

Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1888

VICTORIA'S PROGRESS.

It is encouraging to see that the customs receipts of this port keep on showing a handsome increase over those of the corresponding period of last year. The receipts for November this year were \$71,030.12. Last year the receipts for November were \$62,210.92. Since the beginning of the present year the customs receipts prove that the trade of the city is steadily and materially increasing. And this too from legitimate trade. An examination of the following statement will show that those who have been so eager to give strangers to the province the impression that trade is leaving Victoria, and that this city has seen its best days are very ill-informed as well as extremely ill-informed. The customs receipts of the first five months of the two years are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Year, Receipts. 1888: July \$71,030.12, August \$64,030.00, September \$61,318.43, October \$79,602.08, November \$71,030.12. 1887: July \$64,030.00, August \$61,318.43, September \$79,602.08, October \$61,318.43, November \$64,030.00.

Total... \$305,214.96

NOT ANALOGOUS.

We see by a late telegram that Lord Salisbury in Glasgow drew a parallel between the action of the Dominion Government during the rebellion in the Northwest and the manner in which his own Government treats political offenders. Such comparisons are generally more specious than just, and this one made by the British Premier is no exception to the rule. The differences between the two cases are many and wide. The first one that strikes the stranger is that the halfbreeds of the Northwest were in open rebellion. They appeared in the field and offered an organized resistance to the Queen's authority. They, in fact, broke away from Great Britain. In Ireland there is no armed resistance to authority, no one pretends to say that the country is in a state of rebellion. Then Ireland was condemned according to the general laws of the Dominion. The offence of which he was guilty would have been an offence under the same laws of British Columbia or Nova Scotia. Laws were made specially for the Northwest, for it was a territory, but they were not coercive laws. Reil was punished according to laws that are in force all over the Dominion. If a leader of the people in Quebec or Ontario had taken the same stand as Louis Reil took he would have been treated in the same way and if made prisoner, he would have been tried by the same laws. Each province in this Dominion has its own laws and its own tribunals, and the laws which are enacted by the Federal Parliament apply with equal force to the whole Dominion. The Federal Parliament has never yet tried the experiment of legislating for one particular province and of erecting tribunals in one part of the Dominion for the purpose of trying certain classes of offenders peculiar to that part. We live in a country where the laws are equal, and where government does not dream in its legislative or its executive action of discriminating for or against any particular province or section. It would be hard to tell how the people of any one province would act if it were put under the operation of coercive laws of any kind. Manitoba has been a little fraction of late. How would its inhabitants feel if laws were passed at the next session of the Federal Parliament which would allow to "provincial" any of the courts under certain contingencies and restricting the right of public meeting? We are afraid that they would not submit to such laws as quietly as the people of Ireland have put up with their coercive laws, and it strikes us very forcibly that those who violate such laws would meet with multitudes of sympathizers in every province of the Dominion. If the members from Manitoba were arrested in Ottawa for speeches made at railway crossings in their own province, we suspect that there would be an agitation in favor from one end of the Dominion to the other. The cases of the Irish members and Reil are very far from being parallel. We find men who have been tried and convicted and imprisoned for offences against the law in Ireland going to England to look for a more lenient trial, as having incurred disgrace, treated by Englishmen of character and position as men whose character is unimpaired. Who looks upon William O'Brien as a criminal? Yet William O'Brien was indicted for committing offences against the law in Ireland. The stones which are morally as good as a man walks the earth, thinks it no degradation to sit at the same table as this man whom Lord Salisbury's laws have made a criminal. Surely Lord Salisbury himself must suspect that there must be some thing wrong with the laws whose open violation does not bring disgrace or even reproach upon the offenders. Reil is encouraging a handful of ignorant simple-minded men to place themselves in opposition to the law of the land and the authority of the Crown, pursued with every sensible man believes to be a wicked course. He wanted to lead those poor people to engage in a struggle in which they could not possibly be successful. Besides, he insisted that he did not regard the scurrilous remarks of the "Town Major" in the light of a personal affront. They looked at the libel in its public aspect and took the most lenient view possible. The scurrilous and spiteful editor of the Times satisfied them. They believed that the publication of the paragraph was an oversight and they passed over the libel without even rebuking the culprit. Their conduct in the matter from first to last was admirable and worthy of men who, strong in conscious integrity, knew that the character of the Bench would not suffer in the estimation of the people of this province from the base insinuations of an anonymous scribbler. And they were right. The forbearance and the gentleness of the judges when they had good cause to be indignant will add to the real dignity of

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

The History of a Remarkable and Accomplished Schemer.

"Dr." Griffin—Slave, Office Boy, Valet—East or West, he is a scoundrel. He is a scoundrel in the eyes of the law, and he is a scoundrel in the eyes of the people. He is a scoundrel in the eyes of the law, and he is a scoundrel in the eyes of the people. He is a scoundrel in the eyes of the law, and he is a scoundrel in the eyes of the people.

COMES TO CANADA.

Leaving his cozy cottage at Niagara Falls, the doctor is supposed to have crossed the river and after spending a few days in St. Catharines, made his way down lake Ontario to the city of Toronto.

LIFE IN MONTREAL.

Having opened an office in Montreal, the doctor proceeded to practice his profession in the city of the St. Lawrence.

HE BIRTH PLACE.

As almost any one would suspect, it is not in the city of Montreal that the doctor was born.

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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Castle Debate on the Administration of Balfour.

Lord Salisbury, Dec. 3.—In the House of Commons the committee on the Irish estimates reported an appropriation of £12,707 and a complete sum of £40,707 necessary for the expense of chief secretary for Ireland.

HOW I SUFFERED.

At the age of three months a rash which afterwards proved to be measles or scarlet fever made its appearance on my face.

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TO LEASE!

MUNICIPAL Store, and Lot 4, Block 19, at Maple Bay.

To be leased for a term of five (5) years.

For particulars apply to the Clerk of Municipal Council, Victoria.

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Chas. Clutter's "Pain-Expeller" is a powerful and reliable remedy for all kinds of pain.

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