The Colonist.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1898.

THE STIKINE ROUTE.

The actual facts in regard to the con ditions existing on the Stikine river were given in the Colonist on Sunday, and it is quite inaccurate to say that there is no likelihood that any of the parties now on the way will get up the river on the ice. The season has been exceptionally mild and the ice which formed in December has been worn all right.

There will be no difficulty in operating if formally annexed. a line of sleighs down Lake Teslin and the Hootalinqua, and we suppose further on the ice. The only thing to be BRITISH COLUMBIA provided is shelter and food, and these as much trouble in keeping a road covered of getting over this.

It is remarkable that, while further North persons en route to the Yukon vince, and says many things that are of those selecting the Stikine have been kept back by mild weather. The news pushing their way along. As we understand it, if the soft snow encountered of the journey.

GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN. In spite of forebodings to the contrary, Great Britain has gained considerably ble from the fact that the seat of govin the diplomatic fencing that has been ernment is here. He also speaks of the Duncan railway, and gives as a reason and elsewhere, and it does not make the in progress over the Orient. Yesterday's despatches announce that a complete tion is scarcely hatched," thereby vince will be immediate and amply and packed, when they are taken to the understanding exists between the Im- creating the impression that social con- sufficient to repay the necessary outlay." markets of those countries. Hence it perial government and Japan, which, it ditions here are unsettled. He attri- The argument is sound in principle, and follows that if the business is once driven is said, is likely to secure peace for the butes the excitement over Klondike to we assume is warranted by the facts. away from the Fraser it cannot be atpresent. As the Colonist has already the desire to sell groceries and the hope We hope the Kootenaian's logic will not tracted back again. pointed out, Russia is in a very poor of "inducing men who have good pros- give out when it becomes necessary to The Fraser canneries have been estabposition to fight even Japan single- pects in the Kootenays to sell them for deal with other railway matters. handed at so great a distance. It would less than their value." On page 88 he be impossible to send a sufficient number gays: "It is said that the middleman of troops by land before Japan could trade of Victoria is passing into the said that, though the Stikine-Teslin rail- equal. It will be hard if they are driven seize the Siberian railway, and trans- hands of the Chinese," which will be way may be finished by September, we to leave the Dominion and erect their portation by water would be out of the news to the people of Victoria. Through- cannot use it if bonding privileges are plants elsewhere, merely to gratify what question, not only on account out the book there is a very not granted at Wrangel. Mr. Foster is is little else than a spirit of demagogu-Russia has not a fleet sufficient able and racy, and the author the United States is so discourteous as position in this matter last year on repto convoy the transports. With Great is not always particular to see that his to refuse bonding privileges, will be for resentations made from the Coast, and Britain co-operating with Japan, Russia facts tally with his pleasantries, or the transportation companies to take we are not without hope that if strong would be powerless on the Pacific coast. rather he seizes upon exaggerations, custom house officers on board their protests are forwarded at once they will Her war vessels could not get there for which we all understand and appreciate steamers. This will not be a very seri-produce a similar effect this year. There lack of coal, and her transports would be when employed in conversation, and ous matter. in the same condition. If Russia insists thrusts them forward in cold type, where on war, it would undoubtedly be the they look very differently to the way policy of the Anglo-Japanese forces to they sound when told in a social that. secure registration on the voters' lists are paying out large sums of money for capture Vladivostock as soon as ice will Apart from things of this sort the book are under consideration, the Colonist labor every year that we can afford to permit, take possession of the railway, is well compiled and in view of the haste wishes to say that in its humble judg- drive out the Fraser river canneries. keep the Russian forces from reaching with which it was got up, and about ment the fewer they are the better, so the coast, and at the same time drive the this there can be little doubt, is an ex- long as fraud can be prevented and Russian fleet from the sea. The posi- ceedingly good production and its ap- every man entitled to a vote has a tion of Japan would be very safe. We pearance at this time will be of great reasonable chance of getting it. do not see how Russia could hope suc- advantage to the province. cessfully to maintain an agressive war against Great Britain. She could GOLD MINING IN SOUTH AFRICA. not hope to do so on the ocean. In fact it is doubtful if her fleet would venture to sea. Russian territory is not coterminous with British and how it is carried on in other territory anywhere, except possibly among the Pamirs in Northwestern India, and we see no reason to suppose that it would be possible for the Czar's government to carry on a successful campaign in those mountains and at the same time defend Eastern Siberia. The understanding between Great Britain and Japan is a guarantee of peace.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

