately how she, and how her people every- lack of capacity. What can the Lieuwhere, esteem the noble work done by their loved ones on veldt and kopje. The heart of a true woman inspired a Very little news has come through dur- womanly deed, and unless the world ing the last two days, and everyone is a has all gone wrong, that simple deed great deal at sea as to what is going on. will accomplish more than the eloquence

#### A CABINET OF CURIOS.

No. 1. Martin, Joseph; came from keep that part of the country clear of the ency, being always in a row with some inaccurate that, even allowing for the the enemy, while the general advance one served the people, so he says, in his characteristic recklessness of the Prov-Drummond's 3,000 men, with the pen- own battles; has a marvellous faculty readily grasped: toon train, who started apparently for for putting his foot in it; can make more for putting his foot in it; can make more blunders in a given space of time than attempted to convey by the letters pattern than attempted to convey by the lettern than attempted to convey by the letters pattern than attempted to convey

No. 3. Curtis, Smith; came from Mani-The several columns that were movtoba; deaf; never did anything worth

The claim in the suit against the Coal

No. 4. Beebe, George Washington; imported from the United States; deaf;

ran for Mayor of Cumberland and was badly defeated; has been a clerk in a grocery store; ran a little shop, sold it against the Coal Company, the claim of know who they are. We think we see The attempt upon the life of the had no public experience that anybody will be jeopardized, if not wholly cut

In all seriousness, the infliction of such

### MORE HYSTERICS.

It is a barren week that does not bring The Prince of Wales has lived forth something to send the so-called

So far as St. Helena goes, it is rather grant was Mr. M. rolled away since she last met her Irish a man, who bade fair at one time to rule Mr. Martin says a thing, be careful to form and the Charybdis or Martinism. the world, and whom we are all agreed find out for yourself if it is so." subjects in their own home, forty eventful years, to herself as well as to the must be accorded a place among the There is another very funny thing lie journals in a crisis like the present.

# THE FINANCE MINISTER.

post of finance minister of this province cannot be justified by any conceivable of the supposed that they of active politics, either because he has reason. In all seriousness it raises a ed to have only one meaning. It is the highest recognition which the Empress-Queen can give of the loyal devotion of the Irish soldiers to the flag and Empire. When story after story came from South Africa of how the Irish regiments were nobly sustaining their traditions for dauntless valor and splendid loyalty-lit came into the mind of the Queen that she would go to Ireland and there give thanks of herself and people for the traditions and the triangle completely as they tried to give the Nanaimo harbor to goes on, fighting the battles of the people is was given under that act. After this can anybody take Mr. Martin seriously? Did ever a man appear in a more ridicul-onist for example. Its history is the politician safter another of politicians after another of politicians as such are a short-lived to give the Nanaimo harbor that enough of him, but the newspaper goes on, fighting the battles of the people is was given under that act. After this can anybody take Mr. Martin seriously? Did ever a man appear in a more ridicul-onist for politicians after another of politicians as such are a short-lived to shape that the company could only get the law in such as shape that the company could only get the law in such as they tried to give the Nanaimo harbor that the province was—saved this valuable source of revenue because that very much abused government, which Lieutenant-Governor McInnes politician safter another of politicians as such are a short-lived to for politicians as such are a short-lived to for politicians as such are a short-lived to for politicians as such are a short-lived that the colonist that the colonist that the colonist to the people is was given under that act. After this according to its lights. Take the Colonist the tries of the people is was given under that act. After this can anybody take Mr. Martin seriously?

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has lately been running a little variety the Semlin government did; but solely

tenant-Governor be thinking of to per mit such a thing?

### MISREPRESENTATION COR-

We must ask the Vancouver Provinc to correct its statement in regard to the effect of the suit against the New Vancouver Coal Company. Our contemporary says that if the Coal Company's title is set aside the property will go to

Company claims that the 200 acres be-

If the government succeeds in its suit and came down looking for a job; has the Railway Company to the 200 acres the Liberal party of British Columbia the Colonist, printed on the 29th ultimo, positive as words can make it, and to positive as words can make it. away.

If the Province will ask any lawyer, or a cabinet upon the people of British Col- if it will simply look up the matter for nditioned people who are inspired by umbia is the grossest kind of an out- itself, it will see that it is wholly wrong loses, the Railway Company will get the land.

