# THE VICTORIA TIMES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1896.

A FINE PROGRAMME. Hon. Mr. Turner is reported as saying in the house yesterday in reply to Mr. Semlin that "the government could not possibly bring in their estimates until they knew what revenue they might expect, and the assessment act amendment bill now before the house will have so material an effect upon the esprovince. timates that the government wish to have that dealt with first. When the government know, what the revenue is they will be able to advise how it shall be appropriated." This was a most extraordinary announcement to make. It 27th inst., to discuss questions affecting the government should take prompt acsimply means that the government intend to gather in all the money they can This association is a branch of a simby squeezing all possible sources ilar one that met at St. Paul last fall, taxation and peddling off of to speci- and as the meeting promises to be a reppublic domain the resentative gathering, and its deliberalators and then to do their best to distions are bound to have an important sipate the funds thus collected in the bearing upon the question of settle mest advantageous way to themselves. ment-the classes of immigrants want-The prospective victims of the governed, the localities most in need of settlers ment's rapacity and those who object :0 and the places holding out the best inthe encouragement of land grabducements to immigrants-it will be a bing must necessarily encourage great pity if British Columbia is not joy the prospect. If the government of properly represented thereat. We have the province were carried on on rational always believed that four dollars out of lines, the programme would be to cut every five expended by Canada on her down the expenditure to the lowest 'vigorous immigration policy" have been point consistent with prudence and a rewasted. At all events the census proves gard to the actual necessities of the that the results have not been commen situation; the estimates would be presurate with the enormous outlay. Britpared with these limits in view, and ish Columbia's efforts, although on an then the raising of revenue would be insignificant scale in comparison, have regulated so as to meet the demand, not been more successful. They have and no more. But the wonderfully wise | consisted chiefly of Mr. Vernon's arduous men who misrule the province at pres- and expensive labors in London and ent know how to improve on all that the printing of immigration literature by putting the financial cart before that is of little use to the immigrant. the horse-a process most expensive and The convention at Winnipeg will afford disastrous for the people. Their plan is an excellent opportunity to learn someto tax everything in sight; sell off the thing, and will be almost certain to prepeople's property at a sacrifice as if sent opportunities for co-operation, as they were its mortgagees, and then push well as for more economical and more the expenditures up to the limit of the intelligent management of immigration little confidence in the commissioner's revenue they may thus find themselves matters. It has been stated that the able to wring out. There never was a British Columbia government will not greater travesty on government than send delegates, preferring to continue that presented by the combination in the deep rut that it has been following whom the people of this province have for many years. unfortunately entrusted with the man-The cost to the province would be very agement of their affairs. To get money little; the benefits, possibly, would be and to spend it in utter disregard of great. Our representatives would sure-

all possible consequences, and with ly learn something, but if they only sucnever a thought for the future, is their ceeded in finding out the causes of the rule of conduct. Yet they have the failure of the province in the past to ob-"nerve" to call themselves statesmen. | tain its quota of settlers, and how to avoid frittering away money in useless immigration work in the future, they

FINANCIAL PRANKS.

would accomplish a great deal. A prop-Mr. Wilkinson's letters have shown er immigration policy would not seek to how very badly informed in regard to bring people indiscriminately into the the floating of the late provincial loan province, which is largely the effect of ary from the Dominion, and probably the Hon. Mr. Turner was, especially the misleading literature circulated in where Mr. Wilkinson's offer was con- England and in the east. It would only cerned. A return recently brought induce to become settlers those classes down to the house showing the instruc- of people who are required to develop tions under which the conversion of the the country and who are likely to become loans of 1877 and 1887 is being proceed permanent residents. The hap-hazard. ed with furnishes evidence that the fin- room-for-all plan has worked disastrous- fought the matter in the courts, appealance minister has no better knowledge ly to all concerned. While we believe on that particular subject. The return that the most intelligent, and hence the consists of correspondence which passed most successful, immigration policy And, stranger still, the son of the between the Hon. Mr. Turner and the that the province can adopt would be Prime Minister of Canada won the case,

in the three per cent. under advice fr you, of the market value at the time, copy of this order will be sent you." The city pays the salary of the magis- consistent in saying anything severely Why should Mr. Turner have been so anxious to keep up the conversion rate? at the same time all fees, fines, etc., people of British Columbia. There will "not guilty." No doubt it was the old story over again paid through the medium of the criminal be no material improvement in the adcourt. If, therefore, the magistrate uses ministration of British Columbia affairs -the government was in sore need of all these appliances as a civil court, it at Ottawa until there is a change of money and wanted to secure the release of as much as possible of the old sink- is equally fair that these fees should be government. The members of the board ing fund, regardless of the cost to the also paid into the civic treasury.

