

THE MILITIA

In Lieut-Col. Gregory's letter, published today, an expression of opinion is invited as to the advisability of extending the militia to the militia...

SAID IN HIS HASTE

Hon. Senator Macdonald has found by experience that when a man goes gunning it is most unwise for him to turn the muzzle of his weapon towards himself...

The readers of the Colonist might naturally have supposed that when Senator Macdonald was making an ugly charge against a public man and offering comments he had looked up the records to find that his statements were correct...

W. J. MACDONALD. It should have been easy for Mr. Macdonald to inform himself correctly in the first place. A very brief inquiry would have given him the knowledge that Mr. Davies accepted the \$6,000 offered him by the Mackenzie government for his six months' work...

Senator Macdonald in his letter of yesterday expressed the opinion that "the Liberal party in this province ought to be much gratified at that courteous and civil treatment accorded Hon. Mr. Davies by many of the leading Conservatives of Victoria." The public may be left to judge how much courtesy and civility there was displayed in making a mean and baseless charge against the minister after his back was turned.

SIR DONALD'S HERESY. Sir Donald Smith, replying to the toast "The Colonies," at the annual feast of the Master Outlers' Company of Sheffield a few days ago, in the course of his remarks spoke as follows: "We have heard from the hon. gentleman on the right of the Master Outlers' Co. that a great deal has been said about foreign manufacturers. Much has been said about Germany and other countries which send their wares into the United Kingdom and into every colony of the British Empire, and we see thereon those articles 'made in Germany.' But I do not believe that the acute, keen-edged intellect and manual education of the cutlers of Sheffield will enable them to hold their own against the whole world now as in the past."

believe that the acute, keen-edged intellect and manual education of the cutlers of Sheffield will enable them to hold their own against the whole world now as in the past. (Cheers.) Jimmy Lower and the small squad of protectionists of which he is the head, who are in a frenzy of fear lest English trade should be ruined under free trade, will not receive the opinion expressed by Sir Donald with approval. And the great protectionist party in Canada! What shall I say to the free trade sentiments of one of the leading Canadian Conservative statesmen? The idea of substituting "acute, keen-edged intellect and manual education" for protective duties! This will indeed be a shock to the proprietors of "infant industries." Will Sir Donald be read out of the party?

ENGLISH CAPITAL

A Canadian who is at present visiting England writes as follows to the Toronto Globe: "I find here unqualified distrust of all Canadian enterprises. This seems to be brought about by tikiety promoters in the first place, secondly by unremunerative companies' shares and bonds, and next by unfortunate commercial failures in which Englishmen suffer. In my gaining of information some very strange things are heard about schemes from Canada, and direct refusals to touch anything from there are not uncommon. I am strongly of opinion that to get over this distrust the Laurier government should establish some sort of bureau, presided over by an expert and reliable man before whose censorship every scheme hailing from Canada should come, either before being submitted here or assuredly afterwards, to make certain it was bona fide in its details, its security and its representations. It would not be necessary to endorse its excellence in any way, but to see that what was said was to some extent capable of fulfillment. The expense should be borne by the promoters. It is no doubt the case that English capital has been made shy of Canadian investments by some painful experiences. There are in England a good many holders of unproductive shares in Canadian railways and other enterprises, and it is not unnatural that they should incline to lump the good and the bad without the trouble of questioning. Such sinkholes as the Chignecto marine railway project work on the "once-bitten-twice-shy" principle, to the detriment of legitimate affairs. Whether the suggestion of the Globe's correspondent would be the best means of restoring lost confidence may be worth considering, but there should evidently be something done in that direction. Of course this evil would tend to cure itself in time, but the process might be a long one unless some aid is given."

CORNWALL ELECTION

The Liberal candidate was elected in Cornwall and Stormont today by a large majority. That constituency has been for many years Conservative, the late Dr. Bergin having represented it in several parliaments, and its conversion is therefore especially significant. There is further significance in the fact that the Conservative leaders presented the school settlement as the leading, if not the sole issue of the contest. They undoubtedly hoped to gain through this because there was a large Catholic vote in the district. Catholics as well as Protestants have condemned their programme, a fact over which the country has cause for gratification.

THE MUNICIPAL ACT

Yesterday's News-Advertiser and this morning's Colonist give explanations regarding the Municipal Clauses Act which are intended to remove the doubts entertained by citizens of the inland cities as to their municipal status. If the Hon. Attorney-General cannot be awakened from his slumbers, perhaps the perplexed gentlemen of Kamloops and Vernon will be satisfied with the legal lore of our learned contemporaries. It seems necessary to explain to the government organs that the question was not raised by either the Kamloops Sentinel or the Times, but by the Kamloops city council, who thought it would be well to have their doubts removed by a statement from the chief law officer of the province. With characteristic obtuseness the Colonist has failed to properly locate the source of the complaint. Our own part in the matter was to comment on the failure of the government to set the doubts at rest when applied to, and also on the failure of the government to keep a proper watch over the state of the municipal law. This failure would not be so very conspicuous if the government were not so persistently represented as the special guardian angel of municipalities, the only source from which remedies for municipal evils can be expected. What a nice middle our civic affairs would be likely to land in if entrusted to government commissioners who may be judged from the amount of care exercised in the present instance. Those who were doubtful as to the status of the law are now told by the Colonist and News-Advertiser that sections 6 and 7 of the Municipal Clauses Act provide for their case, continuing in existence the corporations that specifically mentioned. If this is the case,

RODERICK'S ROBBERY

Geo. B. McAuley Gives a Graphic Description of Roderick's Tragic Death.

