The Colonist.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1899.

A PROTEST

We do not know who was responsible Island that if the men did not cease cutture to disobey his orders. In conse-

oner to death, and inflict the penalty declining to publish any that are not. with his own hands.

We are far from saying that cases do not arise where an officer is instified in using force, even to the extent of causing the death of a person under arrest or the Revelstoke Herald to remark that seeking to avoid arrest; but we do say Spain did a pretty good stroke of busithat every other expedient ought first ness when she sold that "bunch of to be exhausted. But some will say that belligerency" for \$20,000,000. unless the officer making the arrests at The Columbian recommends Dead would have been his duty in such a case mightily unhealthy for politicians. to withdraw and return with sufficient awe those who propose to resist the exe- for British Columbia is to get a repre cution of the process of the courts. But sentative for Kootenay in parliament of "gun law" into British Columbia.

MR. MARTIN'S POSITION.

Hven Attorney-General Martin him self must feel that he has made a very to his anomalous position it was met with the curtest possible reply, and more themselves so as to hold the trade of their own country. than one of the newspapers which supbehalf of the province, and displaying have elections once a week. an amount of zeal suggestive of a desire to cover up his previous actions. of Mr. Martin in the Deadman's island If he had done his duty in the first place, matter "if not scandalous is too peril-

attorney-general, when he heard that the an E. & N. lawsuit, and, while admit-start in their new homes. This is the Dominion government had granted Mr. ting that it does not know if there was class needed, and so that they come we Ladgate a lease, to inquire as to the any impropriety in this, says that the ought not to be particular as to whence rights of the province to the premises. discussion shows how much better it they come. Every facility ought to be We suppose there was not a man in the would be if the ministers would devote put in the way of desirable immigrants prevince, professional or layman, who themselves to the public duties they are from all parts of the world, but governgave the subject a moment's serious conin his mind as to how the Dominion obperform any public duties. He was an Some fear is expressed that Canada at all. It was certainly Mr. Martin's business to think of this. That is the sort of work he is paid for. Instead of this, we find him championing the claims of the Dominion lessee, and either wil-

regard is the culmination of a series of ciate. extraordinary acts, exhibiting such recklessness, wrong-headedness and disregard of public opinion that his continuof years, his hasty and blundering leg- charge from persons occupying the people will be desirable immigrants. It be largely in excess of the deposits, it The Victoria Chemical Co Ld.

cal conduct toward members of the legslature, and his utter disregard of pul lic opinion stamp him as a dangerou man whose presence in a government a source of peril to the best interests of the province.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

improvements now attracting public atwould shoot them down, but we wish to tention but some one asks why the writer ed in this way, and we repeat that the being regarded as a lawful threat. We would be well if every one who writes as saying anything against it. Our only know that in the Western states an on these subjects would append his signa- point is that such an investigation canidea prevails that an officer of the law ture to his letter for publication. It is not be anything like conclusive, owing to dividual independence has a right to shoot persons who ven- really the only fair plan. We have in the irregular nature of the rock formaquence of this men have been killed, was as wholly independent of the pro- rock beneath the surface is anything like when the only offense against the law ject which he advocated as any can be, the outcroppings, only a very elaborate of which they had been guilty was somewhose interests, indeed, lie wholly in series of boring can give anything rething punishable by a trivial fine. "The another direction. His letter was critisend because it was said to have been what will be disclosed when the harbor law, and we object most strongly to any- inspired by the promoters of one of the is drained. thing calculated to give a contrary im- projects. This is apt to be the case with Is not the first thing to be ascertained all anonymous writers, so that injustice the relation in which the Dominion gov A question was raised in the Maris is done to the writers as well as to the ernment will stand towards the undertime provinces some years ago as to promoters. Some people hesitate about taking? Mr. Sorby is to go to Ottawa day when at work with some others out- This is not a valid reason. It is a most renders a postponement of the trip ad-

CURRENT COMMENT.