There is but little doubt that the legal profession is generally opposed to the and acted upon that self-evident truth. AN IMMIGRATION CONVENTION. court; it is equally certain that mer-

The Canadian Northwest immigration | chants and commercial men generally convention will meet at Winnipeg on the support it. Under any circumstances immigration to Manitoba, British Col- tion to place the whole matter beyond umbia and the Northwest Territories. | dispute.

STATUTE REVISION.

Mr Edwin Johnson's second letter on

THEY KNOW NO CREED. quote extracts from the speech of the Hon. L. H. Davies on the Manitoba

school question delivered before the Young Men's Liberal club of Toronto There is one small portion of the speech, however, that the editor has been exceedingly careful to overlook. It reads

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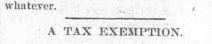
abortive resolutions if they recognized

Statute Revision, which appears in today's Times, points out some of the an- as follows (Globe report): omalies to be found in the draft copy "I remember well twenty years ago submitted to the legislature. It goes that I had the honor of introducing a even a little farther than that, and gives bill for the adoption of the national at least one instance of a change from system (of schools) in Prince Edward of the frontier." The flag, as the bearer the present law which would have a Island. We fought it out, and arrived startling effect in the administration of at the conclusion that in the interest of justice if passed by the house in its all the people the system should be adpresent form. Most people will agree opted, and now after twenty years of experience I am prepared to state that, with our correspondent that there has been a deplorable waste of public money while at its inception there was a strong in this business. Chief Justice Davie feeling against it in many quarters, now has already received \$7,500, and his you could not find a dozen men who are ready to say they want a change. I do work is not half finished. The revision, not by any manner of means claim that continued as it has been begun, will the system is perfect, but I do claim cost the government \$25,000. And then that it suits us and to-day our Roman what will be done with it? Will the Catholic friends say 'we stand on the work be accepted and become law, with principle of having our sons and daughall its crudities, errors, amendments, omissions, interpolations, anomalies and ters educated the same as yours, we stand on the same ground as you, and what not? We sincerely hope not. As the result is that to-day we know no suggested by the Times and by our corcreed in the province."

respondent; the commission must be re-The schools of Prince Edward Island. constructed and made strong. It is manilike those of British Columbia, are nonfest from the Attorney-General's action sectarian.

PUBLIC MEETING SUGGESTED.

cal who in all this ring-ridden province There is a danger, if the school lands can have faith? The simple truth is bill is left entirely to the very tender that no one man-be it the chief justice mercies of the house, that it will pass of British Columbia or the chief justice without being shorn of even one of its of England-ought to be entrusted with worst features. With a majority in the complete remodelling of the laws of the house in its favor, with little or no a country. Two, or three, heads are discussion in parliament on the merits of the bill, with no petition and no pubbetter than one in this as in all other works where anything but the best lic meeting against it, the government possible results would be of no use will be warranted in concluding that the



work; and if the government is scepti-

Collector of Customs Bowell, of Vancouver, who enjoys a very handsome salsrs. Turner, Davie, Rithet and Helmelooks upon himself and other Dominioh ken changed their views immediately afgovernment officials as a privileged ter that meeting; at least they no longer class, refused to pay the poll-tax-the advocated the passage of a bill that insignificant and paltry head tax-and seemed to have no friends outside of entertained such strong conscientious the house. We would suggest that our objections against so doing that he representatives be given an opportunity to learn the views of "their constituents ing from the conviction of the police on the school lands bill. Let a public inagistrate to a supreme court judge, meeting be called to discuss its provisions. The premier will no doubt gladly

standpoint nothing could be more just. supporter like the Colonist would not be Even that officer's opponents will admit senate on something of the same as that which took place in the House of Commons. The position of the genthat according to the evidence, the trate, providing him premises, station- condemnatory of a policy that it is in Scotch verdict of "hot proven" must be tlemen is certainly somewhat peculiar ery, and a police court clerk, receiving part responsible for fastening upon the rendered. The public generally will say They are members of the governm and have important departments

AN "OLD FLAG" INCIDENT.

