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this. Even if the Yukon proves as rich been unearthed in another part of this as we all hope, thousands will seek to region, so fruitful in relics, what may be find openings further south. No amount the original from which the later tablet of natural wealth that may be discovered was copied. Its age has been fixed with north of the 60th parallel will entirely considerable certainty at 2040 B.C. It compensate for the climatic and other is partially worn away, but sufficient redisadvantages attending residence there, mains to permit the gaps to be supplied at least during the earlier years of its with an approximation to accuracy. exploitation. Later, when things have The great interest attaching to these two settled down to a permanent basis, when tablets is due to the fact that they conthe extent of wealth is fairly well under- tain an account of a universal deluge. stood and conveniences have been which in all essential points tallies with brought into existence for developing that given in the Bible. There it. conditions will be established under is the same story of wickedness

which to live in the North will not be on earth and an angry deity, any more uncomfortable than it is in of the direction to an especorresponding latitudes in Europe. St. cially favored person to build Petersburg is in the same latitude as the great ship, of the storing of the ship with northern boundary of British Columbia, food and representatives of the animal and the Russian city of Archangel is in kingdom, of the long continued rain, of

the same latitude as Fort Cudahy; so the sending out of the dove, of the arthat the whole of the known auriferous rest of the ship, while it was driven by region of the Canadian Yukon lies in the winds, upon the crest of a mountain the same latitude as northern Russia. and of the promise that there should be In corresponding latitudes in Russia no more floods. The tablet story goes there are nearly six millions of inhabi- very much more into detail than that tants, so we may assume that when people told in Genesis. In short, the latter may have grown accustomed to high latitudes be said to be an expurgated edition of and have lived there long enough to the former, prepared by some one who surround themselves with necessary ap- was a strict monotheist, the tablet acpliance, the mere fact of the winters be- count being polytheistic. When we re-

and permanent population.

the unexplored region. Indeed the four hundred years after this tablet was THE Post-Intelligencer wants to know weight of evidence is in favor of its inscribed. Thirty-three centuries elapsed how Canada has acted with generosity extension far to the north. Recent ex- from its date until the Icelandic Sagas towards the United States. The answer plorations have removed all doubt as to were committed to writing. These dates is in permitting United States citizens to the wealth of what is called the Cassiar are of importance when we attempt to exploit her natural wealth, to hold pro-

records had the deluge story. It must,

therefore, be accepted as an historical

region. There is also a large area of arrive at the bistorical value of the uar- perty and to engage in business of all known richness along the Skeena and its rative, and hence of all other narratives descriptions in precisely the same manner as if they were natural born British The language of the tablet and that of subjects.

well repay the prospector. A second, Genesis are so closely identified that but in some respects a scarcely less im- they must be understood as referring to portant consideration, is the fact that the same subject. Even if we accept the

all over the portion of the province now now exploded idea that Moses wrote the referred to there are river valleys where Pentateuch, we have here an account of 20 the soil is rich, and agriculture can be a catastrophe precisely similar to that profitably conducted, and a very large which is there described, written four

view of the demands of the Yukon and two must deal with the same Northern British Columbia mining dis- event, and further the story of the

> the fitness of the portion of the prov-than the literature of the World's fair sketch, which we print to-day, will for-the hands of local outfitters. ince now under consideration for settle- corroborates the discovery of America give us for publishing it. The fun of the

> ment being demonstrated, it follows that by Columbus. The tablet establishes thing is the only excuse it needs. REV. CANON BEANLANDS' letter in rewas extant an account of a great deluge. gard to the acoustic properties of the came over here to compare notes, with the immigration now trending in this It establishes more, for from the lan- Legislative Assembly hall will be read the result that one and all have given

at the earliest day. The government of narrative one fact appears evident- blowing up of the Maine has so far been

seeking out a way to promote the de- days to which we have been able to trace traditions of the nation. BY WAY OF VARIETY.

event. In Genesis we are told that the rain-bow was set in the clouds as a sign of promise to man that the world would never be destroyed by a flood again. The tablet story ends differently. The tablet story ends differently. The tablet story ends for for a sign of the sign deluge was not due, in the first place, to apolis Journal.

crease so that men should die more rapidly than they were born. Bel ap-pears to be the personification of natural forces, and the actions attributed to him seem to be purely allegorical. We have yet fully to appreciate the part which allegory played in the literature

ion in Victoria and for that matter every-

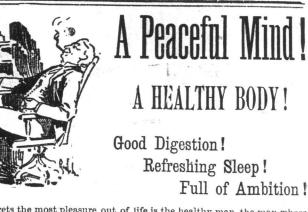
THE OUTFITTING TRADE. he Present Conditions Recall Experiences of City Merchants in Former "Gold Excitements."