The San Francisco Argonaut thinks that larger than the district between Victoria the Hawaiian "annexation scheme is and Saanich. wounded unto the death." That the treaty cannot be carried through the question. A proposal has been made to United States government the fact that bounty for the destruction of horned the news was shown by a long Postcarry annexation by "joint resolution." This the Argonaut says would be unconstitutional; but we are not impressed by that idea. We do not see why the United States congress cannot pass a resolution or a statute erect-Hawaiian republic choose to recognize such a statute or resolution and act in Gulf of Georgia to take on a customs accordance with it, we do not see what any one else has to say about the matter. But this is not very important if, as the chance of the House of Representatives voting for annexation.

The people of Canada are considerably the Hawaiian group are not very great, and if the islands should become a part of the United States they would not stand much of a chance of increasing. If the annexation plan fails, it may be possible to secure some commercial ad-fact, it ought to be without delay.

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vantages from the island government There does not appear to be the least intention on the part of Great Britain to has so many interests in the Orient, and mit them to regard action of this kind is so desirous of keeping on good terms with complacency. The only possible with the United States, that we do not use that Spain can have for a powerful suppose she would think of interfering. fleet in Cuban waters is to be

be the best; but as this is out of the mount to a defiance from Madrid. question, the United States ought to be

FOR SETTLERS.

Frances MacNab, author of "On to shut United States lead out of British he would at once move his plant to the interior is not great, so there will be not Veldt and Farm" and other books, has Columbia. We suggest that if Mr. Bos- state of Washington. He said he was written a book entitled "British Colum- tock, M. P., who is credited with being waiting to hear what success attended open as there is in Quebec. The only bia for Settlers; its Mines, Trade and the financial father of the Era, would the request of the boards of trade for the part of the work that may present seri- Agriculture." It is published in Lon- take this question up in parliament, he withholding of the duty before giving ous obstacles is the lower part of the don by Chapman & Hall. There are would simply be doing his duty. While his orders for the summer. If the duty river, which sometimes is late in freez- three maps, and we are sorry to see that if the gentlemen whom the Era calls was kept off, he intended to give instrucing; but a way will probably be dis- neither of them shows the whole of the "the Turner-Pooley crowd" were to tions to go on with preparations for the province. Mr. MacNab has a very high deal with it they would be stepping out- season's pack. If it was imposed, he inappreciation of the resources of our pro- side of their prerogative. have been stopped by the intense cold, great value. At times he becomes careless and employs language which is only the obstructive tactics of the opposition, the boundary. Another extensive canintended to be funny, but is very likely and takes over a column to do so. It ner writes the Colonist: "There is one from the river during the next few days to be misleading. Opening the book at scents defeat in the air and takes com- thing you may be perfectly sure of, and will be watched with great interest. random, on page 201 we find the follow-Mackenzie & Mann are still sending up ing: "It was raining (I am told it rains avenge it." When the voters have had driving a great deal of labor and the supplies and their men are still at work every day in Nanaimo)." Again, on page 11 of the introduction we read: "Still to- tlemen, who are now foremost in advis- steamboat hire, which properly belongs day the island people are incredultwenty miles up is once passed, there ous that mainland cities should ant leisure to attend to their private for the salmon will be caught and packed will be very good travelling for the rest be as important as Victoria. Have business uninterrupted by dreams of just the same." they not the government build- political power. ings in Victoria?" That is to say, Victoria people think the chief thing in British Columbia is the business derivaprovince as "a country whose constitudistance, but because apparent effort to make it read- mistaken. All that will be necessary, if ism. The government receded from its

countries.

Returns from the Transvaal last year, 1897, for the twelve months ending December 31st, for the district of Johannesberg alone, shows the following: Number of companies crushing..