cabinet, having been appointed to Privy Council as individuals. At the Liberal convention at St cabinet, however, they do not sit holders of portfolios in the administ Catharines a few days ago, an incident tion, and their recommendations occurred that will disturb the loyal soul Council, made in their quality as co of the genuine Tory, whose party was trollers, are not those supposed to be the sole custodian of the Messrs. Wood and Prior having h "old flag." When the chairman had called to the cabinet, it is altoget called the meeting to order there march- likely that the precedent will be foll The Colonist has taken occasion to ed into the hall a deputation from Ni- ed in the case of other gentlemen agara, With W. H. J. Evans at its head, may be nominated to the offices now fift. This is not what was co carrying in his hand the old flag that plated when the act creating the was carried by the Lincoln militia in trollerships was brought into force. the war of 1812. "The enthusiasm," such a situation as the present says the report, "as Mr. Evans made arisen is a fair evidence that the his way through the crowded hall to the secretary plan is as yet premature. platform was tremendous, reaching a climax as, standing upon the platform, he unfurled the flag, showing the many holes that had been shot through it while floating over the brave defenders explained to the convention, was not much to look at, but it was sent by the Niagara Liberals to be unfurled on a

Liberal platform as their pledge at once of loyalty to their leader, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, and loyalty to their country. And thereat the Liberal convention Presbyterian divine of North Sydn cheered itself hoarse.

At Toronto, too, on Saturday night. Canada's national song, "The Maple | Murray and his congregation. Now Leaf Forever," was sung to a great develops that no such telegram was sent audience, assembled to hear speeches by prominent men against the govern- Pherson of Little Bras-d'Or, called ment's Manitoba school policy, by its author, Mr. Muir. The enthusiasm was unbounded

There is danger to the Conservative party in all this. Having traded so long he saw Sir Charles he could tell h upon their "loyalty," they may become that he was a Conservative and by jealous of their opponents, and from means to uphold the constitution. jealousy to a revival of their annexation words to that effect, but he never sent tendencies of fifty years ago is but a short step. Whenever the lip-loyal politician loses science.

his grip on the "loyalty" cry, he is in infinite danger of becoming a rebel.

POOR ASSETS. pressed views to the effect that "it was In answer to questions from Mr. Munot in accordance with the constitulock the Dominion minister of finance tion" that Col. Prior while a controller stated in the house that public money of should also be a member of the cabinet Canada was invested or lent in connec-This is a very important statement, fer tion with various enterprises as follows: Mr. Bourinot is Canada's great consti-Albert railway company, \$14,725.56; tutional authority. We print the sent-Fredericton and St. Mary's Railway tor's speech for the special enlightenment of those electors who voted against the Bridge company, \$300,000: Quebec harbor commissioners, \$3,748,519; Three opposition candidate on account of the Rivers harbor commission, \$81,760. callnet position which his opponent was Default has been made in the payment supposed to get. of interest in all: Albert railway com-Winnipeg Free Press: British Col pany, no interest collected since December 31, 1887; arrears of interest to June 30, 1895, \$6,613; Fredericton and St. Mary's Bridge company, no interest collected since June, 1889; arrears to December 31, 1895, \$78,000; Quebec harbor commissioners, very little interest paid; is the problem which the approaching amours to December 31, 1895, \$930,- Immigration, Genvention - proposes to 163. The Three Rivers harbor commis- | solve; and it is remarkable that British sioners paid \$15,000 under the act of Columbia has not yet notified Secreta and after deducting this Heubach that delegates from the amount the arrears of interest and ern province will be in attendance. Brit sinking fund to December 31, 1895, ish Columbia may yet decide to have amount to \$26,924: The securities held representation at the convention; and it by the government were mortgages in is to be hoped that she will. However, the case of the railway companies and | if that province neglect to send a delethe bridge company, and debentures in gation, complaint must not be made if the other cases. The investments are the convention ignores the varied revalued in the official statement as to sources and attractions of British Colthe net debt of Canada in the public ac- umbia. counts to the extent of the principal in each case. Mr. Foster also stated that nothing has been paid for some years on account of Grand Trunk fourth preferred stock, \$121,739.65, and nothing at all in the Quebec Turnpike Trust boards, \$20,000; Upper Canada bank stock, \$750; and Earl of Selkirk mortson was \$119. The total cost of the from the gross debt the sinking fund work up to date was \$476,877. The and the amount of these "assets," most write off. It is worthy of note, also list were made for political purposes. migration. A MODEL TO COPY. If the Hon. Mr. Turner, premier finance minister, etc., of British Columbia, would take the Hon. Oliver Mowat as a model, and try and imitate the Ontario premier, he would perhaps succeed in time in making a name for himself as a wise and sagacious ruler. The Mowis dangerous. at government has a surplus of over \$5.-