### MR. MARTIN'S CONFESSION.

It is said that an honest confession is in the full glare of the "fierce light metropolitan newspapers of the United good for the soul, but there is not much which beats about a throne" for nearly States into hysterics. The casus belli soul in politics, and so Mr. Martin's at present is the fact that Gen. Cronje confession of ignorance in regard to the

tin's great argument.

ince, an inexperienced young man, who Mr. Martin old; not for anything that field, the chieftain's wife and her act as this indicate that Mr. Martin is should be given under the general land subject to all reservations for royalty. the castle gate. But the Queen does to the control of a man who would find the Turner ministry this possible asset

#### THE LATEST SELECTION.

(From Wednesday's Daily Colonist.) Mr. Martin has discovered another minister. He is a Mr. Ryder. He is said to live up in Cumberland, which is the royalty, we said: near the Union coal mines. He used to

purpose of stampeding that body into Perhaps the most significant piece of news is that Lady Roberts is going to news is that Lady Roberts is going to the Bloemfontein. This indicates that the watever in public life; ran for the office watever in public life; ran for the office watever in public life; ran for the office of reeve and was defeated; chief characteristic, lack of popularity.

The same of the Dominion, and if the land belongs to the Province, then it never belonged to the Dominion, and if the land belongs to the Dominion are are the first party. Will he take with him done of the land belongs to the Dominion, and if the land belongs to the Dominion are are the first party. Will he take with him done of the land belongs to the Dominion, and if the land belongs to the Dominion are are the first party. Will he take with him done of t them in order that the delegates would accepting the leadership of such a collection of political nondescripts,

> an insult to the intelligence of the to this land grant." Here we have a deprovince. It seems inconceivable that a man with a fragment of political acumen would attempt to appeal to the voters with such a cabinet. The Lieutenant-Governor must groan in spirit when each new name is presented to

A LITTLE PLAIN TALK. The Colonist has borne the burden and heat of the day in the contest for con-holed divers and sundry persons in varisixty years. He has not always escaped criticism, and perhaps for some of it there may have been foundation; but not even his worst traducers have denied that he is anything other than a straightforward, honest-hearted, kindly thinking man, who does his duty with rare fidelity and good humor. On countagree fidelity and good humor. On countagree fidelity and good humor. On countagree fist of all qualities in a prince, tact. His position is one of no small difficulty. greatest of all qualities in a prince, tact.

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It calls for peculiar qualities of mind and heart, and the fact that he is the most popular prince who ever held the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was those qualities in an eminent degree.

The Prince has been sent to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the sent proceeded to take us to task in the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of war and a very important one, it was a dairly distributed into the served up, adorned with all the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of the to St. Helena because, being a prisoner of the to St. Helena because of t The Prince has been accustomed to safety until the war is over. He is not At the first touch the whole thing colone, who aspires to leadership, point out mingle with the people in true demo- being punished for a crime, as the San lapsed, like the wonderful things told of the line which ought to be followed. Not back, to admit that he was wrong, to cratic fashion. Doubtless like many private individuals, he did not disdain precautions for his personal safety, but if he took them no one was much the the Colonist have had a lively contest, but the men who hope to be elected to the legislature, the men who hope to fill achieve offices is he is defeated are sill. But there is something more remarkif he took them, no one was much the over he will be set at liberty.

When the war is where it wuz, it wuzht dar.

Just try and appreciate this fact. This legislature, the men who hope to fill wiser. There need he no occasion for surprise that it was at Brussels that the a comfortable sort of place for a prisoner and he never took the trouble to look at ent. So far as the Colonist is concerned Colonist Mr. Martin said: attempt was made upon his life. Brus- of war to find himself. The island is the grant. Two minutes' inspection of it makes very little difference whether sels is a hotbed of anarchists, and just not very large; but it is an attractive the document would have shown him they keep silence or take the lead. We red to the British Columbia Southern now we suppose there are a good many sort of place by nature. It is not es- the truth; yet he did not think it neces have a duty to perform to the country Railway Company were not acquired by Boer sympathizers among its population.

