The Colonist.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1895.

STATE-SOCIALISM.

The experience of Australia has shown that state-socialism is not, from the taxpayer's point of view, all that it has been property, the owners of railway stock, like the rest of the community, have to suffer the effects of bad times. When business is borrowed by the state and are the property the stipulated rate of interest whether the gree of efficiency. earnings of the railway be large or small, if in a time of depression they get 11 per tract from the minority report, drawn cent. for their money, but the capitalist by the dissenting Commissioner, Rev. D who has lent money to the Australian gov- McLeod, as that report was not brough ernments gets his 4 per cent. even if the down. Both reports will, no doubt, so railways have not paid working expenses. be published, and those interested in the For instance, the colony of Victoria alone subject will have the opportunity of seei last year paid the immense sum of thirty- what all the Commissioners have said seven and three-quarter million dollars— the efficacy of prohibition. £7,560,513 - as interest on money borrowed to build the railways over and above the interest actually earned. A government railway in Australia or anywhere else can never become bankrupt unless the state itmore common, unfortunately, on this side cer and consumption. A great deal w of the Atlantic than to find railways in the hands of receivers. Here statesocialism is decidedly favorable to the capitalist class. The man who lends money to a railroad-building government is sure of his dividends; the man who buys the shares of a private railway company takes his chances of gain or loss.

in their denunciation of capital. They are continually exclaiming against the tyranny to be valuable in the cure of cancer, lupu of monopolies and syndicates and rings. But we find state-socialism in Australia exceedingly favorable to the men who have money to invest. Who is to guarantee that the state will be more successful in conducting business of other kinds than it is in running railroads. The people of Australia have to make good the losses of their railroads out of their own pockets. How long could they stand that sort of thing if the state were engaged in a number of other enterprises and sinking money in them all, as it probably and their beneficial action intensified by would. We often see the Postoffice trotted out as a successful example of state-socialism. If the Post-offices of the United States and Canada were private concerns and if they had been run as favorably to the people as they have been as Government institutions, they would have been financially dead they have been financially dead deal will yet have to be done before it can

THE PROHIBITION REPORT.

Those who favor prohibition will not feel out any apparent beneficial effect. greatly elated over the Report of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic. The Commission has sent in two reports, a ma-

think, decrease perceptibly in number be- home a greatly disappointed man. cause the majority of the commission have He, it appears, had placed great reliance his meeting with Jupiter on April 25. He decided against their cherished convictions, upon the Orangemen of Haldimand. He will visit the Twins this month, and no creditors by persons in insolvent circumincrease to any great extent the number of appeared as the champion of what he called appeared as the champion of what he called Jupiter shows his majesty as money spent in prosecuting the inquiry has regard him as a hero and vote for the Mo. ling star in the west, and his lordship aphave on public opinion been thrown away. that his stirring appeals had fallen flat on degrees of each other on the 18th, and their are based will be read by very few indeed, and of those who undertake to study them

It would be edifying to know what effect | convert : the inquiry has had on the minds of the Commissioners themselves. Has the evidence they have seen and the observations they have had the opportunity of making of Manitoba are worth a snap of the fingers, changed the minds of any of them, or are and when asked if he thought they were unthey all of the same opinion as regards prohibition, as they were when they were appointed members of the Commission?

The great question which the Royal Commission had to answer was "Does prohibition prohibit?" If it could be shown conclusively that prohibition has been successful where it has been tried, that it has most of the men who shouted the loudest at ally makes its presence known by a conproduced the beneficial effects which the advocates of prohibition declare it must necessarily produce, the greatest difficulty in the way of the adoption of prohibition by many communities would disappear. What may have been the failings of the men of of water as hot as he can bear to take in of the Commission arrived at with regard to the efficacy of prohibition? The following paragraphs from the text of the majority Report gives in a very small space the result

of the inquiry as far as they are concerned. The undersigned consider that the aim of any system of regulating or prohibiting any system of regulating or prohibiting liquor traffic is to lessen, or extinguish, the evils which arise from the improper use of intoxicating beverages, and after the most careful and anxious consideration on the careful and anxious consideration on the counts of the Emmanuel Church murders or erection of a Church of Eugland college

that this would not be accomplished by the ensotment of a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating have blazoned forth to the world every disliquors throughout the Dominion, and that

character of coercive legislation on a matter one of Durrant's coats, was prin entitled to judge for themselves, to be ac-

