

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, April 19

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

There is some talk of a commercial treaty between New Zealand and Canada. Our high commissioner in London was informed the Ottawa government was the treasurer of that distant colony, Mr. Ward, who is at present in England, has signified his readiness to enter into negotiations with the view of concluding a trade treaty on reciprocal lines that will be mutually advantageous to both countries. Our minister of trade and commerce is satisfied that the prospects for largely increasing our trade with New Zealand are excellent, and it is more than likely, since the securing of the Australian trade is a pet scheme with the government, that this invitation will be accepted and that an effort will be made to rid both countries of some of the barriers in the way of a profitable exchange of commodities. There are, however, difficulties to be surmounted, if the protectionist principle of the Canadian government is to be retained. The elimination of "protection to our farmers" from any trade arrangement with New Zealand would appear to be absolutely essential to an agreement. The competition of cheap New Zealand and Australian meats, fruits, hides, butter, etc., which the preferential trade advocates are willing to encourage, would be more disastrous to the British Columbia farmer than the reduction of the tariff advocated by the Liberals. As a matter of fact the Saanich farmer or the Metchoin farmer, does not care a red cent whether the butter that undersells his in the Victoria market comes from California or New Zealand. Possibly, if a sentimentalist, a loyalist, or an imperial federationist, he will rejoice when the New Zealand dairyman has driven the home-made butter out of the market, but the average farmer, like the average merchant, is eminently practical and unsentimental. If his butter, meat, fruit, etc., are to become unsalable because of free importations from New Zealand, he will ask for compensating advantages by the removal of duties on manufactured articles. How will the government concede such a demand unless by adopting the Liberal programme? Any preferential treaty that can be made with our sister colonists in the southern seas would be to the advantage of the eastern manufacturer and to the detriment of the British Columbia farmer, for the simple reason that Australia or New Zealand have very little to send us, apart from their fine wool which is now free, that would not enter into direct competition with the product of our own farms. The position of advocates of preferential trade who are at the same time in favor of protection to farmers, as Messrs. Earle and Prior claim to be, is singularly illogical and utterly indefensible.

THEIR VIEW OF PUBLIC OFFICE.

The Conservative politicians who now misrule the country do not believe in President Cleveland's maxim that "public office is a public trust." They regard public office as a party weapon, and their doctrine is strikingly illustrated by the manner in which they have dealt with two of the most important positions in the public service. The term for which Dr. Schultz was appointed lieutenant-governor of Manitoba expired some two years ago, but the doctor still remains in office, because the Ottawa government have hitherto been unable to decide between the rival claims to the position of A. W. Ross, M. P., and W. B. Scarth. Now they have received the difficulty by appointing the Hon. J. C. Patterson, who has retired from the ministry. The Manitoba people are justly incensed at this manner of treating the highest office in their province, holding that it was wrong to keep it dangling like a prize-bait between two claimants and then give it to an outsider as if no Manitoban were worthy to occupy it. Now it is announced that Mr. Patterson is not to take the position at once, but will spend two months in California, his seat in the house of commons being left vacant for the session. The motive for this is quite apparent. The ministers are afraid to have Mr. Patterson retire from the representation of West Huron, because they know the riding would be captured by the Liberals; therefore they prefer to leave it unrepresented for the session. Such is their regard for public rights and liberties. Another glaring case is that of the Montreal collectorship of customs. That office has been left open for three years, for the reason that it is in pledge to R. S. White, M. P. for Cardwell, and the government are afraid to appoint him and thus cause a bye-election. The country, it seems, can get along without a collector of customs at Montreal, but the government cannot

afford to lose a single seat in the house. So the public service is prostituted to serve the ends of a gang of corrupt politicians.

The value of a street railway franchise is illustrated in the case of Toronto. That city's share of the street railway receipts for March was \$5,609; for March, 1894, the percentage was \$5,828. For the three months of 1894 the percentage was \$16,206, and for the first quarter of the present year, \$16,296.

Halifax Chronicle: The waterworks department of Hamilton, Ont., is paying \$30.75 per ton for water pipes, while in Minneapolis and other cities water pipes of the same dimensions are selling at \$19 and \$20 per ton. That is how the N. P. duties of \$4 a ton on pig iron and \$12 a ton on pipe get their work in. Yet national policy organs sometimes venture to say that the tariff is not a tax.

