

A PROPOSED GERRYMANDER.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M. P., has not been hitherto regarded as a candidate to speak with authority as to the policy of the Laurier ministry...

THE DREYFUS CASE.

It is difficult to foresee the outcome of the Dreyfus affair. It may plunge France into a new revolution. The condition of things which the confession of Major Esterhazy discloses is almost unheard of...

SIDEWALKS.

Considerable earth and cinder sidewalks have been laid in Victoria during the present year, and the portion of it that has been carefully laid promises to give very great satisfaction...

FLAX CULTURE.

Last year the Colonist directed the attention of the farmers of British Columbia to the great possibilities of flax culture. Experience has shown that the yield of flax per acre is so high that if the quality is good, the crop would be very profitable...

If the flax is grown and manipulated under proper conditions, and the people who thoroughly understand the business on Puget Sound, we are convinced that the cultivation of it would be of the greatest importance...

We urge this subject upon the attention of the provincial government, and it is also a matter that might properly receive the consideration of the Dominion department of agriculture...

the finest samples of flax we have ever seen was grown in the White River valley, Washington, and never had a drop of rain on it from the time it was sown until it was gathered...

FOOTPRINTS.

As a mark of special favor one of the officers of the Khedive permitted Sir Samuel Baker to enter a newly opened tomb, which had not been unsealed since it was closed up more than forty centuries ago...

A somewhat belated letter has come to hand from a correspondent, who says he speaks for those "who are perhaps more fastidious as to the etiquette of our prosody than we are correct in our syntax..."

Sir Charles Tupper talked to a Montreal interviewer about his plans for next year's political campaign. The physical vitality of Sir Charles is something marvellous, but it is not so surprising as his mental activity...

The Times seems particularly grieved because the Colonist exposed on Sunday the unjust action of the government in regard to Miss Woolley. We really cannot see what Sunday has to do with the matter...

Commenting upon British Columbia politics, the Manitoba Free Press says: "When the two parties line up and the separation is made, the sheep from the goats, the people will know where they are at..."

The Dominion Labor Congress, in expressing the opinion that a minimum wage of \$2 a day should be paid the letter-carriers, is quite reasonable. By the way, what has become of all that agitation which our Liberal friends indulged in a few years ago over the pay of these men?

know that they took up a great deal of space, as they called for the exercise of much consideration and some little research. If we failed then to make clear why we thought the Lieutenant-Governor acted wrongly, it would hardly be worth while to try to do so now...

A point which will interest lawyers has arisen in connection with an extradition case in California. The wife of John J. Dunning died at Dover, Delaware, from eating poisoned candy sent from San Francisco...

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Current Comment

MR. MULOCK'S JUBILEE. The public opinion mill is boasting of the great financial triumph of Mr. W. Mulock in the postal department. He has reduced a deficit of \$751,000 to \$46,000. It is all nonsense. There never was a deficit of \$750,000, and there is not a reduction of \$46,000. The fact is, Mr. Mulock roped in rather more revenue than usual last year by selling jubilee stamps—Toronto Mail and Empire.

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DROPPED INTO A MINE. Particulars of an Exciting Incident at Wellington Attributed to a Referred to. Late Sunday night and the early hours of Monday morning witnessed a scene of great excitement caused by a cave-in underneath Mr. T. F. Waggner's house. Mr. Haggart was awakened about 11:30 on Sunday night by a strange rumbling sound which he described as resembling an earthquake. He roused his neighbors, Mr. Matheson and Mr. D. Wilson. About this time a man arrived at the house, and he roused his wife, mine and the three turned back and went down the shaft. There they found that the roof in the north west corner had caved in and the level was knee deep in water and mud. In the meantime Mr. Haggart had indications of what was about to happen. He had tried to re-enter the mine to take out the children, but the front door was wedged fast and the back door locked, so that he was forced to enter by the window. The door was open and he saw the children and his wife and three children. He saw them all in a state of panic, and he saw them all in a state of panic, and he saw them all in a state of panic...

MINES ON T... Consolidated Albert... Than Ever Will Develop... Similar Promised... And a Progress... Cam...

Among the coast mines... Island where work is... a good shape... the large Hayes Camp, on the... from the town of Albert... owned by the Hayes... Mother of Portland... Oregon Railway and... pany. There is a shaft... on the property and is... ceived in town yesterday... an assay of ore from the... shaft assayed on gold... and 19.8 per cent, in co... value of \$162.18. The... that a shaft is being... down the hill from the... shaft and that the ore... three miles. The mine... and more will be pur... mits.

According to a corres... Nainaimo Free Press the... pany on Texada island... siderable attention... shaft now down about 220... ing a fine body of ore from... foot of the shaft... cent. copper." Mr. Tre... that a shipment of 200 ton... In a recent interview... Toronto World Mr. W... New York, secretary of... said in regard to the mine... reaches the surface... a double compartment... hundred and eighty feet... widened out to twenty... of this went fifty dollars... The other thirteen feet... and is split into two... cent. copper." Mr. Tre... would realize \$50 a ton... he said, were going to an... immediate condition... expected it to be rung... next.