Number of stamps working. 3,567

Number or tons crushed. 5,325,355

Number of ounces gold. 3,034,678

Value in dollars @ \$5 to the £ \$52,918,080

Average yield per ton. 11,397dwts

Total dividends for the year. \$13,567,900

This is an enormous amount of wealth to be taken in a single year out of an area no

Senate seems to be settled beyond all ought to bring under the notice of the sidering the expediency of offering a lustration of this method of dealing with reason from the opposition. vessels engaged in the coasting trade of owls. that country are allowed to pass through Canadian territorial waters without customs escort on their way to Alaska. The distances which these steamers ply through our waters is about six huning the islands into a state of the dred miles. Canada has a perfect right Union, and if the people of the under the law of nations to require every vessel passing north out of the escort. The United States has no right side route" as far north as Dixon's secured to them by treaty on the lower Stikine and the lower Yukon, but the enjoyment of the privipossesses no vital interest to us. At couver Island and the Mainland, and way to be the best conceivable route to in commending the route as preferable present our commercial connections with through the channels, followed by the the Yukon. It would be if the line were to all others. The experience of men whole American Alaskan fleet, depends extended to the Coast. and if the islands should become a part upon the courtesy of Canada and can be

THE departure of the Spanish torpedo squadron for the West Indies is not favorable to peace. This looks very much acquire the group. Japan was credited like a challenge to the United States, with such an idea a year ago, but so and the temper of the people of that little has been heard of it lately, Japan country is not such just now as will per-The interests of Hawaii undoubtedly prepared to resist the fleet of the United call for the control of some strong gov- States. This makes the situation more ernment. That of Great Britain would difficult than it has been, for it is tanta-

We find on the notice paper a question to receive or their services are worth.

THE Golden Era says that "if the the boundary. Turner-Pooley crowd were worth their This is no idle threat. Last year one salt" they would induce the Dominion of the large cannery owners said to the government to put on a retaliatory duty | Colonist that, if the duty was imposed,

fort in the thought that "the voters will that is the duty will have the effect of

government should not hesitate a mo- Canadian demand. The sale is in Great ment in extending aid to the Lardo- Britain, Continental Europe, Australia that "the return in revenue to the pro- least difference where the fish are caught

very flippantly about doing away with Canadian trade. The season has been a record performance, just before the the bonding privileges. In view of the mild beyond precedent, so that at a time curtain falls. It may be of some interest to our read- fact that 443,875 car loads of United of year when, on all occasions since there The opposition were not satisfied to ers to know what gold mining really is States produce passed in bond through has been traffic upon it, the river has accept Mr. Speaker's ruling, although Canada last year, it is clear that the ad- been solidly frozen over, the ice is in they must have known it to be in acvantage is not all on the side of the such condition that a week ago travel was cordance with British precedent, and

> cle is to apply for a writ de lunatico in- let people know exactly how things are. | doubtless have stood two to one. Whequirendo, and as the creature is harm- We do not wish to appear invidious, but ther the effect of this vote will be to

what it has lost by the fact that Mr. to travel would have been suppressed or we are sure will be the general verdict of Higgins remained so long in the Speak- else the facts would have been distorted the people. That every reasonable arguer's chair. Yesterday he compelled the so as to create an impression more ment is in favor of such an effect is also We think the Dominion government government to admit that it was con- favorable than they warranted. An il- plain. But we have ceased to look for

in the estimates is under discussion.

States citizens.

THE TAX ON FRESH SALMON.

The Dominion has decided to impose a tax of one-half cent per pound upon benefit.

patriotic, we presume, if the salmon same time cold weather sometimes ther it is desirable, from a United States by Mr. Higgins as to the intention of comes in March and if it does, the par- standpoint, is quite another matter. We the government in regard to the salaries buy any fish that were thus rudely inties now on the river will get through are inclined to think that it might be; of certain permanent officials. What terrupted in their journey to Canadian but a nation with a single outlying pos- this intention may be we do not know, territory, but these gentlemen, what-Next season there will be a road along session would be much in the position but we feel satisfied that if the public ever may be their views on the question the bank of the river from the canyon of a hen with one chick. It would be fully appreciated the situation and down, and this will make it possible to constantly in trouble without any compensating benefit. The chief benefit to ments are increasing, there would not be mental fiscal principle of the Liberal Mackenzie & Mann can get their road be derived would be from its availability a word of objection to the restoration of as a way station between America and salaries to their old figures. This proget them most cheaply. They will conthere will be winter travel up the river Asia; but, as such, it would be almost vince has no wish to have its public serand down the Yukon all next winter. as valuable if independent as it would be vants work for less pay than they ought of compelling them to purchase their them over to the United States side of

tended at once to give orders to dismantle his plant on the Fraser and erect THE News-Advertiser apologizes for a new one on the United States side of their little say next summer some gen- manufacture of boxes, labels, etc., and ing obstructive tactics, will have abund- to this country, to the American side,

