

VERY UNPROFESSIONAL.

As a matter of course the Colonist... charge that its columns are controlled by "influences" outside of the sanctum...

INVESTIGATE.

It is needless for the Times to assert that it has complete confidence in the chief engineer of the fire department...

STATUTE REVISION.

Mr. Edwin Johnson's letter on "Statute Revision" which was published in the Times on the 11th instant...

The pending revision, as Mr. Johnson says, is of a widely different character, both in regard to the powers conferred upon the commissioner...

quent acceptance of the office and emoluments thereby created. He is given extraordinary power, and as is perfectly right where the responsibility is great...

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And who is to revise the commissioner's revision? The legislature will either have to go over the volume clause by clause or adopt it as it stands.

AGAINST JINGOISM.

One would hardly look to a distinctive New England publication for an emphatic condemnation of President Cleveland's Venezuela message...

A POLICE INVESTIGATION.

The essence of Rev. Mr. Trotter's indictment of the immoral practices of the city is that the law is not enforced...

It was left to Mr. Trotter, and he performed his self-imposed task pretty effectively. He succeeded in stirring up a hornets' nest, and for some time to come will experience the usual effects of such a foolishly enterprise...

It is unfortunate, thanks to the Davie administration, that our police have a sort of dual head. A board of Commissioners, still incomplete, is supposed to govern the police...

The council has declined to investigate, believing that it is legally the province of the commissioners to do so. The commissioners are the mayor and the police magistrate...

department. Every charge, it appears, must be formulated in writing and signed. Such precautions are no doubt proper in many cases...

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SIR RICHARD'S SPEECH.

Mr. Foster's fallacies had rather a worn and weary appearance when, Sir Richard Cartwright got through with them, as may be observed by those who peruse the report...

A FRANK CONFESSION.

The apologies offered for the government's school lands bill in the house yesterday were of the weakest kind. They amounted to a confession that the government's extravagance and incapacity rendered it unable to administer the affairs of the province without going back to the policy of selling the public lands to speculators...

The Toronto World (Conservative) continues its outspoken criticism of the government, its policy and its methods of maintaining itself in power. The Star dislikes having a leader like Tupper forced upon the party...

Toronto World, Conservative: Are the Manitoba minority justified in demanding that the Dominion shall excite revolution and civil war in order to right their grievance? The Manitoba minority and those who support them, ought to make a distinction between what the country ought to do and what the country can do...

tempt be made rebellion will follow and possibly civil war, in which the school dispute will disappear behind the larger issue of race and creed.

The Province looks upon the Colonist's refusal to insert Rev. Mr. Trotter's letter of explanation as a "wifid suppression of the truth."

A DESPERATE CASE.

Some good Conservatives, the News-Advertiser for example, appear to have been a little premature in giving forth signs of relief because of the accession of Sir Charles Tupper to the virtual leadership of their new party...

The gross earnings of the Northern Pacific railway for the six months ending December 31, were \$11,989,283, and the operating expenses \$6,130,000, leaving \$5,859,283 net earnings. This is an increase of \$1,670,500 over the corresponding six months of the year previous.

Halifax Chronicle: The Antigonish Casket says that Bishop Cameron issued no pastoral to the priests of the country of Cape Breton...

On Friday morning the steamer Strathmore left Tacoma for the Orient. She carried her original cargo with the exception of 9,000 sacks of damaged flour...

DOWN FROM ALASKA.

The City of Topeka Delayed, for Two Days by Bad Weather.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Have Competition for Sound Trade.

From Monday's Daily. The steamship City of Topeka arrived at the outer wharf about noon yesterday and left for Sound ports a couple of hours afterwards...

There is quite a rate war on between the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the managers of the steamer Lakme which has made several trips from California ports to the Sound cities...

Tacoma Ledger: "In view of the relations now existing between Great Britain and the United States the time is most opportune for this country to take the lead in establishing a fixed policy in this direction..."

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Catarrh in the Head. Is a dangerous disease because it is liable to result in loss of hearing or smell, or develop into consumption. Read the following: "My wife has been a sufferer from catarrh for the past four years..."

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Is the Only True Blood Purifier. Prominently in the public eye today. Hood's Pills cure habitual constipation. Price 25c per box.

since that time. He thinks, therefore, that the catch of 500 by one schooner indicates an unusual condition, and that the further statement made that the schooner is expected to take 2000 before returning to San Francisco indicates a run of seal such as has not taken place for many years...

