

THE VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST MONDAY MAY 24 1897

The Colonist. drinking habits of the people. But in United States territory. But the when it is proposed to ask the people to lower part of Forty-Mile Creek, all the MONDAY, MAY 24, 1897. say whether or not a prohibitory law Clondyke, all Stewart river, and every shall be enforced, the best friends of the mile of the Yukon and its tributaries THE PROPOSED PLEBISCITE.

The government measure under which as to the questions involved, for if a the reputation of the Alaskan gold dethe question of prohibition will be sub-popular verdict is secured on false pre-posits, but to point out that the most mitted to the people will take that ques- tences or under a misapprehension of its valuable and most numerous discoveries tion out of the arena of mere sentiment-effects, it will not stand more than two are in Canada. al consideration and make it severely years on the statute book. practical. Several grave considerations must be taken into account. One of

nothing to do with them, except in so

liquor.

THE WEALTH OF YUKON. these is the question of revenue. The receipts from customs and excise dues on

We reprint to-day some extracts from spirituous liquors amount to about \$8,- Mr. Ogilvie's report on the great gold spirituous liquors amount to about \$8,- Mr. Ogilvle's report on the great gold the mines are doing better than ever. It ers plying in the trans-Pacific trade thinks that something of the same state they have increased their fleet to nine. raised by some new species of taxation, Yukon. One can say without exaggera- of things may be looked for in Rossland and as all the indirect methods have tion that nothing like this has ever been and thereabouts. In the histories of all been exhausted, a direct tax on incomes told of any part of the world and if when would be the only one left to resort to. the knowledge of what has been found riod when the arts of the boomster fail having sailed on the 11th inst., and due An income tax is a perfectly fair tax, in that remote country becomes general to accomplish much, and those people and we make no objection to it on prin- there is not an immediate rush of miners who are "everything by turn and nothand we make no objection to it on prin-ciple. We are simply pointing out that the tax will follow as as a matter of There is, of course, no means of approxi-the tax will follow as as a matter of There is, of course, no means of approxicourse upon the adoption of a prohibit- mating the amount of wealth that will out of business. What is really taking ory law, and therefore the people of be taken out of the country during the place is that business is settling to a Canada, those who do not use spirituous next few years, but one thing is very solid basis. liquors as well as those who do, will un- evident, namely that thousands of peo-

derstand that by voting for prohibition ple will go into the country and will have THERE appears to be an open question they are substantially declaring that a to be fed and clothed while there. A as to just where the International bounvery large sum, now contributed to very large number of these people will dary line is in the neighborhood of the revenue by those who use spirituous come out every fall and bring with them liquors, will thereafter be paid by a di- quantities of gold. They are the freest involved is very narrow, but its owner- to handle on their liner. Of the ships rect tax upon all the people. Some por- people in the world with their money. ship may be a matter of very considertion of the \$8,000,000 would probably be When they strike civilization after being able importance. Fortunately it can be received from duties on other articles, months and perhaps years isolated in a easily settled by astronomical observareceived from duties on other articles, months and perhaps years isolated in a the consumption of which might be in-creased. But it is argued that under pro-net very particular about the price they is a specific from Spokane propounded the pro-

But it is argued that under pro- not very particular about the price they man from Spokane propounded the prohibition the expense of government have to pay for it. Most of them on position that Rossland was really in the will be much less. This is an argu- coming out will go further than the United States, but he was simply drawment that does not apply to the expense Coast cities and see life during the win- ing on his imagination. of the Dominion government except ter in the larger cities of the continent in a very inconsiderable degree. It may but they will sell their gold in Victoria be conceded that the general expense of and they will outfit here for their holimaintaining police, taking care of paup- days. Literally speaking there is "mil- asking for the establishment of a weaers and some other phases of government lions in it" for Victoria and Vancouver will be greatly lessened by a well-enforced if they can secure their legitimate share meteorological observatory at Esquimalt. prohibitory liquor law; but these are of the trade of the Yukon. matters which come under the control of the municipalities and the Dominion has

COLD STORAGE.

far as the expense of maintaining peni-In the estimates as submitted to parliament there is an item of \$80,000 for tentiaries is augmented by the crimes due to over-indulgence in intoxicating cold storage to be supplemented by \$20, 000 hereafter. It is expected that seven

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the desired result.

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Indeed, so far from the cost of govern- teen vessels running from the Atlantic ing the Dominion being reduced by reason of prohibition, it would be very considerably increased, because of the staff of officers necessary to enforce the We here with mechanical cold storage warehouses will be pro-vided in Halifax, St. John, Charlotte-town Quebec Montreel Town We law. We have no means of estimating town, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Winniwhat this would be, but several thousand peg and Revelstoke. That at Revelmiles of land and sea frontier would have stoke is to be provided in anticipation of to be watched to prevent smuggling and the trade in dairy products from the a federal constabulary would have to be Northwest Territories. The government will supervise the construction of the maintained to prevent the illegal manufacture of liquors. To the amount buildings and we gather from the statenecessary to be raised to make up the ment of the Minister of Agriculture that the aid will take the shape of a five per deficit caused by the cessation of regular imports and legal manufacture of spiritu- cent. guarantee of interest. On the subous liquors would have to be added ject of cold storage in general as applied a very large sum to cover the cost of to the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, Professor Robertson, the policing the whole country to prevent smuggling and illicit distil- well-known expert, said recently:

