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THEY HAVE A POLICY.

Dominion government organs and orators affect to believe that it is hard to ascertain what is the Liberal policy. The gravity with which they offer the statement is highly edifying in the face of the generous amount of instruction they receive on the subject.

St. Charles branch railway (14 miles): Promised cost, \$136,000; expended upon it, \$1,740,000; outstanding claims, \$20,719; cost of road itself, \$822,000; cost of land damages, over \$900,000.

Galops Rapids Channel (Cornwall Canal): Contract price, \$306,600; paid to contractor, \$44,500; contractor's claim still unpaid, \$130,000. The minister of canals declared in parliament after the work was taken over that no one would use it.

Sheik's Island dam (Cornwall Canal): The original contract was cancelled and a work abandoned upon which \$15,500 of money was absolutely thrown away.

Langevin Block: Estimate of cost less than \$500,000; already paid, \$781,000; outstanding claims, \$250,000. Contractor Charlebois had this clause put into the contracts which other contractors on the building had with the government.

Curran bridge: Estimated cost, \$123,000; government commissioner's estimate of reasonable cost, \$169,000; actual cost, \$430,000; stolen from the country, \$270,000.

Frederickton & St. Mary's bridge: Paid up capital of company, \$20,000; government loan at 4 per cent., \$300,000; government bonus, \$30,000; total cost of bridge, \$418,000; floating debt of bridge, \$19,000; interest due the government upon loan since 1888, \$66,000; total amount of public money sunk in this private speculation, \$396,000.

Garage Railway: \$224,000 of public money has been put into this sink-hole. The road is not paying running expenses, and the public expenditure, which was incurred for election purposes, is a total loss.

The government's policy may be summed up by the expressive word "boodle."

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

A New Zealander Discussing Commerce With Bowell.

Ottawa, June 10.—J. G. Ward, postmaster-general of New Zealand, is here on his way to the Pacific coast. He had an interview with Bowell this forenoon. His business with the government is said to be the making of preliminary arrangements looking to a commercial treaty between Canada and New Zealand.

For the purpose of reducing the permanent militia corps it is proposed to lop off thirty men from each company.

A MINER'S HORRIBLE DEATH LATE CABLE DISPATCHES.

Helplessly Mutilated by an Explosion, He Perishes in the Flames.

Many Former Conservatives Swelling the Opposition Forces—Big Rally.

Nanaimo, June 7.—A company to be known as the Nanaimo-Rosland Mining Co., Ltd., is being formed for the purpose of mining in the Kootenay country. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$500,000 in shares of \$100 per share.

The Rosland Miner of June 1st says: "A. Hall, P. T. McCormick, J. Keeter, N. Mackenzie and A. M. Leitch received the cash payment on the sale of the White Elephant, Louise and Elizabeth No. 2 to-day."

The sculling match, postponed from May 24, will be pulled on Saturday evening. There are quite a number of entries and the match promises to be interesting.

Nanaimo, June 8.—An important meeting of Liberals took place last evening in this city, when not only was there a large gathering of Liberals present, but quite a number of Conservatives, and they were frank in expressing their determination to support the Liberal party in the approaching election.

The pay roll of the N.Y.C.Co. to-day amounted close to \$89,000.

At 2 o'clock this morning Jesse Smith, a miner of Wellington, met a horrible death by fire at his cabin on the new townsite.

Nanaimo, June 10.—It is reported that a public meeting is to be held in this city at an early date to protest against the action of the provincial government in reducing the pay of men working on the government roads.

Although it was generally expected that the East Wellington mines would be started up as soon as they were purchased by the Wellington company, such will not be the case from present indications.

The walking match between Hancock, the English champion, and Sutton, the American champion, announced to take place on Saturday night, did not mature.

The sculling match on Saturday evening was won by W. Martin. E. Eastham broke one of his oars or the race might have ended differently.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Twelve Year Old Boy Heroically Saves a Young Lady's Life.

New Westminster, June 10.—Ernest Fortier, aged 17, of Vancouver, while visiting his sister at Nicomen yesterday, went out for a ride. The horse threw him and he fell on his head, fracturing his skull. He died an hour later.

Two daughters of M. McGee, Lower Sumas, were drowned yesterday while crossing the slough at McGillivray's on their way to church.

A Heavy Consignment of Canadian Horses Have Been Sold in London.

W. G. Grace, the Celebrated Cricketer, May Receive a Knighthood.

London, June 10.—The Post in an editorial this morning says the odds in favor of the team selected from all the American universities would be very large. It would be very glorious for the universities of England to beat their American competitors, while defeat itself would not be discredit.

The Countess of Essex, who before her marriage was Miss Adele Grant, daughter of Mrs. Beach Grant, New York, has been accouched of a daughter.

A dispatch received at Rome from Rimini announces that Signor Ferrari, who was recently elected member of the chamber of deputies, defeating the socialist candidate in his district, and who was shot by unknown men during a dispute last Monday week, is dead.

The Spanish war office announces that reinforcements of two battalions of infantry and other troops, intended for the island of Cuba, will leave Spain on Monday, June 17.

London, June 9.—A special dispatch received here from Riga, the capital of the province of Livonia, Russia, says a sailing vessel has been captured on Stint lake and twelve out of sixteen persons on board were drowned.

The United States cruisers Columbia and New York sailed from Southampton today for the Baltic in order to take part with the San Francisco and the Marblehead in the ceremonies attending the opening of the Baltic and North sea canal.