We draw attention to the fact that the fish are not canned for the home market. THE Kootenaian thinks the provincial A very small quantity would supply the

lished by enterprising Canadians, who sure does not suit the house, the governnaturally prefer to carry on business in Hon. Mr. Foster is reported as having their own country, other things being is, or at least there ought to be no polities in this matter. We have not so WHILE the formalities necessary to many industries in this province that

made the most of by those persons and to be about to close, and desires to Some of our American exchanges talk newspapers that are seeking to injure signalize his general obstructiveness by interrupted and no word has since been they challenged it, the result being that received, except that if the weather turned they were only able to muster ten votes, THE Times complains that the Colon- cold it would be all right. These being the government vote being nineteen, IST has not replied to an article which the literal facts of the case, they were with one member, who usually votes appeared in its columns on Saturday. made public in good faith by the British with the government, being absent. If less, there is no use in resorting to that. we have a suspicion that if Seattle had check the obstructive tactics so needtaken as much interest in the lessly begun and badly carried out, we THE country has already evidence of Stikine as Victoria has, the interruption do not know. That it ought to do so, Intelligencer interview the other day, made during the recess of what charges purporting to have been had with a man of incompetency and corruption the op-Mr. Helmcken's motion "that the from Dyea. He was represented as talk-position were prepared to hurl against present condition of the Provincial ing enthusiastically over the outlook for the government, we think this policy of Lunatic Asylum demands the attention travel there. He told the Colonist that obstruction, based upon such flimsy preof the government," is of a very un- all he said to the Post-Intelligencer re- texts that it could only secure ten votes, usual character. The usual way to bring porter was: "Yes, I came down from is the lamest and most impotent conclu-Dyea.'

The Seattle paper says that the Cana- combination of politicians that can give THE Toronto Mail favors the Colon- dian government decided upon the Sti- no better evidence of their usefulness IST idea that if the United States proves kine route without ascertaining the than the expenditure of vast quantities whatever in what is known as the "in- unreasonable in the matter of transpor- facts. Such is not the case. The opin- of breath, in discussing worn out issues, tation facilities, it will be incumbent on ion of every person qualified to judge has given the best evidence that there is Argonaut says, there is not the least Entrance. Canadians have rights Canada to close the Yukon to United was taken, and all were to the same effect. Major Walsh, of the Mounted Po- life. An opposition, which after so lice, Engineer St. Cyr, Engineer Jenn- much boasting, finds itself worse de-THE Toronto Globe says it does not ings, practical miners, experienced feated than at any time in its history, The people of Canada are considerably but the enjoyment of the priviconcerned in this subject, although it lege to sail north between Van. claim the proposed Stikine-Teslin railwoodsmen and others are unanimous has outlived its usefulness. who have travelled on the Stikine year after year, both summer and winter,

navigable, and that for two months every winter, and some seasons for for three menths the ice is fit for a good winter road. An altogether exceptional fresh salmon imported from the United winter is not to be set against the record States. The ostensible object of this is of a quarter of a century. We recall to protect the people who are engaged in that about ten years ago, railway travel catching salmon in Fraser river. It is in Pennsylvania was interrupted for a a great mistake and with have the effect long time by the snow. In the autumn of injuring those whom it is intended to of 1896 railway travel was at a standstill for weeks in Western Washington be-The facts of the case are that large cause of floods. It would be just as quantities of salmon, that are bound for sensible to declare that these conditions the Fraser, are taken in fish traps in are normal in Pennsylvania and Wash-United States waters. It would be more ington as it is to condemn the Stikine as a winter route, because it has been bad

The Canadian government in its selection of the Stikine route, has shown excellent judgment and a thorough knowledge of the conditions to be encountered. It is this that makes the Post-Intelligencer so angry and leads it so to misrepresent the facts of the case. It began this sort of thing last summer and we suppose will continue it to the end.

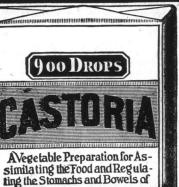
OBSTRUCTIONISTS CHECKED.