But it is a comment upon national But it is a comment upon national but he must be a poor sort of a fellow tion. Perhaps he did not want the derstand it; but so far as the public is 113 (Consolidated Statutes), but under gratitude to think that in Belgium's capital—Belgium, whose very existence as an independent country is due to the grarantee of Great Britain—the heir to Britain's throne should have in its alleged as a reason why we should in years sure that we voice the save are sure that we the derstand it; but so far as the pull of the under that. He went blindly on the the the voice the provisions of various subsiducts the provisions of various subsiducts. He want the provisions of various subsiducts the provisions o We are sure that we voice the senti- poleon was very lonely and much worried into the Lands and Works office and Has no one any better message for the We are sure that we voice the senti-ments of the people of this city and by his few years' residence on the Island; ask some one to show him the grant, people of British Columbia than the New ments of the people of this city and province when we express the heartiests that His Royal Highness escaped without injury, and add the hope that he may be long spared to Helena will offer him will not be as great claim that the province can borrow all province on the Island; ask some one to show him the grant, people of British Columbia than the New manner of Samson, and believed the provinciant than the New manner of Samson than the New manner of Samson than the new than the provinciant than the New manner of Samson than the new than the hope that he may be long spared to Helena will offer him will not be as great claim that the province can borrow all one exclaim: "What we need is party ly wrong. Now we propose to show that enjoy the esteem in which he is held by as between Fontainebleau and Longwood. the money it needs is between Fontainebleau and Longwood. The money it needs is a scheme for carrying constitution. It is a long to the money it needs is a scheme for carrying constitution. It is a long to the money it needs is a scheme for carrying constitution. It is a long to the money it needs is a scheme for carrying constitution. It is a long to the money it needs is a scheme for carrying constitution. It is a long to the money it needs is a scheme for carrying constitution. It is a long to the lead to the money it needs is a scheme for carrying constitution. It is a long to the land the magnetic Pole has not only was he wrong, but that he must have known he was wrong, that he not have known he was wrong, that he not have known for a long time. 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It is feel quite safe in acting upon the information until you had looked out of only mecessary to read the details of his formation until you had looked out of life there to be surprised that there could the window to see for yourself. We the province is drifting along between the restrict constant to the land only was deliberately deceiving the public at this meetings, but attempted to company to have its claim to the land in dispute settled. The land in dispute in the suit is only a small portion of the kind of a bluff. Writing under date of thinks that Mr. Yates can carry Victoria? Lives there an individual who believes the province is drifting along between the restrict of the land in dispute in the suit is only a small portion of the truth restrict to the land in dispute in the suit is only a small portion of the truth restrict to the land in dispute of the land in dispute in the suit is only a small portion of the land in dispute in the suit is only a small portion of the truth restrict restricts. Majesty to Ireland is an event of much life there to be surprised that there could the window to see for yourself. We the province is drifting along between March 29, 1899, to R. B. Haldane, Q.C., interest. Nearly forty years have be such infinite littleness of character of shall have to adopt as a maxim: "When the Scylla of the New Westminster plat-

Just here a word as to the duty of pubother hand, will yex himself with no such did not know the royalty clause was in newspaper is an organ to be played upon pany by section 1 of said act WAS NOT and we are connaent that her presence in the Emerald Isle will do much good. There were those who thought that a accept his short imprisonment with equanimity and return home when peace has Colonist on this point came under the view of the matter is quite the contrary. THE DOMINION STATUTES, BUT Even if it were, Her Majesty would not proportions of all Boerdom and the Brit-graphed to Victoria to find out if it was ed are ephemeral. The politician accepts GRANT 20,000 PER MILE TO THIS true. The fact that the royalty clause office and passes off the scene; but the COMPANY," ETC. was in the grant was not due in the newspaper goes on, defending his rights most remote degree to the forethought and those of his neighbors day after day, dicted by Mr. Martin's letter to the Col-The appointment of Mr. Ryder to the of Messrs. Semlin, Cotton & Co. They while he is enjoying the fruits of his onist. He began his case for the over-Mr. Martin. They supposed that they had given the whole business away, just had enough of it or his constituents have had enough of it or his constituents had enoug very grave question in everyone's mind. as they tried to give the Nanaimo harbor had enough of him, but the newspaper around and writes to the Colonist that gence. To-day he is going to ask the Columbia is entitled to a royalty of 5 And so it hopes it will go on, ever fight-

## A POLITICAL WRIGGLER.

(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.) Mr. Joseph Martin, in an interview which we print this morning, no longer pretends that the Crow's Nest Pass coa lands are not subject to a royalty, and admits that he did not know they were so subject, but endeavors to wriggle out of the hole into which he has got himself. With his characteristic style of dealing with public questions he says that he cannot understand why the Colonist defends "the pergripus transaction." defends "the netarious transaction," namely, the grant to the British Columbia Southern. Here again Mr. Martin is wrong. The Colonist in so many words declined to defend the grant. On March 29, and in the same article in which we pointed out Mr. Martin's blunder about