that its continuance effects is to \$2,000 a year on two salaries, while economy is a good thing in way, it is not worth while maintai the present anomaly for the sake saving such a sum. A bill to repeal law creating the controllerships and give the offices cabinet rank should i with very little opposition." A Halifax dispatch says: During the Cape Breton campaign Sir Charles Tur per, at a meeting at Glace Bay, read a telegram from Rev. Isaac Murray. endorsing Sir Charles' candidature. This has resulted in creating trouble betwee by Murray. The facts are, Father Me Murray and asked him to sign a paper endorsing Tupper and favoring a remdial school bill. Dr. Murray declined sign the paper, but told McPherson

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a telegram." A little thing like that would never trouble the Tupper con-Senator McInnes declared in a speech in the senate that Mr. Bourinot had ex-

umbia, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, composing Young Canada, have many common interests, one of the most important of which is to secure rapid and desirable colonization, This The appointment of Mr. Odlum as representative of the province at the Winnipeg immigration convention is no doubt the best that could be made under the circumstances. Mr. Odlum is now, we believe, somewhere in the east lectur ing on British Columbia. Mr. Deane. of the Province, will also be present as joint commissioner for that enterprising weekly and the board of trade. These two gentlemen have a pretty extensive knowledge of British Columbia and ought to know how to put forward our claims for a share of the expected im-Canada Presbyterian: The phrase: Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" key one man out of the Presidential chair of the United States. Bishop Cameron's choice term ""Hell-inspired Hypocrites" may keep several men out of the Canadian house of commons. The power of making phrases that strike and stick

Havana, Feb. 22. ul at San Domin obtaining from the ment the detention ousters who, it is apture the Spanish rera in order to emi tion to the island. The Casino of th has elected Capt honorary president a token of the kind words he utte colored population arrival here. It is r tain-general is p which will cause a The insurgents h road bridge at Jiqu Fort Montealto at Ramos, but were The insurgent force well known leader, eported to be mov abanas, province laptain Port, at hited all traffic on The steamer Mor rived here, had members of the c Spanish bark Enge rom Marseilles.

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law is just what the people of the country want. It was the same with the commissioners' bill that the Davie government tried to force upon the cities until Victoria spoke in public meeting, when the government wilted. Mes-

his first letter to Messrs. Woolston & administration of its affairs, neverthe- to the World's account of the trial, that bill to the house. We would not for a agents in 1892. In a more capable, efficient and economical Beeton, written on May 1st, the finance | less something might be done even by a minister states that an order-in-council bad government to present the great na- go, temporarily, wherever sent by the has been passed "authorizing Messrs | tural advantages of our country to de- government in the discharge of his duty, Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co. to negotiate sirable immigrants-and to desirable and complete the conversion on the best immigrants only-wherever they may be terms obtainable, but not to exceed on found.

the maximum £155 of inscribed stock

## SMALL DEBTS COURT.

for £100 of debentures of 1877, and £135 of inscribed stock for £100 of 1887 de Considerable interest is being shown bentures. . Immediately afterwards he just now in commercial circles as to the points out that if the loans are convert- action the provincial government will ed at these maximum figures the amount | take in order to test the constitutionof inscribed stock required will be £709. ality of the small debts court. The pres-790, whereas £700,000 is all that the ent uncertainty is, to say the least, most act of the legislature allows for the pur- inadvisable. Neither plaintiff nor depose. The finance minister very naive- fendant feels that measure of confily adds: "It is, however, not expected aence in the court, and the respect for that this extreme limit will be requir- the judgments given, that they would in ed." It is hard to see why this extreme a tribunal whose position and power is limit should have been set, since it was beyond controversy. Many merchants of not supposed to be required, and since it the city are loudly demanding its conwas beyond the limit fixed by the act tinuance. They aver, and rightly so, The mystery seems all the greater in that this is a quick, cheap, and view of the cable message to Mr. Tur if we may use the word, unner from Messrs. Woolston & Beeton on technical method of enforcing the pay-May 27: "We propose 145 and 130, if ment of just debts. Any creditor can, you agree." These prices were respect | without any professional knowledge, ively £10 and £5 less than Mr. Turner's carry through his own case from be-"extreme limit." The finance minister ginning to end, and there are no vexseems to have gone at it haphazard fash- atious unreasonable charges to the union. On October 22nd Messrs. Wool- fortunate debtor. ston & Beeton wrote: Under the county court system it is

