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British Columbia Bonds.

The prosperity of the province of British Columbia and the wonderful development of its resources quite accounts for the confidence shown in the future of the country by the purchasers of the latest issue of bonds. The very successful flotation in London of \$1,700,000 at an advance of one per cent. over any previous loan may well be made the subject of general congratulations, and is in keeping with the growth of belief in this Dominion now observable in the mother-land.

Celebrating the Fourth.

A Southern newspaper has been compiling a list of Fourth of July casualties, and states that, although all the reports are not yet in, it can show that 33 people were killed, 730 were wounded, and property valued at \$255,000 destroyed during the glorious day. Altogether, this annual celebration by our neighbours and friends is more to be dreaded than a campaign in the Philippines. When to this grim bill of costs we add the wear and tear to the nerves of the sick during the bombardment by cannon crackers, and the natural anxiety of underwriters, the holiday is an expensive one.

Our Streets.

The ponds and pitfalls of the principal thoroughfares of the metropolis, so lately the subject of surprised comment by tourists, and the cause of muttered maledictions of citizens, are slowly being filled in, and it looks as if some attempt was being made to remove the reproach and shame from Montreal. But the appearance of cracks, small holes and fissures in the splendid roadway at the top of Beaver Hall Hill suggests to passers-by the wisdom of prompt repair. In the case of pavements and roads, the proverbial stitch in time really saves nine. Perhaps the cry for water on St. James and Notre Dame streets will receive some attention at City Hall, now that the civic authorities have money to spend.

The Yukon Gold Output.

"There is no night there." Although the amount likely to be obtained from the wash-up of gold in the Yukon must, until the official returns are received, remain a matter of mere speculation, it is pleasing to note that the lowest estimate seems to promise twenty millions of dollars as the result of a season's toil and hardship. The report from Dawson that the inhabitants are now enjoying twenty-four consecutive hours of daylight suggests all sorts of pleasing possibilities of perpetual sunshine, and no night-time of sorrow and care. Altogether, life in the Klondyke must be far from unpleasant.

Calumniation at Ottawa.

Some of the reports of the proceedings at Ottawa during the present session do not make pleasant reading for any Canadian who desires to have his country and its rulers respected at home and abroad. Perhaps it is too much to expect that all of the forms required by good breeding, that all of the observances of the proprieties and a conventional decorum of manner will always be maintained at the meetings of a large body of men for the purposes of business or the discussion of national questions. Yet, the sense of seamliness and decency is outraged when the private life and affairs of the Premier of this Dominion are made the subject of parliamentary debate, and unworthy motives are imputed to such a generous and broad-minded man as Lord Strathcona. If our rulers at Ottawa could hear the very general expressions of shame and regret at these occasional exhibitions of a desire to detract from and injure the reputations of our public men, there would be no recurrence of such a spectacle at Ottawa as Sir Wilfred Laurier having to explain in parliament his private affairs. Calumny and detraction are factors that would starve and die for want of employment and support were it not for jealousy and envy.