The situation in the Philippines leads

Deadman's Island had threatened to man's Island as a health resort to Mr. shoot he would have been unable to stop Tarte. We doubt its advantages in the work. Let that be granted. It this line. That island is likely to prove

force to render resistance useless. What | The Kootenay Mail thinks the first is the Posse Comitatus for if not to over- step towards securing better treatment we shall not argue the matter any fur- Well, as this is not likely to be done this ther. Our only desire is to enter an em- year, will not our contemporary take up phatic protest against the introduction the financial aspect of the matter? This wish that a greater proportion of the is the chief thing to be discussed now.

The Spokesman-Review thinks that Spokane is to be the metropolis of the Northwest, and gives as the chief factor in bringing about such a result the imserious blunder in the Deadman's Island mense mining area tributary to it. The affair, and it is said that in politics a greater part of the area of envious blunder is worse than a crime. When of Spokane's future, but at the same

port him expressed the view that the The Kootenaian says that June 12th enable people from Continental Europe Colonist had even then been treated will see many of the mines of that disto come to Canada is likely to result in much better than it deserved. We are trict closed down because of the opera- our obtaining inferior representatives of not now concerned specially with any tion of the eight-hour law, which it says the several races. differences which may exist between Mr. is "an infringement of private rights and his colleagues, nor with the differences and a treacherous attack not only led to the great increase of the manner in which he and Mr. Cotton will upon those who have in good faith in- population, but also of the national settle their differences before the elect- vested money in mines." Our contemors of Vancouver. Our business is with porary thinks there should be an imme- brought some means with him. This will Mr. Martin, the first law officer of the diate dissolution of the legislature. If always be the case with unassisted imcrown in British Columbia, the person the legislature is to be dissolved every migration, except of course, those peowhom the people of this province look time the legislation permitted by the ple who come out in the hope of getting first for the protection of their rights. present government is found unwork- work in the cities or the various mining would cheerfully bear the cost. We support is largely the growth of the Vic-

Ludgate's arrest would never have oc-It was clearly Mr. Martin's duty as refers to Mr. Pooley's connection with sideration, without the question arising Mr. Pooley was not at the time paid to fined to those of our own nationality.

The withdrawal of Thomas B. Reed fully abstaining or wholly neglecting to from politics will have an important examine into the rights of the province, influence upon the United States House leaving his duty in this regard to be per- of Representatives. Mr. Reed was formed by one of his colleagues, who is Speaker of that body for three terms, not a lawyer. We have him, even af and he succeeded in centering in his ofter the right of the province has been as- fice a degree of authority quite unlike serted in spite of his neglect, continuing that ever enjoyed by any of his predecesto act against the interests of the prov- sors, and radically different to that exince, until he found himself forced to ercised by the Speakers of British legischoose between doing his duty and re- latures. In the latter, the Speaker is be necessary much longer to persuade sufficient data. The fact that money is signing his office. Then we see him tak- supposed to be strictly a non-partisan people to come to Canada. ing the most extreme course known to presiding officer. He is the nominee of the law, and his officers threatening to the party in power, but is supposed to whom we may expect more and more it may show that the opportunities for constitute themselves judges, jurers and know no distinction between parties in from year to year, namely, people from executioners, and shoot down anyone the exercise of his duties, and the cases the farming communities of the Western So withdrawals in excess of deposits who refused to obey his orders in his are exceptional where he disappoints We ask the people of British Colum- Mr. Reed, however, converted the Speak- but a very considerable proportion will change of investments. It is much the price. bia if their interests can be regarded as ership into a partisan office, and virtual- be of Scandinavian origin. The latter same with a country as with an indisafe in the hands of such a man. We ly made it the seat of a party dictator. way without fear of successful contra- A man of great ability and impressive ditions with wonderful celerity. As a credit in a bank may be no test whatdiction that this Deadman's Island affair personality, he was able to do this to a rule they have a keen taste for politics, ever of the conditions of his business shows Mr. Martin to be unfit to be en- degree which those who are only accas- and they will be quick to learn the ex- Most of us think it rather a bad sign trusted with the responsible position of tomed to the parliamentary customs of cellence of our institutions. They will when the banks have more money than attorney-general. His conduct in this the British Empire can hardly appre- make valuable citizens, and none will they can profitably use. It is not the