"We have not the data necessary keep a store there, we believe. He is the full discussion of this question, and utterly unknown politically, and almost must decline to express any opinion upon unknown in any other capacity. We the validity of the grant just now. The presume that he is one of the "strong case calls for fuller study than we have men" for whom Mr. Martin has been been able to give it, but we may admit searching high and low for the past four for argument's sake that Mr. Martin was weeks. We venture to say that out of right in holding that the question should The movement was probably only a No. 1. Martin, Joseph; came from the Bailway Company. This is so very the Railway Company. This is so very his immediate neighborhood, not twenty have been adjudicated on by the courts. one; served the people, so he says, in his original habitat until he became obnoxfive men in British Columbia ever heard It is no part of the business of the Colonof him. This is not to say that he is not eminently respectable and virtuous. We do not know anything on this point. But it does prove that he is not a proper we state briefly, so that they can breadily grasped:

The land which the government has attempted to convey by the letters pattent to the New Vancouver Coal Company has pany consists of several thousands of acres. The Railway Company claims only about 200 acres.

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of him. This is not to say that he is not a proper selection of the semitimate of the sation of the Semilin not eminently respectable and virtuous. We do not know anything on this point. But it does prove that he is not a proper selection for the responsible position of finance minister. If Mr. Martin ever had good judgment he is fast losing it. Things look as though he were about to demonstrate anew that "whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

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of him. This is not to say that he is not a proper solection of the Semlin not eminently respectable and virtuous. When the is to defend the action of the Semlin not eminently respectable and virtuous. When the deustion was first mooted in the house as to whether or not certain land grants to railways had been forfeited, the Colon muir of the expense of continuing the suit which he had begun to harass a competitor, and thereby gives him a quid under the harbors, and immediately there upon the railway company sought to promptly met and settled. Mr. Martin demonstrate anew that "whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

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One; served the people, so he says, in all original habitat until he became obnoxing original habitat until he became obnoxin No. 2. Yates, J. Stuart; native born; pany consists of several thousands of emarkable for nothing in particular.

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We defy Mr. Martin to spell any deturn.

When Mr. Martin wrote his letter to he said: "I beg to point out, however, that you are in error in supposing that Mr. Martin's selection of ministers is the law providing for a royalty applies liberate statement made after his attention had been called to his blunder. The blunder was bad enough in the first place. For so wonderful a genius to go upon his time in elaborating a point in which show of protecting the rights of the the railway company. to the public platform and spend most of there is absolutely nothing at all was bad province, and secondly that it will cast The Vancouver paper says that the there is absolutely nothing at all was bad a reflection upon the late government. reason for instituting the suit is to preness was that Mr. Martin had buttonfriends. And now he has to take it all cut out of his precious speech all the

able vet to be told. In his letter

"The lands which have been transfer-

this subsidy, Mr. Martin said:

"You will notice that the land grant of

This statement is distinctly contra-

A CHARGE REFUTED.

The following extract appeared in the News-Advertiser endeavors to make it News-Advertiser of Saturday. We re- appear. We wish to make this point as produce it in full, so that no one may be clear as words can make it. The railable to say that we have in any way mis- way company derives no title from the stated our contemporary's claim:

existence of a political partnership be-tween Mr. Martin and Mr. Dunsmuir,

will be commenced to-day against the New Vancouver Coal Company does piece of furniture in Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." It has a five-fold utilemployment and enable Mr. Martin to Dunsmuir. wreak vengeance on the people of Na-naimo who publicly condemned his action in opposing the Coal Mines Regulation bill, a measure designed to protect white miners against the dangers

Martin's opponents from showing up in the clearest and most convincing man-ner the false statements which he has so

the most unqualified manner and upon longed to the Dominion but belongs to the authority of Mr. James Dunsmuir the province, the railway company has to be taken as being as definite and above referred to. add that there is no mental or other of the railway company was instituted We shall now take up the News-Adver- this kind ought never to be made in reavoidance of the letters patent recently for that reason to follow our cont province, it will certainly protect a valu- ters patent during the election cam-

suit which he had begun to harass a subject is involved. competitor, and thereby gives him a

Mr. Martin's electoral campaign." At the risk of being a little tedious, grossly scandalous. As a matter of fact we shall explain the status of the litiga- the News-Advertiser has laid itself open tion between the E. & N. Railway Com- to prosecution for libel for stating that pany and the New Vancouver Coal Com- an arrangement exists whereby Mr. pany and the nature of their respective Dunsmuir is to assist Mr. Martin in conclaims. As the matter will necessarily sideration of this suit being instituted. be referred to frequently during the This amounts to a charge of conspiracy

should be understood correctly.