William Waldorf Astor's motive in suspending the publication of the Pall Mall Budget, which is said to have been a paying concern, has received a peculiar explanation. The Budget was the late Mrs. Astor's favorite paper, and its appearance after that lady's death was said to be painful to her family. This is an unnatural and very likely an improbable theory. If Mrs. Astor had a fondness for the Budget, it would be a reason for perpetuating its life, not for killing it. But possibly some of the immensely rich, like some of the excessively esthetic, are influenced by feelings the reverse of natural.

The Millers' Gazette, the organ of the English milling trade, offers some interesting testimony in regard to the condition of the working classes in Great Britain when it says: "London millers, among others, agree in complaining of the generally lessening demand for flour, in spite of the low prices. One London miller expressed the opinion that the workman and his family do not eat so much bread as formerly, for the reason that wages are higher than they ever were, and that all other food is cheap as well as flour, so that the poorer classes spend more in meat and eat less bread. This is also the expressed opinion of many large London bakers."

Winnipeg Free Press: Time was when complaint against the present government was heard only from the Liberals and their accredited spokesmen, but now-a-days those who appear to be most disgusted with the Ottawa combination are men who in former years were unshakable supporters of Sir John Macdonald. Without admiring the methods or policy of any of them we may admit that between Bowell, Foster, Oumet et al, and Macdonald, Cartier, Tupper and Tilley there is a perceptible difference, and it is not much to be wondered at that the better men of the former Conservative party are drifting away from it, or expressing the opinion that the time has arrived for a complete re-organization, even though that can be effected only by temporary service in opposition.

THE BRITISH PACIFIC.

To the Editor: The citizens of Victoria owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Wm. Wilson for forcing the hands of Messrs. Earle and Prior in the British Pacific game, because, had it not been for the sensible and significant resolution introduced by that public spirited gentleman, at the recent Board of Trade meeting, we might have remained under the delusion that Messrs. Earle and Prior, our representatives in the Dominion parliament, and both charter members of the British Pacific project, were honest in their professions and faithful to the vital interests of their constituency. Whether Messrs. Earle and Prior were speaking with a knowledge and authority their connection with the British Pacific scheme enables them to command, or were merely using their influence at an important meeting of an influential commercial body to defeat a timely resolution, to avoid giving offence to Sir William Van Horne, their cool and deliberate expressions are both incomprehensible and inexcusable. If no "bona fide company exists" and there be nothing but a "cock and bull story about a charter and a company," then the confidence of the electors of Victoria has been shamefully outraged. If, on the other hand, Messrs. Earle and Prior are bent upon sacrificing the prospects and welfare of Victoria to the miserable exigencies of party politics and placing obstacles in the way of the accomplishment of the most cherished desires of their constituents, to propitiate the C. P. R. magnates, they are no longer worthy of confidence.

Your editorial of Saturday plainly shows the sentiments of Messrs. Earle and Prior to be identical with those of Sir Wm. Van Horne. That there may be no misunderstanding the position held by these gentlemen regarding the British Pacific scheme

I venture to reproduce the utterances of each for comparison:

"There is not a man, woman or child in Canada who is seriously thinking of any such scheme. It is very easy to get it practically impossible to get a subsidy as the government has shut down on all subsidies."—Sir William C. Van Horne, Dec. 29th, 1894.

"No bona fide company has been formed for the construction of the British Pacific."—Thomas Earle, M. P., April 5th, 1895.

"There is nothing but a cock and bull story about a charter and a company."—E. G. Prior, M. P., April 5th, 1895.

The words and action of the two representatives of Victoria, at the Board of Trade meeting, are a faithful echo of the sentiments so authoritatively expressed by the noble knight from Illinois; and whatever damage the words of Sir William (being so closely interested) may have failed to inflict abroad the statements of Messrs. Earle and Prior, coupled with the inexplicable action of the Board of Trade refusing to pass a resolution eminently calculated to establish confidence amongst investors in London, have fatally completed. The damage is irreparable. No time will be lost by the C. P. R. in circulating broadcast in financial circles, the full report of the Board of Trade meeting recently held at Victoria whereat the parliamentary representatives of the city declared there was no bona fide company—only a cock and bull story—and the board itself flatly refused to pass a resolution asking the federal government for financial aid to the British Pacific.