With the powers possessed by the various provinces to legislate in respect to the traffic warned as to the movements of the police, the certainty that in some of the provinces and hence keep him out of the clutches of slack and the earnings of the railways are opposition, with an open frontier such as the prohibition would meet with determined the law. small, dividends decrease. But in Australia, Dominion possesses, largely bordering on where the railways are built with money states in which the sale would be carried or, the undersigned consider that it is illusory of the people, the public creditor receives could be enforced with any reasonable de has advanced about 25 cents per barrel at

whether there be a profit or a loss in running mission is that prohibition does not prohithem. For instance, the shareholders of many bit, and cannot prohibit. Unfortunately, are as follows: American railways think themselves lucky we are unable to give our readers an ex. FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl....\$ 5.40

A NEW REMEDY.

It was reported not long ago that Dr. Lor Waldstein, of New York, who is now self falls into bankruptoy; but nothing is Germany, had discovered a remedy for car said about the alleged cure, much of which has turned out to be, not exactly untrue, b the truth greatly exaggerated. The ne remedy is an old medicine. It is called p ocarpin or pilocarpine, which the dictionar tells us is "an alkaloid extracted from jaborandi as a white amorphous crystallir substance which has a peculiar effect on th vasomotor system." It is for its action of Those who favor state-socialism are loud the blood, however, that pilocarpin is sai and consumption. Dr. Waldstein's theor is that "injections of pilocarpin stime lating the lymphatic glands woul increase the number of white corpus cles in the blood, and thus re inforce the blood's original germicide power. There seems to be fairly satisfac tory evidence that the white corpuscles ar active foes to the invading bacteria or germ of infectious diseases. Dr. Waldstein be lieves that their number can be increased pilocarpin. He had proved this, it was said, by observation and experiment in tw hospitals."

The curative effect of pilocarpin in car and buried long ago. They have never yet be relied upon. The most that can be said of it at present is that it has been used with good effect in a case of lupus. It has been tried in cases of consumption with-

DISAPPOINTED AND ANGRY.

jority one, signed by four members, and a Manitoba, who was supposed to be quietly Mr Sifton, the Attorney-General minority one, signed by one member. The and seriously deliberating upon the course evening star in the West, in the spring and evidence taken, we find, was literally volwhich he and his colleagues in the Governsummer of 1892. She is now repeating that uminous, as it fills five volumes. The ment ought to pursue on the School ques. majority report covers about 1,300 pages of tion, went to Haldimand and made that type-written matter, with appendices exquestion the theme of a series of stump blest with her growing leveliness. Much as speeches. Those speeches showed that we admire her, we sometimes regret her The conclusion at which the majority of as far as he was concerned the the Commissioners arrive, after their long adjournment of the Manitoba Legislature and searching inquiry, will no doubt be condemned by the prohibitionists of the Dominion as "lame and impotent," and the anti-prohibitionists, when they glance over the report, will exclaim triumphantly, "We the Dominion Government for the course of the Dominion Government for the course of the course of the favor of Jupiter, and as she nears the great planet it is interesting to watch the favor of Jupiter, and as she nears the great planet it is interesting to watch the plaintiffs McDonald & Co. assigned to the plaintiffs McDon the report, will exclaim triumphantly, "We the Dominion Government for the course has it that more than once she has met him told you so." The Reports, we are afraid, they had pursued in the matter. His efforts with all the graces of love and beauty only to the plaintiffs who thereupon brought this however ably they may have been drawn up were not crowned with success. He in fact and however strong the evidence on which they failed most conspicuously. It is evident are based, will not have much effect on pub- that the electors of that county were not lic opinion as regards the question of prohi- charmed by Mr. Sifton's elequence nor conbition. The prohibitionists will not, we vinced by his arguments. He had to return

and we have a notion that the confirmation evidently believed that when he raised the doubt Castor and Pollux will revive his stances), and of the statute of 13 Elizabeth, given to their opinions by the Report will not standard of opposition in that county and Montreal after the election he gave free an exceedingly small number will bring to vent to his feelings. This is how he spoke the formidable task unbiassed minds.