In the first place we will say that the who feels aggrieved by it. Vancouver Coal Company does not afby the recent letters patent, and the of their despatches conveyed the impresto get an opinion as to the legality of only embraces about 200 acres under the Mr. Beebe can carry West Yale? north part of Nanaimo harbor, while the letters patent were intended to convey 20,000 acres per mile given to the Crow's to the coal company all the lands under earth's greatest sons. Cronje, on the about this grant. The late government There are some people who think that a Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Comthousand acres.

The claim of the railway company is derived from section 3 of chapter 6 of mind, and see how much of a cabinet the acts of parliament passed in the Mr. Martin will have left when the elec been made, with a sound digestion and notice of a very prominent member of a clearer understanding of the relative the Semlin cabinet, he promptly tele-political combinations that can be arranged to an established paper any THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR-IN-quote the language of the section, the meaning of which is that the railway ompany was given the title to certain oal under the sea opposite to its land on the shore. If the Dominion government had the right to convey this land to the railway company, there is not the have the right to mine under the sea over the 200-acre area. This is not disputed by anyone. The language of the oncedes that if the Dominion government had the power to grant to the railway company the right to mine under giving his reason for not expending any the sea, it did so by the act referred to. The railway company does not claim by title from the province. On the contrary, if the province establishes its claim to the coal under Nanaimo Harbor, the railway company a claim to take a portion of that coal must fall to the ground. Hence the suit against the coal

company is hostile to the railway company and not at all in its interest, as the provincial government, but what title it

If anyone has any doubts as to the has comes from an act of parliament of Canada. If the parliament of Canada had the right to convey the land to the railway company, the province has nothing whatever to do with it; but if on the contrary, the province owns the coal under the sea at this point, then the act New Vancouver Coal Company does der the sea at this point, then the ack more than compare with the celebrated of the parliament of Canada conveyed nothing whatever under the sea to the railway company. That is, if Mr. Martin interests of the province. Secondly, it is hoped that it will cast a reflection on the late government. Thirdly, should it be possible on some legal technicality to embarrass temporarily—for there is no question that neither the legislature nor embarrass temporarily—for there is no question that neither the legislature nor the people will permit permanently what would be nothing more or less than an act of spoliation and confiscation—the coal company and close the mines, it interest of the railway company or Mr would throw hundreds of miners out of interest of the railway company or Mr

The railway company's contention is that it owns the 200 acres in front of its unquestioned domain on the shore. The ers New Vancouver Coal Company went to

der Nanaimo harbor? If it is, it passed by the act of parliament to the railway cunningly circulated through the press—
without committing himself to them—in
regard to this subject.

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company, unless something happened before the act was passed to vest it in fore the act was passed to vest it in some one else. If this land never be

The railway's contention has no referhim doing it. He would have to label Colonist, and we propose now to have our any kind whatever exists between him ence to any part of the land described in and Mr. Martin. We wish this denial the letters patent, except the 200 acres

eservation in what has just been said. to harass a competitor. A statement of tiser's article in detail. Five uses are gard to a pending suit, for it is a distinct stated by Mr. Cotton's paper as likely contempt of court to question in a newsto be served by the suit against the paper the bona fides of any claim pre-New Vancouver Coal Company for the ferred in an action. We do not propose issued. The first is that it makes a porary into a discussion of the motives of

pany the government relieves Mr. Duns- one, even the Attorney-General himself, muir of the expense of continuing his chooses to institute a suit in which the

Concerning the whole article of our quid pro quo for the substantial assist- contemporary we wish to add that the ance which he is expected to afford for animus displayed by it towards Mr. Dunsmuir is wholly contemptible and coming campaign, it is well that it and is undoubtedly a matter for which an indictment may be preferred by-any one

Is there any likelihood that Mr. Ryder can be elected in Comox? Where will Mr. Curtis find a consti

tuency? Will Vancouver elect Mr. Martin? Just turn these questions over in your

tions are over. The Times speaks of "the ease with which an appropriation was obtained for and on the shore and the right to mine dredging Victoria harbor." This is a strange boast. If the case was so plain why was not the appropriation made long ago? But it was not easy. The right of the people of this city to conshadow of a doubt that the company sideration at the hands of the government was only recognized after Colonel Prior had brought the matter to public attention on the floor of parliament over act is definite and explicit. Everyone and over again. The appropriation was only made after Mr. Tarte had written an indecent letter to the board of trade money here.