ling The experience of those local-ities where the Canada Temperance Act, shipment of dressed beef will ultimately What I saw and learned on this trip 1378, was put in operation, is that it is add from \$10 to \$15 to the value of every idle to expect a prohibitory law to en- steer grown on the prairies. The trans-

force itself. Those who count upon the ordinary police force of communities be-ing equal to the enforcement of a general prohibitory law are simply unable to approximate the count upon the steers alive will average nearly \$30 per head; the shrinkage in weight is from 50 to 70 pounds per head; the animals arrive in Great Britain with the tallow horses to England, the Ottawa Citizen state. He says, however, that if the says the number and value could be citizens of Victoria want the smelter, says the number and value could be they will have to speak quickly. He greatly increased "if farmers would im- thinks the city council acted very arbiprove the quality of their wares.' appreciate the case. If the law is passed it ought to be enforced, and it cannot be an "m," it will hit the nail on the head enforced except at great expense. It must be kept in mind also that municipal revenues would be very great-ly reduced by the abolition of licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors, but it is probably true that, if the Dominion would be at the expense of seeing that the law is enforced the saving to the municipalities by reason of the reduc-tion in papperism, crime and immoral. from the same animals when slaughtered as they come from their prairie pastures. The carcases of the same atcost not ex-ceeding \$15 per head. The sbrinkage during the journey would not be more than five or seven pounds per carcase, hearts and tripe, could be carried in the cold storage service arranged for by the government on railways and steamfrom the same animals when slaughtered tion in pauperism, crime and immoral-ity would more than counter-balance the loss of revenue. We are now sup-posing that the law is, as a matter of fact actually enforced and the ullicit to fact actually enforced and the solution of the solution and the solution the government on railways and steam-ships will be of very great benefit to the whole cattle interest of Canada, and particularly to the live stock interests of Manitoba and the Northwest Terri-tories. THE Times has Ruckles on the brain. What a great thing it is to have a paper that is able to concentrate its high inposing that the law is, as a matter of traintoba and the Northwest lerri-fact, actually enforced and the illicit manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is stopped, as far as it can be prevented by legal means. It might be the matter that have been been to be a compared by legal means to be the production of these will be larger than the production of these the production of th telligence upon a matter of such insignificance week after week. THE CANADIAN PRESS. that the Federal parliament, having en-acted the law, would throw the respon-sibility of its enforcement upon the pro-FOR HOME SMELTERS. The product of the mines should be reated in the country which yields it in such abundance as Kootenay does, We are pleased to observe that the local jourvinces. Certain acts are declared by the statutes of Canada to be crimes or farmers. The farmers in Alberta will the statutes of Canada to be crimes or misdemeanors, but parliament makes no provision for the prevention of them, and is at no expense as to the prosecu-tion of the prosecunals are almost a unit in favor of the smelters being established either there or elsewhere in the province.-Vancouver World. tion of offenders, except to pay the sal- At present the want of an efficien THE NEW MINING LAW. aries of the judges. It is very evident that is a maximum like British Column bia There is no doubt that very awkward aries of the judges. It is very evident that in a province like British Columbia, where population is scattered and where so many miners, prospectors, adven-turers and speculators gather, the ex-pense attending the eforcement of a problibitory law would be enormous and to the mining campa in twenty-four questions will arise on the construction and scope of the following section, which will for some time make the limits of its remedial effect an uncertain quantity. "Upon any dispute as to the title to any claim no irregularity happening previous to the date of the record of the last cer-tificate of work shall affect' the title prohibitory law would be enormous and the measure of success would be com-bours; from Edmonton and Calgary the delivery takes from three to five days. With a cold storage warehouse at a cen-tifocate of work shall affect the title thereto, and it shall be assumed that up to the date of the shall affect the title thereto, and it shall be assumed that up tral point in the mining region, where itory law? Such are some of the practical ques-tions connected with the proposed ple-biscite that will have to be faced BY WAY OF VARIETY. STAGE TRAVEL biscite that will have to be faced. seems to me, a necessary means of cap-Employer—I thought you wanted to go to your grandmother's funeral this after-noon. Office Boy—Please, sir, it was post-poned on account of wet grounds.—Truth. Whether they are of a sufficient weight turing and keeping that market for to counterbalance the benefits to be de- Canadian farm products. Stages for the undermentioned points leave ASHCROFT as follows: rived from prohibition we must leave each reader to determine for himself. At a later day we will probably have in yesterday's paper in regard to the something to say upon the concern. Clint in and Way Points. <u>Monday, Wedness</u> All Points in Cariboo, -Monday and Friday "Charlotte" at Soda Creek. something to say upon the general ques- Yukon gold fields may be misunder-"The month of May is very appropriat Lillooet, Direct.-Monday and Thursday.

FLEET OF NINE affirmative side of the issue must desire above these points is in Canada. The that the public shall be fully informed COLONIST'S desire is not to detract from The N. P. Steamship Company Are Preparing for the Coming Tea Season.

