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The Witness, however, is not alone The Committee applauded Mr. Galliner's remarks.

And thus is fame made.

"RETHRESHING OLD STRAW."

In another column Mr. Lugrin has replied to our observations upon his communication to the Times with respect to the ante-election attitude of the po-

Cyrus H. Bowes, 98 Govt. St. Near Yates St., Victoria. B. C

born."
Would the following assist? You, as the leading journal, offer a money reward for the best three (in each of the following classes) well thought out, practical and workable suggestions, received within the month of March, tending

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WELL-WISHER.
Victoria, B. C., February 18, 1905.

BONUSING THE G. T. P.

Sir-Re-threshing old straw is not me to indulge in it to a limited extent. You said in your issue of Friday that no one contended more strenuously than I during the late federal campaign that construction on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway would begin at the Coast immediately. Fortunately I am not dependent upon my own or any one else's memory for the position' I took on this point, for on October 16, which was during the very midst of the election campaign, I printed, in an article defending the railway contract, the following statement: "There has been no declaration, official or otherwise, as to when construction will begin anywhere." In the distribution of work at the public meetings the discussion of the contract generally fell to me, and I always laid stress upon this point made in the above quotation. This is all that seems necessary to be said on that subject, but perhaps you will allow me to say that to me it seems very unfortunate that you should have felt justified in reviving that well-worked campaign cry that the extension of time for the completion of the completion of the completion of the completion of the various meetings, saying that while there were so many legitimate reasons from a business point of view why the extension should be granted, it seemed unjust to all concerned to invent illegitimate ones. This view of the matter appears to have impressed the people favorably, and they enthusiastically endorsed the government's railway policy, including the extension of time. But this endorsed the government's railway po

endorsed the government's railway policy, including the extension of time. But this is politics, and perhaps we have had enough of politics in connection with the opening of British Columbia by railways.

Let us give a little attention to the practical business mattar now before the people. The Dominion parliament has secured the construction of a new transcontinental line, to be completed by 1911. Dismissing all questions as to terms of assistance, it will be conceded that such a railway will be an excellent thing for this province. It wends be a better thing for the people now living in the province if the line could be secured by 1908. It will be a most excellent thing for us all if construction is begun at this end this year. It will be an excellent thing also if the best possible southern connections with the through line can be secured at the earliest possible day, and if the establishment of these connections is simultaneous with the building of the through line. It will be an excellent thing if the company building the through railway can be got to interest fively actively in the colonization of the province. These things the Dominion parliament has not provided for anything similar to them in any other part of the Dominion. If we want these things or any of them, we must get them ourselves. It has seemed to me, and this is as far as any one can very well go at present, that it is worth while for some one in authority in the province to make an effort to ascertain if they, or any of them, can be got on such terms, let us have them. There is the end of the whole matter. If they can be got on such terms, let us have them. There is no politics in this. At least, there ought

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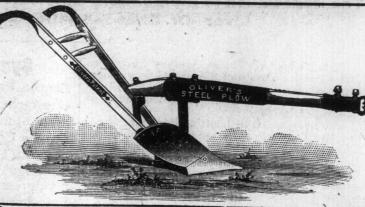
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Rumors of Smugglers. Times says the government aware that a number of now operating on Puget is not at all unlikely tha Scout and Guard will be search of sloops supposed opium and Chinese from ish Columbia.

C. P. R. Hotel.—The for the new C. P. R. hotel at are nearing completion and for the superstructure is let ere long. The recent sp weather has aided the wor concrete is being filled in rap pile drivers have gone; the

The Water Expert. -Adams, the waterworks expert here from California to report best method to be pursued in and improving the civic water completed his labor on Wand left the same evening for Scisco. His stay here was of and text the same evening for Scisco. His stay here was of weeks' duration and therefore only earn the stipulated sum of at the rate of \$1,000 per week his stay Mr. Adams inspected outlying areas of possible water Goldstream, Sooke, and Elk an lakes. It is not thought that he able to submit his ground for

Increased Business.—Speaking progress on the coast, Mr. said at Winnipeg that he is pleased with the outlook at the There is a marked increase in activity throughout the progress of the coast of the c activity throughout the whole Columbia, and Victoria and are feeling the effects. of the new hotel at Victoria, improvement and enlargement will give employment to a n workmen, and the planning works is a sufficient indicatio confidence which is placed in crease of business and shipping Orient.

(From Saturday's Dail A Telephone Deal-On evening at Nanaimo negotiatic completed between the Nanaim phone Co., and Dr. Lefevre a farrell, representing the B. phone Co., by which the local is absorbed by the other. I improvements will be made, an tallic return system installed. naimo company started in a si eighteen years ago. About eig ago the B. C. Telephone Co-control of the majority of the

Grand Trunk Terminus—Loc supposedly closely in touch with mental circles at Ottawa state day that they had definite infect to the effect that it has been a decided to locate the terminu Grank Trunk Pacific at So Simpson, coming to the coast b Cunningham passage. As a Cunningham passage. As it that this is an extreme likelihe to be mentioned that local ho to be mentioned that local no Port Simpson townsite proper yesterday approached in an efforange for a sale of their holding

will be made to have a special of the Full court at as early a possible, to take up the Hopp muir case. E. V. Bodwell, K. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, counter the defendant litigants, have dence by the defendant litigants. the defendant litigants, have from the south. All the Califo dence has been taken. Mr. Drake, the trial judge would i ll under the laws of Californ al resulted in judgment for ace. Appeal was then taken ill court, and finally it was that a commission be appointed evidence in San Francisco. No this evidence has been taken, is are ready to appear before

Will Recover—It is now belie Wateboo, the Kitkatla Indian, ing suspected of witchcraft, wa near the Port Simpson reservat recover. Word just received ff Simpson is to the effect that a tion was performed by Dr. Ke sisted by Dr. Wilson, and it a great success. The patient well and is practically out of a

Power Mill Mishap-In an at the corning mill at the Powder Works at Northfield Powder Works at Northfield ynforning, one Chinaman was k a considerable portion of the stroyed. A. J. Scott, general the works, received the news phone yesterday. The dead n blown a distance of 50 feet, was the force of the explosionain buildings at the works winiured to any extent. njured to any extent.

The Fall Fair-Corresponden taking place between the exec the B. C. Agricultural Associathe management of the Domin to be held at New Westminster to the making of an equitable ment between the two bodies as of the decision of the local orar to forego the usual fall fair evilt is hoped and believed the Ro people will readily consent to that no fair shall be held at Ne minster next year, every effor made to assure the success of t in Victoria.

High-Priced Price.-E. G. musician who has visited Victimes and is known here an regarded as eccentric, if not it arrested by the Tacoma p day, charged with insanify. decided aptitude for music, ing under the delusion that genius and inspirational Paderewski. Knowing the culiarities some practical coma wired him a fake te recoma wheel him a take teaming him \$100,000 a week Tacoma and play in a vau tre. The next train brought when he found that all of ville houses were well supp ent, was disposed to make

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