Saturn snows as a bright evening star in the east, rising at 6:12 p. m. on the 1st, 5:11 p. m. on the 15th and at 4:04 p. m. on

"Mr. Sifton," writes the interviewer, "evidently feels very bitterly against the Orangemen. He does not think that the resolutions passed by the lodges in support reliable as a political factor, he replied: "On the contrary, they are very reliable-to shout for you, and go out and vote for your opponent. I know where they are. They are quite reliable. The Orangemen came t our meetings and applauded. Apparently they were enthusiastically in favor of Mr. them really worked and voted for him—but to the lungs if not attended to. It usuour meetings went out and voted for Mon. tague. It is pleasanter to go with the big

crowd. you know." Mr. Sifton in his anger and disappointment is unjust to the Orangemen. Whatever cerity has not been among them.

SHARP ORITIOISM.

in which they are dealing with the Durrant a specific. '-- Washington Star.

subject, they have come to the conclusion the plea of "aiding the detectives." If the here.

iquors throughout the Dominion, and that covery made by the police, apparently in orefficiently enforced.

Prohibitory law partakes too much the Marian Williams's purse in the pocket of Durrant's coats, was printed with in regard to which a very large portion of whoops and yells in every daily in the city. the people consider they are qualified and If Durrant is guilty, it afforded him an opportunity to concoct a plausible story as to cracked up to be In England and the United States, where railways are private tioability of efficient enforcement.

Description of claws will be be its presence there. So with every link in the chain; if Durrant is the murderer, this publishing of claws will be be its presence there. publishing of clews will help his defence; if

THE CITY MARKETS.

There is no change in the general tone of has advanced about 25 cents per barrel at wholesale this week but other brands are as The answer of the majority of the Com. yet steady. Small fruits -strawberries and cherries in particular-will be in stock during next week. Current retail quotations

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THE HEAVENS IN MAY.

miles from us, and during May she shortens this distance by over 20,000,000 miles. The observer of our fair evening star has the delightful consciousness that she is more than 600,000 miles nearer each evening than she visit with all the splendor of her planetary habit of flirtation. She is now trying to win to leave him weeping. However, the in-habitants of earth watch the affair with a ends enhantment to the view.

10:42 p. m. on the 15th and at 10:52 p. m. drooping spirits. Mars sets at 11:47 p. m.

we fear, as far as any influence it may Carthy candidate to a man. When he found Venus. They pass within about two against the creditors." The reports and the evidence on which they the ears of the Ontario Orangemen he was conjunction is the astronomical feature of greatly disgusted, and when he visited the month. Venus is approaching Jupiter from the West.

> the 31st. Uranus is in opposition with the sun on

the 8th. several of the planets in quick succession leaves the close of the month. With eptune on the 24th, Mercury on the 25th, Jupiter on the 26th and with Venus and Mars on the 27th.

Of Interest to All.

"During dangerous weather of this sort," said the old doctor, "the most careful persons are apt to catch a cold McCarthy—and I must say that some of in their chests that will extend swiftly stricted sensation just under the breast bone, where the flesh is the thinnest. When a person experiences this feeling, he can rest assured that he can procure that order want of steadfastness and sin- the mouth and to swallow. There is no better medicine in the world to arrest the progress of a cold than hot water. and, besides its effect upon the stomach The San Francisco Argonaut is very severe ficial in the highest degree. And in sore on the daily papers of that city for the way throat the remedy will be found almost

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS

The Best Spring Medicine

Is B.B.B., its powerful, cleansing, purifying, and regulating influence courses through the natural gates and alleys of the body and re-

Bad Blood

and all impure morbid matter. B.B.B. tones the sluggish liver, restores lost appetite, gives regular action of the Bowels, and makes Rich, Red Blood

Thus giving health and strength to resist the heat of summer and ward off the attacks of disease. For children its use is more than valuable-it is necessary in spring, and pleased parents testify that it gives life, health, strength and a

Bright, Clear Skin to the little ones. In cases of Dyspepsia, Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Scrofula, etc., after years of triumphant test and positive proof it is only necessary to say that

B.B.B. Cures

BROWN & ERB v. JOWETT. Reversal of the Decision of Mr. Jus-

tice Crease by the Full

Court.