The obstructive tactics of the opposition met with a decided check yesterday, when Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not proper under the rules of the house to discuss the general policy of the government upon the formal motion "That the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the motion that supply be granted to Her Maiesty." The plan of the opposition is to talk as long as they are physically able upon all the formal motions, so as to delay the granting of supply as long as possible. No one knows what they hope to accomplish by this proceeding. It is doubtful if they know themselves. They have determined upon such a course in default of any good ground upon which to attack the government. It is a species of tactics which is utterly inapplicable to the conditions existing in our local legislature, where there are a hundred and one ways of introducing votes of wants of confidence, and where there is not the least reason to suppose that any intention exists on the part of the government to dissolve the house as soon as supply is granted. The opposition know perfectly well that after supply has been passed the government will bring down its measures, and may even bring some of them down while supply is in progress, and will afford every facility for the discussion of them. The pretence that the obstructive tactics are resorted to because the redistribution bill has not been brought down is an excuse that deceives no one. There is no necessary connection between supply and redistribution. If the latter meament will be defeated upon it, and that is all that could happen, if it were introduced now. The fact of supply being voted would not alter the vote of a single member on the redistribution measure, and the opposition know it perfectly well. They have taken up the

obstructive plan, because they have been induced by the junior member for Vancouver to do so. He thinks it a wondrously clever trick. It is almost as clever as his feat of riding two horses at once, which he performed so gracefully during last session. How he has managed, after that performance, to mesmerize Mr. Semlin's followers into acobstruction passes comprehension. How he has persuaded himself that it is good generalship is difficult to imagine. The only explanation that suggests itself is The news from the Stikine is of course that he realizes his own political career

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how to get the ships home not yet been solved.
According to the secretar the United States flag with over the new ships within bably, and just as soon as he put aboard the Amazon for the United States. The will follow at the earl moment. The terms of secrets.

The availability of the ships was first brought to of the navy department agent of the Nordenfeldt c was authorized to dispose obuilding at Elswick, and building at Elswick, and course of construction in Lane said to-day that the techased would be a most desi ition to the American na were the latest and best profamous Armstrong yards. ships is complete in ev has her coal supplies and on heard and steam can be on board, and steam can be time. There will be no trousing the ship across as an adfrom the local yards can be the service. It is said the ammunition on board passes ale to the United States. Inition is not of the kind in American navy, so that the ammunition is a necessary ammunition is a necessary the new ships.

The other ship has been la

The other ship has been latit will take some time to make for sea. Mr. Lane believes that there will be no difficult ing her over immediately if make the move without dehull of the ship is so well alocould be towed and her own withing for the trip garget. utilized for the trip across.

NEW YORK, March 14 .- A the Herald from Tokio says: correspondent visited the M to-day (Sunday) and asked hi the Japanese government wo cruisers Kasagi and Chitose to cruisers Kasagi and Chitose to States. The Premier hesitated and replied: "I think that I that Japan prefers to get po-all the ships building for her possible. Officers have alread dered to bring the Kasagi and Japan, and the builders hav quested to hasten their co However I wish to have the States understand that Japa the Kasagi and Chitose, not fre willingness to oblige her, bu Japan needs them herself.

"In case of war between t States and Spain, Japan will warships of both belligeren coal at Japanese ports, or r both. Whether war is declare two or more powers, Japan, if will bear in mind the deciding coal question in a manner by decision will affect all bellige

her own interests."
The Herald correspondent unquestionable authority that a party to the negotiations no between England and Russ Petersburg, and also that alliance exists between England, they have a definite uning and are exting in barmony ing and are acting in harmon, diplomatic officer said to the dent: "You may say positi Japan will back up Englan Russia, and if England maints attitude, all immediate danger past unless Russia is resolved once. In view of Englan superiority, she being in pos all the available coal at easte Russia will probably take a coal state of the resolve.

tone for the present.
The Herald correspondent Japan has received an offer land for all the warships but her in English private yards, of three 15,000 ton battleships first-class armored cruisers of 4000 tons each. The offer has treed

The Mail and Express has ting cablegram from London accute crisis between the Uni and Spain is the uppermost to where in London. No one seem to believe war can be averted. newspapers are making elaborarations for correspondents.
by admiralty officials that twee British war vessels with a school of naval officers on both detailed to cruise in the vicil Spanish and American fleets each to the transport possible of able to take every possible The war between Japan and a revelation of the extraordin of modern marine warefare firmly believed in London American authorities posse wonderful new discoveries in engines of destruction. Leadi papers on the continent are in sympathetic with the The destruction of the Main by accident or design, seems t tled that. It is believed her goes to war she wil be in a coutter desolation. The only which would give her more would perhaps be Austria."

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