ance in office is a grave scandal. His park for the benefit of those desiring to allegiance if they think they can secure their money from the savings banks. public service, his usurpation of the dis- on the Twenty-Fourth, it may be well to also likely to be a considerable addi- significance touching the general prosable office of coroner, his interference right of the City Council to give any what are called native Americans. This and unsatisfactory, in fact little more with the provincial police in defiance of such permission or the right of the will be caused by the shortage of good than a guess. If the withdrawal con-

THE HARBOB SCHEME.

regarding the bottom of Victoria harbor by an expenditure of \$250. We make their own ideas as to what can be learamind one letter, the writer of which tion in this part of the Island. If the

what. If Mr. Sorby meets with a nega- the responsibility. tive response, we may dismiss the It occurs to us that the best plan is minister did not think it desirable to scheme for the present from consideration. For this reason we think that even lish as efficient a home force as possible, particular section, which is only temporif Mr. Tarte's absence may be regarded and if possible provide for contributing arily in possession of the government. ought to go to the capital, unless he is be altogether useless

THE TIDE OF IMMIGRATION.

A very strong tide of immigration is now setting towards Canada. We could new-comers were from the Mother Country, but people are not emigrating from the United Kingdom in the same numbers as formerly. Canada has so vast an area that if we were to decide upon waiting until its unoccupied land could be settled by English-speaking folk many generations would elapse before any proportionately notable progress could be made. We think, however, that if there is to be assisted immigration, it should be confined to people of our own nationality. To extend aid to

wealth, for nearly every immigrant market is already well supplied, any deficiency arising from time to time being readily made up from those who come to the country unassisted. Now that the supposed to serve." The Miner then include people of some means, that is to unsalaried member of the Executive, and may not be able to assimilate the hetro-

to her shores, but we have little fear on this score. It will take a little longer to do this with such people as Galicians and Doukhobors than it does with Scandinavians, for the latter are of the same blood and almost the same traditions as ourselves, but we do not despair of see-

There is a class of immigrants of States there are hundreds of thousands try prosperous, but its circulation among is quite a mistake to suppose, as some would be fair to assume that it was

of Canada to the United States, With as a long continued surplus of deposits some little experience among American would indicate an increasing thriftiness settlers in Canada, we have failed to But no conclusion worth drawing can be observe any special feeling in that di- based upon a return for a single brief

no objection to the outlay, but scarcely suppose any one would expect any inrection. The American experiment in period. TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Scarcely a letter appears in the Colonist in regard to either of the proposed nist in regard to either of the proposed their commended the outlay doubtless have not be long in Canada without finding out that under British institutions life liberty and property are as safe as in would snoot them down, but we wish to tention but some one asks why the writer an emphatic protest against this did not sign his name. We think it Colonist does not wish to be understood the United States, that popular government is as truly worked out here as there, and that there is really more in-

So we are prepared to welcome immigrants no matter whence they come, so long as they are of a nationality which customs and our political ideas.

DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

Occasionally we find the defence the Empire discussed in British and Colonial newspapers, and there is considerable divergence of opinion as to the the right of penitentiary guards to shoot writing over their own signatures, bean escaping prisoner, who ran away one cause they are not property holders. absence of Mr. Tarte from the capital ing the burden. It has been pointed out that the example of Cape Colony is side of the penitentiary grounds. For absurd notion to suppose that the only visable. Very much will depend upon open to a serious and fundamental object tunately, the man was not hit, but the people who are interested in the proposed the manner in which his project is re- tion. The Cape has undertaken to give question was raised as to the right of improvements are the property holders, ceived there. If it meets with a favor- a certain sum of money every year, but a guard to endeavor to shoot him. There or that the only persons whose opinions able reception, doubtless one of the first if this plan were generally adopted and was no legal decision on the point, for are of value are those who happen to things which the government would dithe matter did not come into court, but own a piece of land. We urge that all rect would be an examination of the to agree to pay a certain proportion of the best opinion was that the guard had letters be over the names of the writers, harbor for the purpose of deciding upon the expense of maintaining the Imperial down a statement of the earnings and no right to sentence the escaping pris- but we do not wish to be understood as the feasibility of the scheme and its armament every year, and were not to operating expenses of the Drummond probable cost. We think matters should have a voice in its expenditure, the case County railway as a part of the Interbe brought to a head in this regard at would be one of taxation without repre- colonial. No doubt it is quite correct to the earliest possible day. It is not pro- sentation, which is foreign to the British say that the Intercolonial does not keen irrespective of anything the Dominion right that each portion of the Empire statement that might now be made un may do. Therefore the citizens ought to ought to bear a part of the cost of pro- would be little more than a guess. But know as soon as possible whether the tection from foreign foes, and we believe seeing that the running of the line for the Dominion will do anything and if so there is no disposition anywhere to shirk last year was understood to be experi-

> as a difficulty in the way, Mr. Sorby to the Imperial forces in the event of war. That there would be plenty of advised that his trip at this time would volunteers in defence of the flag, if our country should ever become involved in a serious foreign war, we have not the least doubt, but it would be well if the source from which such volunteers would be drawn were rendered as efficient as possible. It must not be for gotten that the great strength of the Empire is on the sea, and if we would do our part towards maintaining British supremacy, we must be prepared to strengthen, if need be, her naval forces. The proper way to do this, it seems to us, is not to build a ship or two, but to gration. provide something in the way of a naval reserve, from which men would be available to supply any possible shortage in the demands of the Royal Navy. The Mother Country can supply all the ships needed. Canada will do her part towards the naval defence of the Empire if she places herself in a position to con-

tribute some of the men. The money expended by the Dominion station is a direct contribution to Im- has taken root, and that it will be gener perial defence in a highly important par- ally acted on this year in Ontario, Nova we feel very sure that if it were thought one. We observe that Mr. Joseph advisable to establish a training ship, Chamberlain favors the adoption of May It is immaterial that he is now acting on able or injurious to the country, we will sections. Canada does not need any pose the best place for such a ship would torian era.

be on the Atlantic coast. So far as the land forces are concerned, if Canada places herself in a health going, sees her becoming faded and wrinkled when she sho position to relieve the Imperial authorities from any necessity to defend her against any enemy except the United States, she will have done her share, although if help were needed beyond the seas, a Canadian contingent could be readily raised for that purpose. But we think it never ought to be necessary for Imperial forces to garrison any of the cities of Canada in the event of a war with a European power. Of course, in the event of hostilities with the United States, the scene of conflict would be in the Dominion, and British forces would have to be sent here in as great numbers as possible. This event is so extremely improbable that it may almost be left out of consideration,

THE SAVINGS BANKS.

The savings banks returns show an excess of withdrawals for the last month, and the Vancouver World seeks ing even the races mentioned becoming to dull any political point there may be in a short time thoroughly Canadian. in this by attributing it to the opportuni-It is an experiment, but one that can ties of investment due to prosperity unhardly be avoided, for we have come der the Liberal regime. It is always going rapidly into savings banks may prove that the people are prosperous or using it to greater advantage are few. States. Many of these are native-born may mean that the people are living on what is expected of him in this regard. Americans and from American families, their savings or it may only mean a will adapt themselves to Canadian con- vidual, the amount of cash lying to his be more loyal. Throughout the Western heaping up of capital that makes a coun-Referring to the concession for the of Scandinavians and their descendants, the people. Therefore unless we can find crection of a grand stand in Beacon Hill who will not hesitate to change their out why so many people are withdrawing arhitrary conduct towards the whole sit down during the fireworks display homes under the British flag. There is any conclusion we may reach as to its cretion vested in the ancient and honor- mention that grave doubt exists as to the tion to our population from the ranks of perity of the country must be forced aff the lessons taught by the experience holder of the privilege to collect any land available for homesteading. These tinued for any great length of time to