Davie.

v. Jowett, decided by the Full court on "had not put any pressure upon him," that Thursday, Davie, C. J., McCreight and he had not quietly but firmly given Mr. Drake, JJ., presiding :

such indebtedness having been dishonored, he asked once or twice. He asked for secur the plaintiffs' agent, Middleton, in the fall McDonald & Co. that if they would give him security the plaintiffs would "carry them on," meaning, as I take it, would ex-tend them further credit. To quote from was very friendly, and did not wish to do and extricate himself from his difficulties, Similar precautionary measures will no doubt be adopted by the representatives of selves. If he gave that mortgage he could go along and nobody would trouble him."

Would of lessel remove one case operation of the provincial statute.

But it is pleaded and has been At this time it appears that McDonald & Co.'s stock in trade, principally procured from the plaintiffs, was already mortgaged to a relative of one of the firm for the nominal amount of \$5,000—but of which there within the jurisdiction. The jurat, howby Middleton of four promissory notes authority to take it, and not elsewhere, and dated 13th October, 1893, for equal amounts that therefore the affidavit is unobjectionpayable at three, six, nine and twelve able. See French v. Bellew I. M. & S. 302; months, carrying interest at eight per cent. Meek v. Ward, 10 Hare 710; Reg. v. Atper annum, and secured by a bill of sale by kinson, 17 U.C.C.P. 295, and ex parte Johnway of mortgage, which, subject to the objection presently considered, was duly regisbered, of all the stock in trade of McDonald & Co., a schedule whereof was attached to the bill of sale. I assume that McDonald & for the plaintiffs, for a return of the goods Co. were in insolvent circumstances, for and chattels sued for. they owed \$12,000 besides the plaintiffe'

upon the assignment, took possession of the stock in trade which had been mortgaged action to recover the goods from him. Jowett pleads, among other things, that the sort of delight, as it is still distance that bill of sale was made with intent to defeat and delay the creditors of the said firm, or Venus sets at 10:19 p. m. on the 1st, with intent to give the plaintiffs a preference over the other creditors of the said firm, and for detention and the question of account. he claims the benefit of chapter 51 of the chapter 5, and the learned judge at the trial on the lat, 11 24 p. m. on the 15th and at in supporting this defence finds "that neither numerous nor particularly importthere was a concurrence of intention to give ant, charges of keeping gaming house an unlawful and voluntary preference between the mortgagor and mortgagee, and is as follows: that the bill of sale is null and void as

It was urged before us that it is not com-

petent for the assignee, who it was argued house. stands in no higher position than the grantor, to attack this bill of sale, and that as creditor without judgment he could not impeach the deed. As, however, consideration of these points is unnecessary in the view I take, I express no opinion upon them. There was abundant consideration for this bill of the 8th.

Sale, and it was no way a mere cloak or method of retaining a benefit for the grantor. Alton v. Harrison, L.R. 4, chap. 622-and that it may have been made with intention to give a preference to the grantee would not of itself affect the validity of the bill of sale under the statute of Elizabeth, nor at common law, neither is there anything unlawful in the mere circumstance of preferring one creditor to another - Middleton v. Pocock. R. 2 Ch. D 108—unless the case is one which falls within the provisions of the provincial statute, U. S. B. C. Chap. 51. which enacts that "in case any person be ing at the time in insolvent circumstances which, as I stated before, I assume the grantors in this case were) . . . makes any . . assignment or transfer of his goods, chattels or effects . . with intent to defeat or delay the creditors of such person, or with intent to give one or more the creditors of such person a grade the intent to defeat or delay creditors, these expressions carry law no further than the statute of Etizabeth, and the construction which the other language of the statute of this case has received—both in England and Canada—(see Stephens vs. McArthur, 19 C.S.C.R. 446, where the principal cases are C.S.C.R. 446, where the principal cases are C.S.C.R. 446, where the principal cases are C.S.C.R. 446, where the preference in Jonathan A. Green, Hartford, N.B.