In their unaccountable hostility to the scheme Messrs. Earle and Prior committed a grave blunder. In their cowardly anxiety to follow the lead of Van Horne they made one fatal mistake. They forgot the people. They utterly ignored the well-understood and loudly expressed desires of nine tenths of their constituents. And if there be any spirit of resentment among the people they have repudiated, and whose wishes they have set at naught, that spirit will leap like a flash to the front, assert itself at the elections, and avenge itself at the polls.

MORGAN RATTIER.

—Assessment Commissioner Woods' report shows the population of Westminster to be 6,050, of whom 4,435 are Protestants, 716 are Roman Catholics and 899 other religions. The total land valuation is placed at \$4,552,817, and 50 per cent of the value of improvements, \$1,278,490, brings the total up to \$5,840,207. Last year the net taxable assessment was \$4,753,467 and the population was 6,508.

—A co-operative store will be started in Vancouver. Shares in the concern will be set at \$5 each and no man will be allowed more than 20 shares.

THE GUN.

GOOD FRIDAY SHOOT.
Bright and splendid weather induced 23 members of the Victoria gun club to go to Langford's Point to shoot for the club trophy and class prizes. The club trophy was shot for at 15 known trap and angle and 15 unknown trap and angle. W. H. Adams was the winner. The scores follow:

A CLASS.
W. Adams, 1111-1111-1101-1101-1101-1101-25
H. N. Short, 1111-1111-1101-1101-1101-1101-25
Bickford, 1111-1101-1100-1101-1101-1101-25
C. W. Minor, 24; O. Weller, 23; R. Short, 22; W. White, 21; E. Gregg, 19; J. Switzer, 18; G. Wynne, 18; E. J. Wall, 16; T. C. Smith, 15; J. Morrison, 15; C. Weller, 15; J. Monk, 13; G. Hienwood, 12; Lenfesty, 11; H. O'Brien, 10; R. Anderson, 4. The next shoot was class firing, 25 birds, known trap and angle, rapid firing, the club giving six prizes in each class. Scores:

B CLASS.
H. N. Short, 1111-1111-1101-1101-1101-1101-25
W. H. Adams, 1111-1111-1101-1101-1101-1101-25
E. Jackson, 1111-1101-1101-1101-1101-1101-21
E. Gregg, 19; O. Weller, 17; Hienwood, 17; J. W. Switzer, 16; C. Minor, 16; Lenfesty, 11; R. Anderson, 8.

C CLASS.
W. White, 1101-1111-1101-1101-1101-1101-19
T. C. Smith, 1101-1101-1101-1101-1101-1101-17
W. Bickford, 1101-1100-1110-1101-1101-1101-14
J. Monk, 12; G. Porter, 11; F. G. Norris, 10.

D CLASS.
R. Short, 1101-1101-1111-1101-1101-1101-17
E. J. Wall, 1101-1111-1101-1101-1101-1101-16
J. Morrison, 1101-1101-1101-1101-1101-1101-15
G. Wynne, 13; A. Almanza, 12; H. A. Porter, 8; C. Weller, 7; H. O'Brien, 4.

In the consolation match for those who did not win a prize, C. W. Minor won the pipe, J. W. Switzer a razor, and R. Anderson a hockey stick. There were a number of sweepstake matches during the day.

SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY.

John Graham, the manager of the football team and of the athletic meets of the Boston Athletic Association, has written to a friend in this city saying: "As to the athletic question of which you speak, I believe that athletics will not be prominent nor take the place they should until there is a general Saturday half holiday for the masses. You see that a mechanic at present has no time that he can devote to sport except to read about it Sundays in the papers, and no matter how as may long to he cannot get into it except by losing time at his business. If he had that half day off he would be looking forward to it and would go out to compete in some event to his liking. This is the secret of the popularity of athletics in England. There the masses have the half day off and pass it in a way of great benefit to them physically. England is par excellence a nation of athletes, and it is by virtue of this half holiday on Saturday. If we had it here we would be the greatest athletic nation under the sun."—Seattle P.-I.

Visitor—This must be a remarkably healthy locality. I never saw so many old people in so small a town before.

The local Peasimist—"Yes, they keep on livin' because this here place ain't one no decent man wants to be found dead in."

The distomes, single-celled plants of the seaweed family, are so small that three thousand of them laid end to end scarcely suffice to cover an inch of space on a rock.

—The best value for your money at Shore's hardware.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Victoria Lacrosse Club's Resignation Accepted by the B. C. Association.

Rugby Football Club's Athletic Meeting This Afternoon—Road Race.