The departure of the Queen which i cheduled to sail to-day will once more relieve the pressure on accommodation at the city hotels-not by any means per-manently but certainly for a day or so. Some remarks in late issues of city
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contemporaries about liberty of speech
makes it well to quote a line from one of
Milton's sonnets:
"License they mean when they cry liberty."
Freedom of discussion is one thing;
freedom of abuse is quite another.
WE are sure that the young folks with Each of the local caravansaries will conthese parties have purchased their outwhose names Agnes Deans Cameron has fits in Victoria and express entire satis-

> Thirty-five intending Klondikers are at present at the Dominion hotel; many of them will take passage North by the Queen, and all of them, after visiting Seattle and obtaining prices on outfite

> > the outfitters are having Bros.

able damage of minor importance about



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Court of Inquiry Opens-Bunkers to Be Clos

HAVANA, Feb. 22.-The co quiry into the Maine disaster 10:30 and took a recess at 12:3 G. F. W. Holman, navigator nance officer of the Maine was at the morning session. The for the afternoon session at 1 and Lieut.-Commander Wains ecutive officer of the Maine, to the witness stand. He h immediate charge of the wreck explosion.

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Captain Sigebee was heard despatch which indicates that tention will be given to the coa tention will be given to the coa by the naval court of inquiry at The officials unquestionably 1 for some time preparing for a gency that may arise, but ap at the departments covery would that any necessary orders. In given already, and that the situ not one calling for immediate a Washington. At Norfolk the and Terror have been ordered and Terror have been ordered readiness, and may be sent tol

tater. The senate passed a bill to artillery regiments to the stren army. This measure has been army. many months by officials of th partment, who foresaw that gress of late years had taken gress of late years had taken for the protection of our coast eiderable appropriations for works and great guns, it had vided the men necessary to ope engines of war. Should the h the bill, it will enable the deps carry out plans it has long he Oriticisme lately passed upon of the army and fortifications he army an

While this is true, it is yet not open races consisted in the fact that they were to contradiction that only those who see monotheistic while the others accepted a prospect of securing valuable proper- the doctrine of a multiplicity of gods ties or manage to get remunerative em- and demi-gods, we do not have to make ployment will undertake to submit to much of a draft upon either our imaginathe arduous pioneer life incident to the tion or our respect for sacred scripture, development of a region like the Yukon. when we say that there is nothing at all The majority will seek homes further improbable in the suggestion that the south, if they can find places worth writer of Genesis, in his account of the going to. What has British Columbia deluge, did nothing more than take the to offer to such persons? Kitimat Arm ancient legend of the Mesopotamian terminates in latitude 54 N., which is cities and retell it in keeping with the two degrees further south than Moscow. theology of his people. It is Probably forty millions of people live in very clear that we must aban-Russia in latitudes corresponding to don the notion that the stories those portions of British Columbia lying told in Genesis are originals. In literabetween the Northern boundary and the ture much older than the earliest date head of Kitimat Arm. The winters in to which anyone assigns the authorship the portion of Russia referred to are of the sacred canon, there is to be found quite as severe as in the part of this much that is clearly only another verprovince just described, that is if the sion of the same events, differing from higher levels are discarded. There is the Bible record principally because in probably more snow in Russia and the the latter the ideas of polytheism has probably more snow in Russia and the the latter the ideas of polytheism has spring opens later. It is substantially been eliminated, although even this was correct to say that the climatic conditions not fully accomplished in all cases, as a are not more severe in Northern British perusal of the first few verses of the sixth Columbia than they are in the greater chapter of Genesis will readily demonspart of Quebec, Northern Maine and trate. Nor is the indebtedness of the gave the interview.

