

THE FRASER. When the Fraser river delegation waited on Minister Tarte to ask for Dominion aid in the matter of flood remedies, the answer returned by that gentleman was a little out of the usual order. He said at once that an exploratory survey would be made, that a sum would be voted for preliminary expenses and that the government would at once send a competent engineer to look after the work.

HOW NOT TO DO IT. City Engineer Willmot proposes to extend the sewer now terminating at Pemberton's property on St. Charles street, down that street to Front Bay road and then to a ravine running through city property into Ross Bay on the east side of the cemetery. The sewer, as it now exists, is a nuisance in the most important residential section of the city, and its extension as above would remove that nuisance to a less populous locality and ultimately it would disappear altogether by the continuation of the sewer to the main sewer on Moss street.

KILLING A SALMON STRIBAM. A report from Alberni states that the salmon have reached the head of the canal in great numbers, and in their ineffectual attempts to surmount the dam at the paper mill are battering themselves to death in thousands. Some time ago a fishway was placed on this dam, but with the stupidity worthy of a government job, it was so constructed that at certain seasons no water passed through and consequently it was useless.

QUEEN'S COUNSEL. In his report to council relative to the large batch of Queen's counsel appointed by the Tupper government just before its retirement, Sir Oliver Mowat gave some interesting statistics. He said: "The undersigned has had under consideration an order-in-council dated July 8, appointing 173 members of the bars of Canada Queen's counsel. These are in addition to 481 appointed since confederation, of which number 84 were appointed between July, 1867, and Nov. 5, 1873; and 397 after October 16, 1878. No appointments were made during Mr. Mackenzie's administration. Thus the number appointed previously to the recent order had been enormous, and the addition to it now of 173 more, is startling."

THEY SPEAK FROM IGNORANCE. From the report of the discussion raised by Mr. Maxwell in the house of commons some judgment may be formed of the ignorance which prevails in the east in regard to the Chinese question. For the benefit of such well meaning but misinformed gentlemen as Mr. D. C. Fraser and Sir Henri Joly it seems necessary to quote Mr. Cleveland's famous aphorism: "It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts us." Mr. Fraser's fine theorizings and Sir Henri's chivalrous sentiments are admirable in their way; but they leave untouched the disastrous condition which unchecked Asiatic immigration imposes on this province.

OTTAWA JOURNAL: Sir Richard Cartwright has taken a practical step in consulting the boards of trade throughout the Dominion as to the best means of promoting the export of Canadian products. In this way he will get the benefit of the experience and opinions of business men in all provinces and transportation enterprises in brief accessible form. By comparison of these he can form a pretty accurate estimate

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