The athletic sports being held this afternoon at Caledonia Park by the Victoria Rugby football club, drew a large number of spectators. The weather was favorable, the grounds being pretty well protected from the high wind that was blowing during the day. Finn's band was in attendance and did much to enliven the proceedings. The events were keenly contested, the entries from outside athletic clubs assisting materially in making the sports successful. The officers of the day follow: Committee—H. B. Haines, E. A. Carew Gibson, J. F. Foulkes, Q. D. H. Warden, J. M. Mills, C. G. Skene and J. Fraser, (honorary secretary); J. K. Macrae, (honorary assistant secretary); Judges—W. C. Ward and E. B. Gregory; referee—Captain C. P. Wolley; starter—Captain Barnes, R. M. A.; timekeeper—Dr. Douglas Corsan; clerks of the course—W. B. Fisher, G. L. Sides and F. Wollaston.

100 yards (club)—J. S. Byrn; 2. J. F. Foulkes. Time, 10.3-4 seconds. There were five entries.
Place kick (open)—1. E. Larsen Black, Seattle Athletic club; 2. J. F. Foulkes and H. A. Goward equal. Goward and Foulkes will kick off the tie for second place.
Quarter mile (club)—1. J. S. Byrn; 2. J. F. Foulkes. Time, 59.2-5 seconds.
220 yards (schoolboys) handicap—1. H. Wilson; 2. E. L. Blanck; time, 26.3-4 seconds.

100 yards (open)—1. J. F. Foulkes; 2. H. H. Connor, Seattle Athletic club. Time, 10.2-5 seconds.

Throwing lacrosse ball—1. H. Morton, 145 yds.; 2. C. L. Cullin, 114 yds.

One mile (club)—1. F. J. Daniels, 2. W. A. Cornwall; 3. E. A. C. Gibson. This race was well contested. Daniels took the lead in the second lap and kept ahead until he had reached the flag. There was a good run between second and third men. Time, 5-15.
The concluding events of the athletic meet of the Rugby football club resulted as follows:

Quarter mile (open)—1. D. Sinclair; 2. C. P. Foulkes; 3. H. H. Connor.
Connor took the lead but was soon overtaken by Sinclair and Partridge. Time, 58 seconds.

Five (open)—1. H. G. Dalby; 2. C. G. Philip; 3. A. K. Fiskin, Seattle. This event was interesting. Scott took the lead with Fiskin, Philip and Dalby following in the order named. On the 4th lap Dalby crept gradually up till he was abreast of Philip. A lively run home was the result, Dalby winning by a few yards. Time, 5.55-4-2.

Half-mile (handicap)—1. E. A. C. Gibson; 2. F. Macrae, Macrae and Gibson had a good run home, Macrae being a good second. Time, 2.18-3-5.

Drop kick—Q. D. H. Warden "dropped" the leather 106 feet 5-12 inches, and won first prize. Black kicked 100 feet 5 inches and came second.

Consolation race—Pooley won the race in 25.1-2 seconds, with G. Wilson second. The Chinamen's race created a great deal of fun. It was won by Mong Ah Sung with Ah Young second. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Ward at the conclusion of the sport.

THE WHEEL.

THE ROAD RACE.
The fifteen-mile bicycle road race yesterday was a great success, excellent time being made and the contest for supremacy being keen to the finish. Hewartson, who got the greatest handicap, took first place with Moody second, while Penwill made the best time, with Moody second again in that respect. The men started from the Dominion Hotel in the following order and time: Hewartson, 2:30; Gilbert and Wille, 2:31; Moody, 2:33; Bush, 2:34; Penwill, 2:39, and Helen, scratch, 2:40. There was a big crowd gathered about, and the race was watched until the last man had climbed the hill on Upper Yates street. The officials had hardly time to reach Beacon Hill when Hewartson, who led all the way to Oak Bay and back the beach road appeared in sight. He finished in 55:14, Moody second in 58:21, Gilbert 3rd in 59:03, Bush 4th in 59:31, and Penwill 5th in 52:49. A big crowd gathered at the hill to see the finish and were shown some splendid riding for the track was very smooth and all the men made the seven circuits of it in good time. Alley was thrown by a collision with a dog and was badly shaken up. Gilbert and Hewartson were also thrown but neither were hurt at all. Wille only ran the first six miles, being in bad form. The

officials of the course were Messrs. Gibbons, Edwards, Jeffrey and Bradley.

CHESS.