do, that they will favor the annexation due to the necessities of the people, just

secure the adoption of such spelling as easier, but the difference would be slight stage. Before the days of printing, and for some time after the invention cam into use, there was considerable latitude upon certain forms, and a century two ago these were put together in a dic tionary. But after all, while the dic tionary may determine the spelling of a word, the spelling does no determine the sound of it. This is de pendent entirely upon usage, and usage ity. Hence what might be thought to be phonetically correct spelling to-day in British Columbia might be thought to be very incorrect fifty years from now.

mental only, it seems strange that the for each portion of the Empire to establidenart from the rule in the case of this

A despatch announces that the Bradley-Martins have left New York fo Loudon and will hereafter reside there Nothing better illustrates the democratic spirit of the day than the rise of this family to prominence. The grandfather of the present generation was a New York cooper in humble circumstances but there must be something good in the

Belgium has doubled its population in the last 25 years. This is a very remarkable increase, especially as it is not a country to which there is much immi-

Nobody will take the least stock in the statement which comes from Pretoria to the effect that some of the persons under arrest for treason were acting under direction of the British War Department. The thing is perfectly ridiculous PASSING COMMENT.

The Toronto Globe says that the idea in connection with the Esquimalt naval of observing May 23rd as Empire Day ticular. It is given ungrudgingly, and Scotia and Quebec. The idea is a good where boys could be instructed in every- 24th as a perpetual holiday all over the hing necessary to qualify them to serve | Empire, to be called Empire Day. This upon a modern war vessel, the people would be very appropriate, as the Em-

> be in the perfect enjoyn useful health, is either le useful health, is either less than a man or else does not know of the remedy which will bring her back to health and strength. Perhaps her husband cannot persuade her to go to her doctor, because she naturally dreads the inevitable "examinations" and "local treatments." He cannot persuade her, if she needs persuasion, to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This truly wonderful medicine has cured hundreds of women after the best physicians have failed. It has been in constant use and tested every day for thirty years. It isn't an experiment, there are no chances about it. It is a certain cure for all derangements, weaknesses, irregularities and displacements of internal organs peculiar to women.

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Ottawa, May 6 .they please, but we lic men as well as a of still, even thoug John and Sir Jo (though this matte else) I am glad tha even if it were only

our own men as I could compare them the government side, stridy old fighter, Si the might and breath his graceful, slipper rarely says a foolist does a wise one; could impetuous charge of bert with the dising Sifton; above all, I try as a whole coul of the present minis tured by the pitiless It was a strange my last letter I wro dose of Foster b budget speech, and the himself should have by offering it as a "se minister of finance. The fact, I suppose ment party is so obvi not stomach enough sound which emans its condition to all

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But Foster is up! with keen, aquiline Scotchman to look smile of real enjoyme true fighter, handling he loves. Beside him it is pleasant to see the house who app ly, who applauds preciation of his poi Sir Charles. Foster is a born His voice is keen a his logic; his action truly reflects his n rapier which he su his adversary's bla ing so discursive as for another man. house is dumb; no terrupt the ex-min our side, that is a p means an opening to never misses it. Mr. Fielding had

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railways, and so d transportation, that the mines came, Ca nandle them? The were two ties of Mr. Fielden's to which Mr. Foster tention, the first wa most compete opolo and recantation of pl policies propounded he last 18 years, and the it contained a most of of the policy of the

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And here many of