Cine, and no. full Effects.

GENTLEMEN.—In the spring of 1891 I got a bottle of B.B.B. formy mother, who had been as storm came up, carrying their vessel out to see with all the provisions. One of their number took a small boat, which they used for shore service and started for the main-land to get assistance. When the Zelma came along he had been gone one week. It is feared he may have met with an accident. The Zelma took the other three men to Port Melville, where they could obtain passage to Vancouver. of the creditors of such person a preference

where the transfer has been induced ressure on the part of the creditor. think there was abundant proof of pressure One Out of Ten of the Japanese Exin this case. In Stephens vs. McArthur it was held that a mere demand by the creditor without even a threat o legal proceedings is sufficient pressure t Full Text of the Judgment of Hon. rebut the presumption of a preference. In this case it would appear that the creditor The Plague at Moji and Hongkong had come all the way from Berlin, Ont., to enforce his demand if necessary, and it is a mistake to suppose that because Middleton, The following is the judgment of the Chief Justice in the appeal of Brown & Erb v. Jowett, decided by the Full court on the agent, adopted gentle methods to secure what he wanted, "was very friendly, and did not wish to do anything to harm me," in fact, as McDonald told Jowett, McDonald to understand that he had come The plaintiffs, who are manufacturers ing to have it. A business man pressing for carrying on business at Berlin, in the province of Ontario, became creditors of a firm is described to have acted here, and Mr. Moof McDonald & Co., trading at Nelson in Came here at the fall of the year, and there had been drafts unpaid, so then he wanted for goods sold and delivered, and drafts upon an understanding for security. He asked for asked McDonald & Co. for payment or for mere submission to the demand of the his government from that port that was made to give up his prior mortgage. Moreover McDonald's consent to give the then further credit. To quote from the rather meagerly reported but uncontradicted evidence of James McDonald, who was called at the trial, "Mr. Middleton to give him further credit, the was very friendly, and did not wish to do was very friendly, and the trial to the United States is evidenced by the following letter, a copy of which was received by Dr. George H. Duncan last evening. bill of sale was evidently brought about,

But it is pleaded and has been strongly son re Chapman, 50 L.T. N.S. 214. For these reasons I am of opinion that the judgment of the court below must be re-

versed and judgment entered in lieu thereof There is no evidence of any actual damclaim, and their assets do not oppear to age to the plaintiffs owing to the detention, and even if there were any damage, they could have avoided the same by replevying the goods. I think therefore there should be nominal damages in the sum of \$1 fer detention, and, as the plaintiffs ask it, an account of any moneys received by the defendant from the sale of any of the goods, and judgment for the amount which may be found due on taking such account.

The defendant should, I think, pay the costs of the action in the court below this appeal We will hear further argument as to the form of the judgment as to damages, if any,

SPRING ASSIZES.

The cases set down on the docket for the Victoria assizes, to open on May 28, are making up the greater part of the list, which Reg. v. John Murphy-Breaking and en-

tering (2).

Nelson, June 19.

Reg. v. Lee Heng Yum-Keeping gaming Reg. v. R. J. McDonald-Keeping gaming Reg. v. Mat Matson-Arson,

Reg. v. William Jackson-Keeping gaming Reg. v. John Cook-Keeping gaming The dates of the Spring Assizes to be held elsewhere throughout the province are:
Nanaimo, May 7; Westminster, May 14;
Vancouver, May 21; Kamloops, June 3;
Vernon, June 10; Donald, June 14; and

MAY DAY QUIET.

London, May 1.—Reports received here from various large towns in different parts of the continent show that as a rule work proceeded as usual to day. There were a few small Socialist labor meetings but no incidents of importance have been recorded. Madrid, Rome and Sophia reported that the day passed quietly.

