

THE MANITOBA TROUBLE.

Ottawa reports concerning the effect of Sir Donald Smith's interviews with the Manitoba ministers on the school question and the possible withdrawal of the remedial bill, are too good to be readily accepted as true.

TRADE ECCENTRICITIES.

Mr. Bain, M.P. for North Wentworth, in his speech on the budget touched upon some of the government's trade eccentricities. Part of his speech is thus reported.

UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE.

"Watch Dog's" suggestion, that one of the city members should move for an itemized account of Lieut-Governor Dewdney's expenses to Halifax, on the occasion of Sir John Thompson's funeral, will very probably be acted upon.

PROVOKING AN EDITOR.

When three able-bodied railway men visit a country editor's sanctum and demand explanations in regard to the periternity of an article that the editor had published, there is always a possibility of a row.

Judging from the Miner's report of the police court proceedings (the Tribune, Mr. Houston's paper, does not report the case), Mr. Marpole and his two

friends provoked the editor to the assault. The lightness of the fine (\$10) is an evidence that the magistrate believed that in smashing the Superintendent over the head with a ruler Mr. Houston did not commit a very serious breach of the law.

EX-REGISTRARS' ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Goepel, who explained the accounts of ex-Registrar Prevost, reports: "The monies representing estates have been paid into court under Supreme court orders, except in the case of the Rhodes estate, \$1,460.35, respecting which I am unable to find any order, but this account has been carried on the court books for upwards of fifteen years."

ONTARIO'S FINANCES.

Very few people who know the situation would care to accept the Mail and Empire as an impartial critic of the Ontario government's financial operations, since that paper is so bitterly hostile to the government and so prone to give way to its prejudices.

U. S. BOSSSES.

A bill was introduced in congress levying extra duties for the purpose of increasing the revenue and thus overcoming the deficit which now yearly exists in Uncle Sam's finances. It was passed by the house of representatives, but in the senate it struck a snag.

PURIFIED BLOOD.

Saved an operation in the following case. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures when all others fail. It makes pure blood. "A year ago my father, William Thompson, was taken suddenly ill with inflammation of the bladder. He suffered a great deal and was very low for some time.

HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA IS THE ONLY TRUE BLOOD PURIFIER.

Prominently in the public eye today. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills, biliousness, headache, etc.

overlook the fact that during the last five years we have year by year been able to reduce our total expenditures. Our total expenditure in 1891 amounted to \$4,158,459; in 1892, \$4,008,277; in 1893, \$3,907,145; in 1894, \$3,842,505; and in 1895, \$3,788,595.

THE SPECULATORS' BILL.

It is satisfactory to find one government supporter with independence enough to oppose the iniquitous bill, to provide for the sale of public lands by warrant. Now that Captain Irving has shown so good an example it may be hoped that some other members on the same side may give expression to the conscientious convictions against the measure which they are said to entertain.

MANITOBA'S ENEMIES.

There is much speculation as to the probable fate of the remedial bill at Ottawa, and so far no attempt at "counting noses" has afforded any reliable indication of parliament's action. It would be satisfactory to be able to rely on the statement that the government cannot secure enough votes from its usual followers to force the measure through, but there are too many possible dodges to be resorted to for anyone to feel sure about the matter.

A RANCHER.

East Kootenay, B.C. To the Editor: In the struggle of life it would appear that Lieut-Governor Dewdney has little to worry him. As long as I can remember he has been on the pay roll of the Dominion government. If he has ever rendered service to the country commensurate with the rewards he has received from it, I have never heard of those services.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.

To the Editor: Can you inform me what are the duties of the person or persons selected to strike the jurors' lists and the number of names selected as jurors. I notice the following in the public accounts, which I think requires some explanation:

MORE EXPENDITURES.

To the Editor: I expected the government organ, the Colonist, would have offered to the public, or at least endeavored to do so, the particulars of the \$450 paid Governor Dewdney for his trip to Ottawa, also for the \$313.52 paid Mr. Chas. Hayward for decorating the R. C. cathedral. If they cannot well furnish the particulars of the \$313, probably they will do so for the \$2 cents.

I think the suggestion made by "Watch Dog" in last night's Times should be acted on by our city mem-

OUR LAND LAWS.

To the Editor: East Kootenay is blessed with fair natural resources but cursed by political blunders. To one or more of the latter I would direct your attention.

The new sensation of which Sir Charles Tupper is the central figure is rather a puzzling affair. It is rather hard to suppose it possible that Sir Leonard Tilley, Dr. Weldon and Mr. Cahoon should have made any such charge against the baronet as is credited to them, but on the other hand it is hard to believe that Mr. McConeil would have credited them with making the statement unless he believed he had good evidence that they did so.

Will the local government appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Drake in the Boveil (Vancouver) case. Under this judgment Dominion officials are relieved of payment of the poll tax.

Now, every one knows that in this country where clearing, fencing, irrigating, etc., must precede any return, no settler from simply farming alone could sustain his household in any comfort and meet the exactions of our government, but the prejudice which prevents its general use is quite natural.

The Canadian Gazette asks if British Columbia cannot do something to supply the growing demand for paving blocks for the streets of British towns? The Timber Trades Journal says: "Austrian hardwoods loomed large in the reports of local authorities during 1894, and the experiments tried with many varieties of colonial wood paving blocks have demonstrated that, ere long, the streets of the old country will be paved with the forest growth of the younger children of the empire.

Free homesteads exempt from taxation should be the reward for settlement.

SOFT SNAPS?

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The same work was done for the city of Vancouver at a cost of \$80, and it is safe to say that were we to work hard the entire task could be completed in one or two days. ENQUIRER.

WORLD'S TRIP BY DOG POWER.

F. D. Kennedy, of Grand Forks, N. D., is getting ready for a trip across the world, says the Minneapolis Journal. On the trip he will be accompanied by a friend, W. H. Whitman.

She-Are you compelled to have a rubber stamp on your bills? It is a stern necessity.

EXTRAVAGANCE.

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SABBATH DESECRATION ON REDDER BAY.

To the Editor: Allow us through your columns to direct attention to a grievance that is assuming alarming proportions. Since early in the month of August the sanctity of the Sabbath has been repeatedly violated by promiscuous beach parties on Redder Bay.

This injudicious disposition of our public lands is an incalculable outrage upon the people's rights. Our government, being aware of these vexatious grievances, ought to extend to settlers at least a measure of the liberality bestowed on these favored corporations.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Table with columns for various goods and their prices. Includes items like Oatmeal, Flour, Sugar, etc.

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Attempted to Pro-sensur Walker. Tacoma, Feb. 27. The Japanese steamer Takamichi was detained at Tacoma.

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