"The additions to the conversion almost imperative to employ legal asscheme have been insignificant of late, sistance. Where the amount is large and with the concurrence of Messrs. and the law uncertain, doubtless, the Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., and the market, we propose issuing an advertise. need of professional knowledge is more ment in December reducing the offer af- apparent. But there are a vast number ter 1st February to £140 stock in the of ordinary debts contracted-for grorase of the 6 per cent. bonds, and £125 ceries, hardware, dry goods-to which stock in the case of the 41/2 per cent. there is no just defense, and which in

The finance minister was evidently afraid of the conversion being carried on long delays, have often been allowed to too cheaply, so in reply to this suggestion he sent back a letter in which the following appears:

"I am sorry to learn that conversion | ince already directly through this court is not progressing so fast as we should like. Would it not, therefore, be better, with a view to inducing the present holders of the old bonds to convert, to grave defects in :he court which need keep to the first rate offered, viz., £130 to be remedied. It cannot be wise to and £145 respectively for the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per allow a judge to collect the fees of his cent. and 6 per cent. bonds, instead of own court, as it gives him necessarily

"No doubt you are in the best position to judge what effect this would have, gation. A judge should be above susand should you, on carefully considering picion, and although, as far as known, the matter, decide that in your opinion the police magistrates acting as judges the reduction would not tend to retard in these courts, have been singularly conversion, you have full authority to free from any taint of selfish considermake it. Always keeping in mind that the government is very desirous to have ations, yet the possibility remains that this important business go on as quick. an unscrupulous judge may connive at the encouragement of litigation. ly as possible.

"As the trustees of the sinking fund In tais respect the Victoria city counhave been instructed to invest in B. C threes at not over 88, and the price of cil acted with good judgment in recomthese securities is now 89 or over, a mending to the legislature that all fees further order-in-council has been passed of the small debts court should be paid

Justice Drake' deciding, according a Dominion servant, who is required to is not taxable in propria personal. The learned judge seemed to think that the Dominion government officials were

equally entitled to exemption with mili-

tary and naval men, and that because there is a decision against the taxation of Dominion officials' incomes it would be wrong to require from them a poll tax. The law is probably just as stated. but the unfairness of the exemption is none the less manifest. There are believers in the principles of "single tax" and "no tax at all," and to the latter class Customs Collector Bowell, of Vancouver, evidently belongs. He is paid \$2,000 a year; the poll tax is \$3.

NORTHERN MAIL SERVICE.

The Colonist has found in the northern mail service a grievance against the Dominion government, and in character- while ready to squander hundreds of istic fashion expresses the mealy thousands of dollars for the advantage mouthed hope that "satisfactory" ar- of favored supporters, there are public rangements will shortly be made. The works much needed in this province fact is that the great country to the north which the government refuses to under--Cassiar, the Yukon and Alaska-is utterly neglected, in so far as mail facil- take some calculation to ascertain the ities are concerned, by the Dominion government. The only service is by the purse has been defrauded by operations Alaska steamers, which receive no Canadian subsidy for carrying the mails,

and therefore will neither receive nor discharge mails at a Canadian port. All mail for Victoria is carried to Port Townsend, although the steamers previously

stopped here for several hours; all mail time past, owing to the expensive charfrom Victoria for the north is sent to acter of the county court, as well as its Port Townsend, although the steamers against Chief Deasy by Mr. G. Campcome to this port after leaving Port bell. While most willing to give every go by default. It is not too much to Townsend. Victoria is the first place of reasonable latitude to correspondents, say that many thousands of dollars of call on the down trip and the last place we do not think that any good would rejust debts have been paid in the provon the up trip. The Ottawa postoffice department is generally directed by inand probably as much more indirectly. competents of the Caron stripe, other-On the other hand there are doubtless wise the coast mail service of British Columbia might not be so utterly neglected. It would surely be a simple matter to arrange with the American authorities for the carriage of the Vica pecuniary interest in encouraging lititoria mail to Alaska. The service to other and nearer points on the coast is little better. There is no adequate subthey will exonerate Chief Deasy from sidy anywhere, and it follows there is an inadequate service everywhere. The inhospitable shores of Labrador, where there are a few isolated fishing stations, are treated as generously in this respect

as the whole of the Pacific coast of Canada, which is destined to be one of ed to withhold criticism until a report is the most prosperous sections of our made. The Times strongly urged an incountry. But still we must not forget vestigation, and if the one held has not that Victoria has approved of the gov- been satisfactory to all parties it is directing the trustees to invest in future into the city exchequer. From the city's ernment's general policy, and possibly a clearly not the fault of Chief, Deas. made the subject of a discussion in the ment 北京市行 44.8

moment advise that the functions of the legislature should be abdicated in favor of the public meeting, but when the legislature fails in its duty it is clearly the right of those who elect it to indicate the course they believe should be followed in the interest of the country.

