

THE BONE OF CONTENTION.

It cannot be said with any approach to truth that Englishmen generally are on national questions blind partisans; that they are ready to take the side of their Government whether it is right or wrong.

It might be supposed that if there is any question on which Englishmen would be unanimously in favor of their Government it would be the Venezuelan question. The tone adopted by the President with respect to the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela was so imperious, and his interference in the matter so uncalculated for, that the most cold-blooded Englishman might be excused in hotly resenting the expressions he used and the attitude he assumed.

But there was at least one Englishman who took the matter coolly and immediately began to inquire into his country's claim to the disputed territory, and who asked himself and others whether the blessed country was worth making a fuss about.

Mr. Comyn's inquiries led him to the conclusion that this Schomburgk line about which so much has been written is little better than a myth. In 1840 the British Government, he says, are found "sending the brothers Schomburgk to devise and mark out what they imagined should be the boundaries of British Guiana, without reference to the views of either Venezuela or Brazil."

Table with 2 columns: Country/Region and Population/Value. Includes Whites of all kinds, Chinese, Portuguese from Madeira, Negroes, Imported India coolie laborers, etc.

There are not more than three thousand white British subjects in British Guiana. The Chinese and the coolies who were imported as indentured laborers are virtually the only working people in the country.

dreary portion of the earth's surface there are no cities, no towns, not even quasi-permanent villages, save Morahanna, a small place peopled mostly with officials standing on the Barima, where that river by the Mora passage finds its way to the sea.

TROUBLE IN THE TRANSVAAL.

There is evidently going to be more trouble in the Transvaal. The Boers are uneasy and suspicious, and are clearly not disposed to admit the Uitlanders to the privileges of citizenship. Transvaal for the Boers is emphatically their motto.

The pusillanimity of the Uitlanders during the late disturbance must have increased the contempt of the Boers for the strangers who have made the Transvaal their home, and caused them to be more intolerant and overbearing than they were before it took place.

Glance at the commissariat of these most excellent irregular troops! See with what speed and alacrity they are collected. There is a threatening of telegrams go north from Pretoria. The mounted messengers in various districts gallop hotspur from homestead to homestead in the call to arms.

THE DISTRICT OF BURRARD.

The Liberal-Conservatives of the District of Burrard are considering whom they shall choose to represent them in the next Parliament of the Dominion. The News-Advertiser, in a moderate and thoughtful article on the "selection" of a member, says:

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Mr. Jameson's House Warming at Vancouver—Verdict in Rossland Mining Accident.

Mining Association Formed—Improvements at Pilot Bay—Kaslo and Slocan R. R.

DISAPPOINTED.

The Grits are now abusing the Conservatives who were not such fools as to play into Mr. Laurier's hands by voting against the remedial bill, with the greatest virulence.

The "house warming" of Mr. Jameson, the new manager of the opera house, was a magnificent one. On the occasion of "Finnigan's" last night, when every seat in the house was sold and all the standing room, there were still hundreds to be accommodated.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

The Olympic, Rainier and Portland brands of roller flour have advanced from 25 to 30 cents per barrel this week, no particular reason being given for it.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, March 25.—The live stock on Lulu Island has been thoroughly inspected by Dr. Hiclingbottom and a favorable report made.

KAMLOOPS.

Mr. Sands, the owner of the townsite of Princeton, reports that mining operations in the Similkameen country are just beginning for the summer, and he expects there will be a busy season.

ROSSLAND.

Geo. Pfunder has launched the Morning Star company in Butte and now F. Aug. Heineze is reported to be after the Derby and adjacent claims.

THE OWNERS OF THE SILVER BLEND AND STAR.

The owners of the Silver Blend and Star, two promising claims at the Needles on Lower Arrow Lake, are having their assessment work done.

RESCUED FROM INSANITY.

GENTLEMEN—To say all I ought to in favor of B.B. would be impossible. It has been a great health restorer to me and I do swear by it.

any price. We have received an offer which we declined, of 25 cents a share for a majority or the whole of the stock.

A correspondent writes from Ainsworth under date of the 20th: "In excavating in the main street for a sewer broken quartz was found carrying free gold."

DR. WOOD'S Norway Pine Syrup.

Rich in the lung-healing virtues of the Pine combined with the soothing and expectorant properties of other pectoral herbs and barks.

WHITE STAR BAKING POWDER.

WHOSE HEALTH-GIVING RAYS, SHINING OVER AN EVER WIDENING CIRCLE, GIVE AN ASSURANCE OF WELL-MADE CAKES TO ALL WHO USE

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

CURED MEATS. Glasgow Beef-Ham, Armour's 49¢ Ham, Armour's 49¢ Bacon, Armour's Sliced Gold Band Bacon in Sealed Tins.

FISH.

Finnan Haddies, Smoked Salmon.

QUAKER OATS.

For sale by R. H. Jameson, 33 Fort St., Victoria, B.C.

JOHN JAMESON & SONS (DUBLIN).

WHISKY. Please see you get it with Metal (BLUE) One Star Capsules (PINK) Two Star (GOLD) Three Star

WANTED EARNEST MEN.

Sword of Islam or Suffering Armenia, a thrilling book. Graphic account of the Eastern Question, the Turk, Armenian and Mohammedanism with its horrible massacres.

HOLY WAR.

The Khalifa Cal to Fight

Natives Discontent—Slatin Pasha—Osman

Cairo, March 25.—The proclamation of a jihad in Egypt, and called able of bearing arms.

Lord Cromer de opinion as to the scope of the order for the prize to him.

gained through vacillating tactics in vain before the British.

practically certain will be called to meet and be present at all possible intervals.

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