Northern New Brunswick. The snow- writers of the sacred books to contemporfall, except upon the mountains, is un- ary or older writers confined to the Old doubtedly less. The rivers close about Testament. But this may serve as a the same date as those in Eastern Can- subject for treatment at another time. ada and open at least as early. We Placing the antiquity of the recently have emphasized this point in regard to discovered tablet at 2,000 B. C., it is inclimate, because it is one of very great teresting to note the relation of this to importance. Life would be attended some other dates. This tablet with its with much less discomfort in Northern story of the deluge was made more than British Columbia than in the Yukon, a thousand years before the first Greek and we think we may say with no greater poet, of whom we have any record, gathdiscomfort than in Manitoba, Saskatche- ered up the fragments of the legend of wan, Alberts, Dakots and Montans. Deucalion and the great flood, of which

The next question is whether there is heand his family were the sole survivors. The next question is whether there is anything in the northern part of this lis older by nearly twenty centuries province to attract permanent settle-ment. We are sure this question must has been preserved. It was more than the oldest Latin writer whose fame tabes nor preserved. It was more than a thousand years old when David reigned doubt exists of the mineral wealth of the gold-bearing region extends further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the anyther ally accepted, the earlier portions of the anyther ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates that the oldest further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates that the oldest further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates that the oldest further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates that the oldest further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates that the oldest further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates a box, six boxes that the oldest further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates a box at the oldest further ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates a box at the over lates a box at the over lates a late the return from the time it was inscribed on the ally accepted, the earlier portions of the over lates a box at the over lates a late the over lates a late the ally accepted at the ally accepted at the atter at the return from the time is the setting conditions with great clearness. We hone action will be taken along the lates a later the return from the time is the setting conditions will be taken along the lates al north than explorers have gone as there Old Testament after the return from We hope action will be taken along the is to suppose it stops at the border of Babylon. Moses was not born until lines indicated by him.

strong opinions expressed by Major Walsh. What he says gives the strongest possible support to a vigorous effort to secure railway connection with the in- Startling Decrease in the number of terior at the earliest possible day. We direct special attention to what he says about the necessity of making some regulation as to the amount of supplies that each person ought to be required to take into the Yukon. The Major thinks the lowest limit ought to be a year's supply. We see some ground of objection to this. namely, that it would force a person who was going in only for a short

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where else in British Columbia. It is

time to take very much more food with markable falling off in the number of him than he required. The expense of deaths in this district of late. So noticethe purchase would not matter very the result of causing several interested much, because when he wanted to come out he could easily get more for the sur-plus than it cost in the first place; but

the outlay for and trouble of transpor-the outlay for and trouble of transpor-the outlay for and trouble of transpor-the disclosure led to further investig-

tation would be serious matters. In ation, to discover why the number of view of the construction of the railway deaths from Kidney Disease should deseem to be hardly necessary. Major Walsh was not aware of the plans for ten deaths are caused by Kidney Disease

the construction of this line when he in some form.

This discovery startled the investiga-tors somewhat. For the decrease was

THE legislature ought not to adjourn without making it a felony without benefit of clergy or anything else to name a town Kushkonook, as a new one in Kootenay is called. The name recalls a stanza from an amusing poem on the Indian names of New Brunswick, written long ago by James Hannay, now editor of the St. John Telegraph, if we are not have come into general use these dis-eases never prove fatal, when the pills

mistaken. It is as follows: are used. Oh speak not of Magaguadavic Or beautiful Memaramcook,

But come where the Skoodoowopskoosis Flows down to the Skoodoowopskook.'

Toronto.

of the army and fortifications increased activity in militar and to some extent this is r for representatives arriving fr quarters at army posts. A circulated that Gen. Miles, mander of the army, had ise for troops at all forts to be or and ready for immediate actio was promptly denied by the chief of staff. Nothing what sensational character occurred ington, and on the whole th free from rumors by comparis immediate predecessors for immediate predecessors for week or more. ONTARIO NOMINATI Two Elections by Acclamation dates in the Toronto Div TORONTO, Feb. 22.-(Spec inations throughout the prov

legislature took place to-da city the nominations were: onto-Dr. Spence, Lib.; Tho ex-member, Con. South Ton Foy, Q.C., Con.; W. B. F East Toronto-Caldwell, Li ald, Ind., who will probably Dr. Pyne, Con. North T Dewart, formerly editor of th Christian Guardian, Lib.; an ter, ex-leader of the oppos legislature, Con. Other i throughout the province are agreed by political conventi in Prescott and South B Messrs. Evanturel and Trua were respectively elected t

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