At present the overdue vessels are: Barrraig, New York to Shanghai; 212 days; 80 per cent; Imberber, Sydney to London, 160 days; 5 per cent; Mary G. Reed, Rosario to New York, 186 days; 35 per cent; Ben Nevis, Liverpool to Callao, 181 days; 71.2 per cent; Maravilla, Newcastle, N. S. W., to Panama, 122 days; 25 per cent; Steamer Wild Flower, Philadelphia to Boston, 62 days; 50 per cent; posted, St. John, New York to Port Los Angeles, 174 days; 15 per cent; Lina, Hongkong to Callao, 160 days; 30 per cent; Comtesse of Clare, Norfolk, Va., to Buenos Ayres, 107 days; 25 per cent; Cadzow Forest, Callao to Astoria, 85 days; 75 per cent.

The British bark Candia, Captain Kerr, which arrived from Liverpool a short time ago with a general cargo for Victoria and Vancouver, is at present loading wheat at Tacoma for South Africa. Besides the Candia there are two other vessels loading for South Africa at Tacoma. The British steamer Ardenberg, Captain Kinley, is taking a cargo of lumber, flour and canvas goods, and the British ship Anania is loading wheat.

The Umatilla arrived from San Francisco last evening with a number of passengers and 88 tons of freight for Victoria merchants.

Part of the cargo of the N.P.R. steamer Tacoma for the Orient will be a cargo of 4,500 kegs of nails from the Everett works.

The Stimson lumber company of Seattle has chartered the schooner Challenger to load lumber for Central America.

A ship and a bark passed one Point this afternoon bound for Victoria. The ship was in tow and the bark sailing.

The N. P. R. steamship Tacoma is due here from the Orient on Thursday next.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Malone, N.Y., Feb. 17.—Not since the weather bureau was established have some years ago has the mercury dropped so low as it did in Malone this morning, 30 degrees below zero having been registered, 40 below at Meadon and 32 at Mountain View.

Saratoga, N.Y., Feb. 17.—The weather is intensely cold here; the mercury dropped to 32 degrees below zero.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity Name and Price/Value. Items include Oatmeal, Flour, Butter, etc.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

Creamery.

ALL FARMERS and keepers of COWS in NORTH and SOUTH VICTORIA and ESQUIMALT DISTRICTS who would be willing to enter into contracts with the HABLE DAIRY ASSOCIATION for a five years' supply of all the best pure milk from their herds at twelve cents per gallon, paid in cash on the 10th day of every month...

ADVERSE ARBITRATOR. The London Times. Important Sign. Venezuela. A Radical Change of the Throne. It May Be But a Preceding Announcement.

London, Feb. 17.—Times has had an interesting subject of Venezuelan gesticulation for the sake of the appoint a strong mission to investigate the boundary line Washington commences. It adds there will find eminent me would be unhesitant editorial utterance most significant. To maintained 2 columns, although letters from Mr. S. correspondent, stated statements there was danger of war feeling in an outcome of Lord used contentious attitude. The surrender by Lord inal contention, in fact's dispatches, week or so. The still sustain the face of its attitude looking upon the publication of a and uncontradicted ca. is thought to change in the attitude of thought that it minister himself him, by the latest timent and circum the Schomburgk limit that an irrevocable settlement by English foreigners, should, stances, be subject would be irrevocable that Lord Salisbury hold a reference disputes between a ple. If such a change in place, it will p face of administration, berlain, who all at this Anglo-Venezuelan jurisdiction, relation minister of Venezuela are realtain may speedily to the satisfaction three countries in remained by some that Lord Salisbury rendering of British jurisdiction in a d be regarded incon own very recent os 2500 population territory in South a other hand, nothing sooner forgotten than the contrav another, or recess to take up amictio. Such withdrawal heralded by press, waving the more impregnable reply now that, Three proposals of istorial policy. Lord Salisbury suddenly taken a general feeling, to be foreign office quite in line with the Thunder. The Marquis of subject, has wr there is no truth Berne tribunal the Delagoa Bay Under-secretary replying in the he to questions on powers had not her occupation be objected to, on the consent of the Beant of the Russian mind Prince Lobosoff was not v maintain order itaneous.

HAWAIIAN. They do Not Tro. Honolulu, via steamer Monowale returned after paying an Island of Hawaii president said: wait fourteen men few natives; they inclination to see a did not intrude seemed differ evidence of kind In nearly every asked address the meeting an expression of the handshaking. Po the majority of care particularly are interested in mind, is encourag Minister Cooper from Signor guess charge d' a diplomatic act