The chess tournament score stands as follows:

Name	Won.	Lost.
T. Piper	3	7
J. R. Huxen	26	7
R. Williams	21	12
W. Marchant	20	1-2
Dr. Hands	20	7
C. Schwengers	22	7
F. C. Berridge	16	1-2
A. Gonnason	17	1-2
T. Johnson	17	1-2
B. Schwengers	21	2
B. J. Perry	20	17
R. H. Johnston	11	20
Capt. Clarke	11	20
J. Scowcroft	7	19
Sgt. Phillips	5	19
Sgt. Scanlan	8	12
Gr. Ayton	16	1-2
H. Lawrie	6	11
T. Lawrie	11	17
B. Goward	12	1-2
E. C. Bour	8	11
E. Wolf	14	20

LACROSSE.

Lacrosse has spread to Port Townsend where it is being taken up very enthusiastically. Two teams have been organized and they had a practice game on Saturday. Sidney Maynard is coaching both teams. Later in the season the juniors should arrange an interannual match.

THE MAPLE LEAF LACROSSE CLUB OF NEW WESTMINSTER HAS APPOINTED MR. W. C. CLUTE THEIR DELEGATE TO ATTEND A CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING A JUNIOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROVINCE.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.
At Vancouver on Thursday R. Hall, A. Larwell, E. A. Quigley, J. J. Cambridge, James Leamy and James Read met to discuss the resignation of the Victoria Lacrosse Club from the association, and read and discussed the official announcement of the result of the meeting of the Victoria club Wednesday night. After all present had spoken at length, the following resolutions were put to the meeting and unanimously carried:

"Moved by J. Leamy, seconded by A. Larwell, that the resignation of the Victoria Lacrosse Club be accepted."

"Moved by J. J. Cambridge, seconded and carried, that the annual meeting of the provincial association be postponed till Tuesday, the 18th April, to be held in the city of Vancouver at the Hotel Vancouver at 4:30 p.m."

THE SECURE GROUNDS.

The Capital Lacrosse Club has accepted proposition of Mr. Hedley Chapman, manager of the Tramway company for grounds at Oak Bay. Mr. W. A. Ward for the Caledonia Park syndicate also submitted a proposal. The tramway company's grounds are situated at Oak Bay. The Capitals have leased the grounds for three years, upon terms which give the use of the grounds rent free for the first year. Grand stands, club house and other necessities will be erected at once. In the meantime the club will take advantage of the generous offer of Mr. Virtue of the Mount Baker Hotel, who has allowed them the use of dressing rooms.

GOLF.

The following is the score at the New Westminster links: J. A. Forin, 100 (received 12), 88; F. J. Coulthard, 117 (received 15), 102; W. de V. Le Maistre (scratch), 105; P. McL. Forin, 131 (received 25), 106; and H. J. Tovey, 140 (received 30), 110. The other members playing were W. Allison, G. C. Hodge, W. I. Jones, J. S. C. Fraser, C. H. Carter, Alex. Bell and R. P. Sharp. J. A. Forin's score of 100 is the best made on the sharp links. The prize was a putter given by G. C. Hodge.

WHIST.

Tuesday night will be continued the tournament of the local Knights of Pythias. Great interest is being taken in the game.

THE TURF.

TAXES ON HORSES.

Buffalo, April 15.—C. J. Hamlin, who has a number of horses at Los Angeles, Cal., denounces as "rank injustice" the assessment by that county of his horse in this state. Hamlin, while speaking highly of California's climate for wintering horses, says if he has to fight the Los Angeles assessment in the courts, he will never again winter horses in California and will advise horsemen to avoid that state.

LANCASHIRE HANDICAP.

London, April 15.—The Lancashire handicap steeplechase for two thousand sovereigns was run at Manchester today. It was won by Gentle Id, Lady Helen second, Biscuit third.

—It is understood that there are a couple of secret agents of the United States treasury department in the city working on the Victoria end of the Chinese certificate frauds recently unearthed at San Francisco. They are said to be staying at one of the lesser known down town hotels. They have been here only a couple of days, but what they have accomplished or what they expect to accomplish is very hard to say. Those in a position to know say the principal part of the work done by the gang was confined to San Francisco. The names of the detectives are not known.

Louise-Marie had a lovely wedding; but what made the bride and groom go by the side hand-in-hand?

Blanche—Why, don't you know? Her sleeves were so big she couldn't take his arm.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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