> A lion's share of the Oriental tea trade ppears to be what the Northern Pacific THE Canadian Trade Review draws at-Steamship Company is contending for at tention to the highly interesting fact present, judging from the immense that while the value of speculative stocks tonnage they have engaged to handle

in Cripple Creek is steadily going down, their business. From four regular linincluding ships of the greatest carrying capacity known in these waters. Two and thereabouts. In the histories of all of these specially chartered ships are now on their way, the Mount Labanon to arrive a week from to-morrow, and the Pathan, which sailed on the 18th Facoma, 2,549 tons; Olympia, 2,605; Columbia, 2,608 tons (the four regular liners of the fleet). Braemer, 4,000 tons; Mogul, 2,819 tons; Mount Lebanon,

2,410 tons; Pathan, 2,700 tons; and Pelican, 2,300. In all there is a total of 25,258 tons, giving the total capacity of the Mogul is probably the best known among the fleet apart from the Victoria and Tacoma, she having a few years ago

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RATES ARE UPWARD. The monthly freight and shipping re-port issued by R. P. Rithet & Co. has

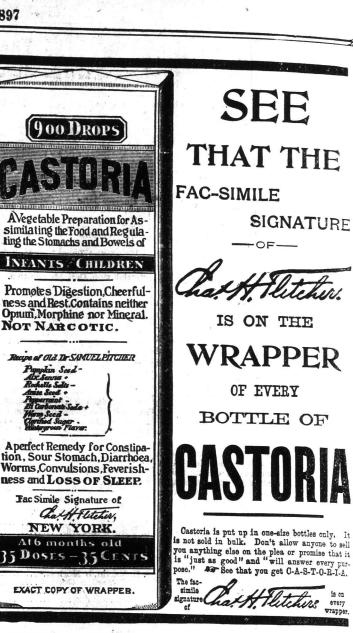
the following to say about April busi-ness: During the period under review very little has transpired that is of spe-cial interest and the list of charters is A PETITION has been presented to the Department of Marine and Fisheries comparatively small. Only a few grain ther bureau in connection with the engagements have been made at about previous rates, and while in the lumber ection of the market more activity has What is wanted is that the Esquimalt een shown, there also the influence o station shall be supplied with and pubhe season is evidenced by fewer fixtures lish forecasts based upon observations han usual. Rates may be quoted steady at Point Carmanah, Cape Flattery, and with an upward tendency in some direct other Coast points. The idea is an ex-

RESUMES SERVICE. Looking like a new boat the Rosalie on

her return to business last evening at-tracted no small amount of attention. MR. LAURIER'S telegram intimating All that can be brought about with white lead and linseed oil was accomplished that the parties who contemplate erecting a smelter at Northport to smelt British during the steamer's two weeks of Columbia ore would "be wise in taking ess, for paint stands resplendent. New no hasty action," can only mean that an carpets have replaced the old ones, new export duty on ore may be imposed if it urniture the shabby, and smooth workng machinery the rough. Altogether is necessary to secure the establishment the change of steamers on the route and the relegating to the wall again of the of smelters in this Province. The telegram may be a trifle irregular, but we old George E. Starr is an agreeable move. will not be over critical if it produces

THE SMELTER WILL BE BUILT.

Wednesday evening's action of the COMMENTING on the recent vote in Tocity council towards the smelter project may not after all mean the defeat of the scheme in so far as it affects Victoria. It ronto the Star of that city says: The street cars will run, And we shall have fun, And what will the ministers do thef, poo was reported last evening that a petition was being circulated among the rate-payers of the city to have the necessary loan by-law for the assisting of the en-terprise submitted atthepolls. Although Mr.W.Salover, one of the promoters of the echeme. said last evening that his com To which we would respectfully reply: They will centre their capers Against Sunday papers, And keep printers from going to church me, said last evening that his company are prepared to go ahead with the erection of the smelter, and will comence construction work inside of sixty SPEAKING of the export of Canadian days; the exact location he declined to



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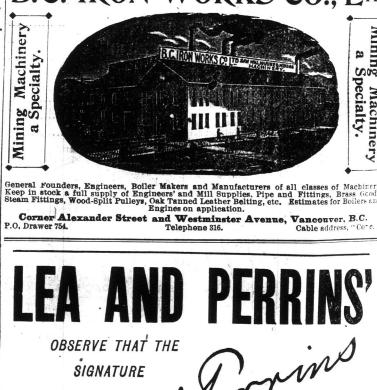
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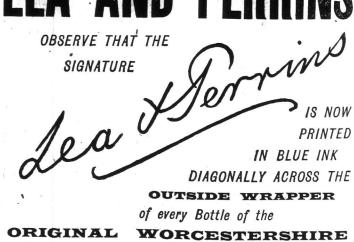
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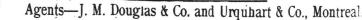
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SHEFFIELD, Eng. Victoria, Princess wig-Holstein, and naught, arrived he afternoon. All wo Her Majesty will spe during which time a welcomed; receive dresses; open the through the city; rev and witness the roll the Cyclops works. ceed to Balmoral, w

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