

A PROPER MOVE.

We are glad to see that the Board of Trade has directed its attention once more to the way in which the coast of the Province is lighted and buoyed.

MR. SEMLIN'S MISTAKE.

We were surprised to find that Mr. Semlin a few days ago spoke slightly of the Imperial Institute.

I cannot help thinking that the mere existence of a body of this description is not only important, but that it possesses at least the possibility of great usefulness in the future.

PUT IT DOWN.

It is surprising that the systematic gambling, to which our esteemed correspondent directs attention, should be permitted.

the knowledge of the police. Have they winked at the unlawful practices which they are in duty bound to prevent and put down?

ALIVE AND KICKING.

Our readers will not be greatly surprised to learn that Prerdergast, the murderer of Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, is still in the land of the living.

A SUCCESSFUL VIOEROY.

Canadians will be pleased to know that Lord Lansdowne, during his term of office, administered the affairs of India ably and judiciously.

The administration of a Viceroy must thus be judged with constant reference to limiting conditions which do not enter into the corresponding estimate of a Government in this country.

A BEWILDERED ORGAN.

The organ of the Opposition is greatly exercised over Mr. Grant's figures. It cannot deny that they are incorrect.

results shown by Mr. Grant. The revenue has grown and the country has prospered during a time in which the financial and political oracles of its party were predicting that it was going at a rapid rate to the dogs.

IN A STATE OF UNCERTAINTY.

The attitude of the Opposition papers on the redistribution bill is a most peculiar and perplexing one. As the leaders have not yet had an opportunity of declaring themselves in the House, the press giving them its support is floundering about in a pitiful fashion.

stolen, but undoubtedly it has not been for lack of effort. However, we understand, that will be his personal plea.

In discussing this matter we had almost forgotten the position taken by our Nominating Convention, which, with local opposition, has developed a feeble political sentiment. It contends that, taking the number of voters as a basis of reckoning, the cities are not given a proportionate representation with the rural constituencies, which, according to the Free Press, will be over represented.

THE POLICY OF DECEPTION.

Mr. Keith introduced a bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act which he ought to have known, and which he probably did know, was unconstitutional.

It would be the merest folly and an inexcusable waste of the time of the Legislature to enact a law which would be in contravention of the terms of the British North America Act, and against the principle of which the Supreme Court of the Province had already decided.

The Leader of the Opposition, in his solemn and paralytic manner, declares that the Speaker has no right to declare out of order a measure which he knows is unconstitutional, and the Times, without attempting to prove that the Speaker's decision is not sound, tries hard to create the impression that it was procured through undue influence exercised by the Leader of the Government.

POOLED.

As soon as the House went into supply on Friday afternoon it was seen that the Opposition were prepared to try their hand at obstruction. Their leader and his chief supporters resorted to various little devices to prolong debate, and to prevent business being done.

When the playful Oppositionists had been allowed their fling long enough, as the Chairman of the Committee believed, he began to check the discursive orators. He resented this, and some of them lost their tempers.

The Times, we see, lays the whole blame of the unpleasantness on the Government. This was to be expected. It has taken great liberties with the truth, but it surely cannot expect its misstatements to be believed. It was patent to everyone that the Government was most desirous that the work of the House should be proceeded with, with all possible despatch.

ENLIGHTENED HAMID.

New York, Feb. 24. — Washington's birthday was made the occasion of a double celebration by the subjects in New York of His Imperial Majesty, the Sultan of Turkey.

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

LONDON, Feb. 24. — A dispatch from Fort Louis, Mauritius, reports that a cyclone swept the island yesterday, doing almost incalculable damage to property and killing and injuring many people.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23. — M. de Giers, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who has been dangerously ill for several days, is sinking slowly. He is kept alive with oxygen gas, and the end may come at any moment.

WEST KOOTENAY MINES.

Active Work to be Resumed Almost Immediately—Some of the Propositions.

Many Locations Taken Up During the Winter—A Well Equipped Store Wanted.

PORT SHEPPARD, Feb. 18. — The lengthening days of bright sunshine and the melting snow point to an early opening of the business season in this West Kootenay country.

A further advance of some four miles is being made along the north bank of the Pend d'Oreille river, has a carload of hydraulic machinery now on the rails, and also a substantial cash balance at their Spokane bankers.

On the Salmon River, too, placer ground taken up last season for miles on each bank will be worked by companies well supplied with means.

A great want here is a good, well equipped store, which could supply the needs of the mining camps, not only in the Trail Creek District, but along the Lower Salmon River as well.

The said railroad appears to be doing a big business. One who, like the writer, remembers the meagre supplies which sufficed for West Kootenay for the winter of 1892-93, can but wonder what is inside the long trains of box-cars which pass up to Nelson twice or three times a week, and what becomes of it all.

Advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'CURES BLOOD POOR, HEADACHE, PERFECT DIGESTION, SOUND SLEEP, LONG LIFE, STRONG NERVES.'

FOR SALE—Fine farm in Westham Island, British Columbia, 115 acres, over 1000 ft. elevation, fine soil, natural drainage, house, barn and stable, orchard, etc., being sold for \$2000. For further particulars apply to Dr. Robertson, Westham Island P. O., or to Chas. H. & L. G. Robertson, Hamilton, Ontario. Tel 9-1716.

BENHAM AT

Press Opinions as to Admiral's Course Janeiro.

Story of Insurgent Defeat Attack on Nieth Denied.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 23. — From the insurgent source deflated that the insurgents were defeated at attack upon Nietheroy.

London, Feb. 23. — The Pall Mall Gazette says that the British admiral's course in Rio is not a success.

London, Feb. 23. — The Pall Mall Gazette says that the British admiral's course in Rio is not a success.

PARISH COUNCILS BE

LONDON, Feb. 23. — The House this evening agreed to permit schools to hold meetings in school houses.

GERMAN CURRENCY COM

Berlin, Feb. 23. — The currency situation, appointed by the government, passed the bi-metallic and agrarian first sitting to-day.

"RIGID ECONOMY"

LONDON, Feb. 21. — The Times approving comments a long letter from Cross, who contends that rigid economy is the only policy open to the United States.

SOUNDLY FLOGGED.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 23. — who tried to assault a woman yesterday, was attacked by a crowd.

BOUBDIN'S FUNERAL.

LONDON, Feb. 23. — Anarchist Boudin's funeral was held yesterday by a large crowd.