

The Colonist

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THE FISHERY COMMISSION.

We are very much pleased to see that the Hon. David W. Higgins has been placed on the Salmon Fishery Commission. He is emphatically the right man, in the right place. He is a man of ability, intelligence and energy, and any work that he undertakes to do will be done thoroughly and well.

All connected with the fishery will, we are sure, be gratified to find that everything pertaining to it is to be inquired into by intelligent and impartial men on the spot. The conditions under which the salmon fishery of the Pacific Coast is prosecuted are peculiar. There is no such fishery anywhere else in the world.

THE KOOTENAY COUNTRY.

The accounts that are continually reaching us from the Kootenay district lead to the conclusion that it is one of the richest mining regions, not of this continent only, but of the world. Discovery after discovery has been made, which proves that the country abounds in the most valuable metals and minerals, and much of its area is still unexplored.

and, if the new finds turn out anything like according to expectation, they will be followed by thousands more. It must not be said, and we believe that it will not be said, that the development of this rich country has been retarded by the apathy or the penuriousness of the Government.

A FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Lord Hartington is no more. He is now the Duke of Devonshire. He has been transferred from the House of Commons to the House of Lords. When he was a Commoner and Lord Hartington, he represented Rossendale in the Lower House.

ACROSS THE LINE.

Honest Canadians feel indignant and humiliated when they hear of the corruption that has been successfully carried on in their own country. They blush for Canada when they are told that members of Parliament and men high in the civil service have conspired with contractors to rob the people for the purpose both of filling their own pockets, and of debauching the electorate.

BARRED TO THE WATER'S EDGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The steamer Australia, which arrived from Honolulu at 11 o'clock this morning, reports that the whaling bark John P. West was burned to the water's edge, on the fish wharf, off Diamond Head, Honolulu. The crew were all saved.

HEAR BOTH SIDES!

"Hear the other side," is very good advice, and the journalist who wishes to aid his readers in coming to sound conclusions on controverted subjects will let them know what is said on both sides. The fashion which some newspapers have of giving scraps of information on the side they favor is most unfair and most unsatisfactory to their intelligent and fair-minded readers.

A SHOCKED SYCOPHANT. The Vancouver World is shocked that the COLONIST should have the audacity to criticize the words and acts of the Attorney General. Independence is a word which is not in its vocabulary. It is perpetually giving praise or smearing. It is perfect disregard of the dearest of those whom it flatters and vilifies. The consequence is that it is held in utter contempt by both its friends and its opponents.

NOT UNBRITISH.

The News-Advertiser, in discussing "The Public School System," takes exception to the power which the law invests in the Council of Public Instruction. It speaks of that Council as "a tribunal which is entirely foreign to our national institutions." If our contemporary had given a little more attention to the subject it would have found that power to cancel licenses is invested in some official in every province where there is a system of public education exists.

DISGRACEFUL RIOTS.

The Salvation Army is having a pretty hard time of it in Eastbourne, an English watering place containing about as many inhabitants as this city. There is a perpetual feud between the roughs of the town and the Salvation soldiers. For some time back the army cannot make its appearance in the street without being attacked and very roughly handled.

A FIERCE ATTACK.

The Regina Leader of the 5th inst. contains a fierce attack on the Hon. Mr. Dewdney. The editor lectures the Premier on political purity, and calls upon him to cleanse the Cabinet. He is indignant that the work of reorganization has been delayed so long.

A RISING MAN.

Sir John Gorst, Secretary of the Treasury, is, next to Mr. Balfour, the most prominent of the rising politicians of the British Conservative Party. Sir John belongs to the new school of Conservatives. He was the political tutor of Lord Randolph Churchill, and is, with that erratic but brilliant nobleman, a leader of the school of Democratic Conservatives.

THE POWER OF PARLIAMENT.

We see that a second commission to enquire into the conduct of the late Government of Quebec is spoken of. It is this setting of commissions above governments either legislative or constitutional. The proper object of the conduct of a Government is, in the first place, Parliament, or the body in which the people are represented, whatever may be its name, and, in the second place, the people.

UNCONSTRAINED.

One of the objects of the Times is, evidently, to create the impression that the teachers of this province are ruled by the Department of Education, with a rod of iron, and that they dare not give expression to their views on any matter connected with the management of the public schools. Nothing can be further from the truth than this.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST. LOCAL AND FOREIGN.

AGAIN VIOLENCE. The return match (Victoria and the Colonies), on the 14th inst., at the Victoria Ground, for the Englishmen's one.

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THE FUNERAL OF THE REV. DR. DUNN. The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Dunn, who died at the Jubilee night, will take place at the Meares street, and at 10 o'clock, on Monday afternoon, from the Chapel of St. Andrew's.

THE WRECKED STEAMER. The wrecked steamer under water, but the Captain and crew were rescued. The vessel was a schooner, and was carrying a large cargo of coal.

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