Owing to the Whitsuntide holidays, these who could do so fitted to the country or flew to the seaside, and the town is deserted by those who furnish food for the gossip of millions.

It is announced that Dr. Pim, the English lawn tennis champion, who has just for the third time captured the Irish championship and thereby won outright the Fitzwilliam cup, has decided to retire from the tennis field owing to his growing practice as a medical man.

Mr. Arthur George Vanittart, secretary of the British legation at Munich, who has been gazetted British consul at Chicago in succession to Mr. J. Sandler, has been in the diplomatic service for twenty years, being transferred from the latter service to the consular service—a very rare departure, but promotion in the British diplomatic service is slow and the consular post at Chicago is worth £1,200 yearly.

Mr. Marshall Field, jr., has taken Earl Russell's beautiful palace at Maidenhead. The earl, whose troubles with his wife have brought him so much before the public in an unenviable light, has lately been delivering addresses at Aveing.

Great crowds of English and American people are leaving London to-day for Paris to witness the race for the Grand Prix de Paris of two hundred thousand francs for entire coits and filies foaled in 1892, which takes place to-morrow over the grand course, about one mile and seven furlongs.

A heavy consignment of American and Canadian horses were sold here yesterday. Twenty-six Canadian horses averaged 30 guineas apiece, and 24 Canadian horses which were landed from the steamer Carlisle City a few days ago, were sold at the same average price.

Nineteen American horses, exported by W. H. Forester, of Iowa, brought an average of 28 guineas each.

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THEIR FAVORITE WEAPON

The Dominion Government and Its Friends Resort to Misrepresentation.

Tariff Policy of the Liberals—The Booming of Montague for Leader.

Ottawa, June 2.—The debate on the budget is over. It lasted from May 22d to May 29th. Nearly a week of that time was, however, covered with the Queen's birthday holidays.

Since that time Mr. Brodeur had seen the papers in the court in Montreal, being engaged on the alleged forgery case. On Friday last he told Sir Adolphe Caron that the papers were in his department and that the prothonotary in Montreal had returned them there, showing that the postmaster-general had told an untruth when he said they were lost.

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Mr. Wickwire threw down the paper in a way that betokened some irritation. "What is the matter, dear?" asked Mr. Wickwire. "Oh, nothing." "Oh, yes, there was something. What was it?" "Well, if you must know, I saw something in the paper about 'China worried,' and it turned out to be something about that same war. I thought it was some new kind of dress goods."

against a postmaster, and had the latter dismissed. The postmaster was accused of forgery by the inspector. The courts had since shown that there was not any foundation for the charge.

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CLUB A CONSTABLE.

Reported Assault of Officer Span by Unruly Abousut Indians.

Whisky is king at Abousut. The aborigines are having a "high old time" at the little way-off village on the western coast of the island. They have clubbed a provincial police constable and put a government agent in a boat and sent him home, and they are having things all their own way, just as much as if they were the rulers of the land.

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NEWS OF OUR COUNTRY

Rich Finds Rep Creek—General Intelligence

Renewed Active Mining—The and Vic

The Nelson

An English company Mr. Hughes, is prospecting ground near Lillooet considered good, and brought from Cayuse will be some heavy.

On the Lambert claim are engaged by the Cariboo Hydraulic Co. The course of the river, the bed, which is rich. There are rich there up the river.

Mr. J. B. Hobson, Cariboo Hydraulic Co. writes that more to Cariboo than can number are destitute charity to dissuade means from going up.

Reports of rich finds in the Victoria area brought by Saunderson, of Victoria, and Childs & Rose there is a two which assays of \$500. The Alberni, further by some of the Victoria promise well.

The Victoria company engaged on its claims opening up a ditch and expect to have a week's work.

Forty-five claims have private parties near being worked by cleanups as high as been made.

Geo. T. Gardner suddenly open two hydraulic near North Bend. Horsely Hydraulic quoted at \$25, making the property \$1,500,000.

It is strange that so badly misinformed of its neighborhood as issue it states that a tramway is to end at Sheppard depot, which as untrue. In another a Scotch company of Pett is the "president" in hold of the Silver wrong again. This is made on the authority of Vancouver, and the Dilsheimer is content to dep in the street" for its making ridiculous blun.

The proprietors of about ten tons of ore of latest assay shows \$12. The Mabel has been. The O.K. is now turn worth of ore a day. T works well.

F. S. Algiers and made two locations samples of their ore of copper.

A. Hall and P. McCated a claim called on Stony Creek. The gold and 70 ounces in has been already. The lead on the Kd well; the ore is rich a tity. There is no doubt being taken up.

The Grand Prize No. ing prospect with a led 30 feet wide bearing and galena.

The St. Elmo has Messrs. Loring and M. A. Burbridge rep of free milling ore ne Assays show an average ounce of gold and a neighborhood is expected.

There has been some ing the last few days on Eight Mile Creek of Claims have been stat for two or three years, ing very great was the. Lately some very good made.

Two claims have been tely opposite New Deny surface rock show \$6 in Vernon N.

The agricultural socie minister have invited H Governor-General to ohibition in October. about the same dat good idea for the Okat uncheon Agricultural S to secure the presen den before he makes a sagements.

On Monday afternoon migrants from Washing for Northern Alberta, having come up on the deen. They took with of horses, among whi fine looking animals.