A HAPPY CHOICE.

AFTER 25 YEARS A Wise Mother Chooses the Right Medi-

ference, and that the act does not apply THE SCOURGE OF THE ORIENT

pedition to the Pescadores Stricken.

Precautionary Efforts of the Authorities.

Yesterday's Empress of China brought from Yokohama the alarming news that cholera is working sad havoc among the Japanese troops recently dispatched from Hiroshima on the Pescadores expedition, over 400 cases having developed among the 4,000 men of the brigade, with upwards of 100 deaths. Nor has the dread disease as yet been stamped out at Moji, though heroic efforts are being made to secure its exterthe firm of McDonald & Co. in respect to his money or security. I hardly remember if is that the plague may get a foothold in the mination. The great fear of the Japanese ity for his money." So far then from there being anything voluntary in this transaction harvest of death result. Mr. Nakagawa, of 1893, came to British Columbia and on McDonald's part, his action was the the Japanese consulat Hongkong, telegraphs security of their indebtedness, promising creditor for his money or security, and so ten cases of black plague are reported daily potent was this demand that the relative at Macao, and it is believed the plague is also prevalent in the Kuang tung province. That the authorities are taking energetic

> Canada without delay: **Уоконама**, April 18, 1895.

Wakter Wyman, M.D., Supervising Surg, Gen'l. U.S., M.H.S. SIR :- My last report was written March 19, and enclosed copies of telegrams anhad been consideration to the extent of \$1,000 only, and that for the purpose of securing the plaintiffs by a first mortgage in that the affidavit was sworn before a com-(From the Post Intelligencer.)

Venus is now little more than 115,000,000

Securing the plaintins by a first morrgage upon the same stock, the relative relinguistion of the same stock, the relative relinguistic of the same stock, the relative relati debtedness of \$5,220.68, which was then overdue, was arranged by the acceptance within the limits within which he had portations of cholera to the same region have been of frequent occurrence, scarcely a transport or man-of-war arriving, either from Manchuria or the Pescadores, one or more cases of cholera on board. The very active measures taken by the authorities have, however, so far, proved successful in controlling the spread of the disease, which has nowhere in Japan assumed epi-demic form. There was last night a disquieting report that single cases have appeared in Matsuyama, on the large island of Kinshin, at some distance from the naval and military stations, and in the great central city of Osaka. The proof of the genuineness of these cases is, however, not

> The situation is unquestionably a grave one. Peace has been concluded by the plenipotentiaries, and, if ratified, will speedily be followed by the return of the armies and large bodies of coolies employed in transportation, who, in dispersing to their homes, will almost inevitably distribute disease widely throughout the country. The government will bravely grapple with the danger, but conditions more favorable for the introduction and propagation of epidemic disease can scarcely be imagined. Inspection of all vessels coming from suspected localities, domestic and foreign, to be followed, of course, by the necessary uarantine where required, is already in force throughout Japan. In this connection I may say that a new quarantine station for Yokohama and Tokio has just been completed at Nagahama, some ten miles below this port, which in completeness of equipment, convenience, and in its provision for the comfort and welfare of those detained for observation or treatment, is probably unsurpassed in any country. The control of this station is vested in the hands of my English colleagues, Dr. Wheeler and myself, as senior health officers of the port of Yokohama, a large and competent staff assisting us.

yet complete.

After consultation with the Consul-General, Mr. N. J. McIvor, in has been decided to enforce the most rigid inspection of all ships bound for the United States, the personal examination to include all on board, irrespective of class of passage or of the point at which they have entered the ship.

Should any emergency occur warranting such action I shall immediately cable you through the U.S. Consul General. I remain, sir,

Very respectfully, FRANK ELDRIDGE, M.D., Sanitary Inspector, U.S.

PORT TOWNSEND, May 1 .- The little schooner Zelma, of Tacoma, is back from Alaska, and the crew are a party of disappointed gold seekers. On their way back at Roomson Light, B. C., they sighted a signal of distress flying from a staff on one of the islands. They investigated and found three men withour provisions, half starved and without means of transportation. It seems that the men had left Vancouver for

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