explain to his constituents his reason

#### JOHN HAGGART'S DITCH.

In the house of commons the other day Minister Haggart informed a questioner that the cost of maintaining the Tay canal during the past season including pay for the keeper was \$3,188. gage, \$12,90. Mr. Foster arrives at the The revenue derived from tolls last sea- net debt of the country by deducting

people of Canada may well look upon of which a private firm would be apt to "John Haggart's ditch" as a rather expensive affair for them to construct and that most of the bad investments in the maintain for the sole benefit of the min-

ister of railways and canals. And take, on the plea of economy. It would exact amount out of which the public such as resulted in the construction of 000,000 and when Provincial Treasurer this expensive and useless work. Harcourt made his budget speech the

FIRE DEPAREMENT INVESTIGA-TION.

The Times has received several comless and the revenue more than had munications in reference to the recent investigation of charges preferred to admit an annual deficit of half a million and a provincial debt of three or four millions. There is a difference with a vengeance! Ontario has a population of nearly two millions-British sult from a newspaper crusade, especial-Columbia of a hundred thousand. On. ly after an official enquiry has failed to tario has been fortunate in having wise establish the truth of the indictment statesmen at the helm ever since Conagainst the fire chief. It is to be regretfederation. And during those twentyted that the case for the complainant nine years a Conservative government was not put as fully as was possible to never was in power in the first province the investigating committee, and that of the Dominion. That, no doubt, is only the defence was heard. We have, partly the cause of Ontario's marvellous however, simply to deal with the facts | financial standing. as presented, and to unprejudiced minds

### "SOMEWHAT PECULIAR."

the unsupported charges of official negligence and incompetency. If a special committee is to be appointed to further investigate the management of the fire department, as has been intimated, it enue are reprinted. It will be seen that will be only fair to all parties concern-

THE OLD TORY COW.

other day he made the almost prece-The old Tory cow being milked nearly dr And quite at 1<sup>s</sup> end of her tether t was not surprising that she should To escape from the stormy weather. dented announcement that the expenditure for the past fiscal year had been

She'd eaten the gass from under her feet And was belowing loudly for more. But tied by the neck she had nothing to been estimated. Premier Turner has

There was nothing to do but to roar.

No one to blame for the terrible plight Only waste and extravagant ways. She was, say the least, a pitiable sight. The old cow at the end of her days.

But once on a time she was not so lea When she first into pasture was not so led. For all within reach the grasses were gree And midst plenty she daily was fed.

Then shell stamped and she tore, wasting

her food, Thinking naught of the days to come Until the old cow, while starving s stood, Would have gladly e'en taken a crun GLEN RAE.

A Dundee whaler, the Active, wh

At the risk of overdosing Col. Prior's organ, the views of the Montreal Gazette (Conservative) on the dual position of the Controller of Inland Revcaught nine whales, yielding four and

enue are reprinted. It will be seen that that well-informed newspaper has doubts where the local organ has none. The Gazette says: "The position of the Controllers of Customs and Inland Revenue has been made the subject of a discusion in the

New York, Feb. Serviss, in an int report that Perrin owards the earth miles a day and probable. He said "I judge the c perhaps as large vould not be ver If it is then there hitting us. We miles a second, date they talk shall be millions we are now. To elling toward a from here, where 14. Whether o that have been m position of the its course are whether the ot good. It is not 1 act, for a comet is difficult to get it was a point l told with mather where it would or hour. "A comet is no earth. It is mad While in size earth, there is no lidity of the two been able to lear particles of matte are made up of or some other m is practically imp Seventy or eighty where the atmos the vacuum is all a Crooke's tube. resistance to dis a body like a con swiftness with The particles fine, no larger th of matter. They the earth. "While in bulk occupy the room that sense it is is not packed sol a comet as large contain more th make a layer on millimeter deep, earth. "The heat gen with the atmosph to melt things. ton piece of iron big as the state

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