PALE WEAK GIRLS.

# Result of **United Eff**

Much Work for Hospital Ac plished by the Women Auxiliary.

Monthly Meeting Held Driard on Tuesday Afternoon.

The Women's Auxiliary Soc the Royal Jubilee Hospital held meeting on Tuesday at the Drian when there were present Mrs. Robertson, in the chair, twent, bers of the society, the secreta also Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, of the board of directors, Joshua Davies, chairman of the committee, who were there by in of the visiting committee, and thusiastically welcomed by the After prayer and the minutes last meeting, which were re

adopted, the secretary's report Madame President and Ladies your last meeting work has being in slowly but satisfactorily only anxiety is over the complete or the complete of the necessary stock of night-shi night-dresses, which are not as a demand as the other work. It essential, however, that we these, as those made by the as those made by the la much better and more durab those bought ready made. I prothenext meeting to bring a meeting to bring a su each containing mater parcels, each containing mate three of these garments, and beg those of our members pressecure as many promises to un one of these consignments as I Of course I am only speaking those who have not already und

such work. garden is progressing v The garden is progressing we we have to thank the following members and friends for kindly butions towards it: Mrs. M Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, Lady Mrs. Charles Vernon, Mrs. P. T son, Mrs. T. J. Jones. Mrs. I Trench, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Benner Lawrence Goodacre, the Inventure of Court thanks are also due to Mr. I carpenter, who has made and if flower shelves in the corridor we free of charge. The matron as free of charge. The matron a edges four dozen table napkins t this month, cretonne for screet she notes that the red-bordered she notes that the red-bordered ordered last autumn for the ward have arrived, together with for the children's ward, worked younger King's Daughters at Co These quilts will be kept until t beds for this ward are installed it will be found that the entil has been renovated by the effect his society and its friends. again point out that the canvass city for membership is not co Anyone willing to give a fe towards this work will be doin

great service.

According to your direction, ary arrangements have been of for the dances to be held on and 20th instants in the and 20th instants in the A rooms, Fort street, and tickets hand for distribution among o bers, and are also on sale at Redfern's, Challoner & Mitchelben's and the Victoria Book & ery Co.'s. It will, I am sure, necessary to ask that you will to make these dances a succestickets are reasonable, and the ments are to be simple. All need is your time, goodwill an siasm. Such an appeal has a been made to the Women's Au vain. Respectfully submitted, B. M. HAS

The report of the visitor month follows: Ladies,—We beg to report visited the hospital on two when we were most courteously and shown over the wards matron, Miss Grady, and fou thing most beautifully clean an The matron asked for six d shades for the convalescent shades for the convalescent dining room. As you are ay maternity ward is of prime in and every endeavor should be have the same built, fully equ rendy for occupation at the ea sible moment, as besides being cial benefit to the hospital, recessary to complete the tr the nurses. Respectfully sub PHOEBE BROWN FEANNY GRIFFITHS

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These reports being read and the arrangements for the dar next discussed, all present off assist either in selling ticket tributing towards the refresh tributing towards the refr which will be confined to tea which will be confined to tea iced sherbets, cake, jellies a wiches. All members are ask tribute one or other of the timentioned items not later the on the 19th instant. Mr. on the 19th instant. Helmcken most kindly offered contributions of the necessary Flowers and plants will be r profusion, and may be sen Assembly rooms any time after on Wednesday, the 18th. A short discussion next for the question of the very neces-tions for the completion of the equipment, a question—as reamaternity and children's w dear to the hearts of the wor Davies showed how impossit to undertake the responsibilit to undertake the responsibility larger improvements in the without the practical suppor couragement of the province public. The women had dand indeed had laid the foun ready by instituting three for the children's ward, amo about \$1,900; another for inity ward amounting to some nity ward, amounting to some \$100; and a third for the do dence, amounting to about Towards this latter sum there \$8000 in the hands of the symittee, making it in all \$1 such funds raised by the works. such funds raised by the won posited in the savings bank, per cent, interest, and will ally added to as subscriptions tions fall in. Besides this shown by the annual rep Women's Auxiliary, to be pu June, that the women have during this, their first year during this, their first year effort, more than \$1,200 on

The meeting was much a these statements, and the grament seemed to be that some be done towards commence