Strong Evidence of the Man's Guilt. — Keane Shot Him in Self Defence. George B. McAuley, the treasurer of the Cariboo Mining & Milling Co. who was held up and relieved of two gold bricks valued at over \$12,000 has written a long letter to the Seattle P-I. in which he gives full particulars of the hold-up, the shadowing of Roderick, who was suspected of the robbery, and the killing of the latter by Foreman Keane. The first part of the Mr. McAuley's letter is a description of the hold-up, the particulars of which have already been published.

His graphic story of the tragedy which ended Roderick's career follows: "Despite the vigilance of his shadow, Roderick left Seattle alone. Word was telegraphed by the detectives of his departure for the Okanagan, and Chief Constable McMynn, at Midway B. C., was instantly communicated with. Two days before his arrival at Camp McKinney a lawyer from Concoquilly rode in ahead of him and informed Mr. Keane that Roderick was coming across the line on a dapple gray horse. Meanwhile Chief Constable McMynn had dispatched from Midway Messrs. Deanes and Cuppige, two provincial constables, to operate with Thomas Graham and Mr. Keane in capturing both the highwayman and his booty. They arrived at the camp Sunday night, the 25th.

"That night Mr. Keane posted, two and a half miles away to the westward, an Indian, Alexine, at the forks of the Oro and Fairview roads to watch for the man with the dapple gray horse. In the morning, Monday, he reported that no person had passed into the camp during the night. The evening of the 26th the Indian objected to going out alone, and Graham hurriedly set to making a night of it with him, provided the constables would keep guard the following night, if necessary.

"At this juncture it may be well to describe the relation of the different points of interest. The robbery was committed east of Camp McKinney, about two and a half miles. The Lynch cabin is west of the camp about half a mile, on rising ground, between the main and Penitence roads and an elbow road. Across the fragment of road which has fallen into disuse, and opposite the cabin to the north, is a forsaken mining shaft and house, where Roderick, it transpires, had cached his weapons, ammunition, and the small trunk containing the stolen goods. The bullion is still a mystery, although it is in all probability buried somewhere between the Lynch cabin and the forks on the Penitence road. The distance between these points is about a mile. "Shortly after dawn on Monday the Indian had set out on Monday night for their vigil at the forks, the moon rose. The heavens were overcast with scudding clouds, through the rifts of which now and then a gleam of sunlight showed itself. At that moment the constables were at the shaft and house, and were plainly lit up, though in the timber flanked places there was shadow and darkness.

"Alexine was riding, Graham walking ahead, while Keane, wearing his cap on horseback, approached. As he passed they both identified the dapple gray horse and Graham recognized Roderick in the person of the rider. They wrote a note to Graham notifying him that Roderick was on his way to the camp. The note he dispatched by the Indian remaining at the forks himself to cover the possible flight of Roderick.

"The Indian, returning to camp, was on Roderick's trail, but did not overtake him. The fact that when Roderick reached the junction of the abandoned road he turned into it and back to the old shaft house, opposite the Lynch cabin, where he regained possession of the hide which he had hidden in a cave, a bull-dog pistol, a bandana handkerchief full of ammunition, two gunny sacks he had provided for the bullion, and three candles of a number he had in the mind of any person familiar with the case as to the guilt of Roderick."

NEW DENVER. The Ledger. It is said that \$100,000 has been offered for the Arlington on Sprague creek. A recent shipment from the Reed and Tenderfoot gave smelter returns of 140 ounces in silver and 65 per cent. lead to the ton. This gives a net profit of \$95 to the silver and the charge received was payable in gold. The Currie and other claims on the Galeana Farm being operated by the Vancouver and K. C. Exploration Company have been stocked in England. The company was brought out in London last Monday. The capital stock is \$2,500,000 at a par value of \$5. So warm is the feeling in London towards the Sleeman that application for three times the amount of stock at par have already been received. By the 14th of January \$100,000 will be paid for the Galeana Farm claims now under bond, which will make \$250,000 that C. W. Callahan will pay out for the company within four months in the neighborhood of New Denver and Silverton.

MILLITAMEN AND THE POLL TAX. To the Editors:—The letter of "Millitamen," "Miles," Lieut-Col. Prior and "Public Spirit," published during the current week in the Colonist, together with the suggestion in last Saturday's Province should, I think, have been written some years ago. I am unable to understand why the militia should be treated with less consideration in

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British Columbia than they are in every other province of the Dominion. I feel sure that the vast majority of our citizens entirely agree with those writers, that the militia should not be required to pay this tax; if anyone disagrees surely it is now his place to do so that they may be answered, if possible. The matter is one of some public importance and should, I think, be dealt with editorially. I ask you, sir, and the editors of the other city papers, for your support, and if you cannot give it, I hope you will explain why. The question can then be fairly discussed. It must not be forgotten that there is little danger of the city being imposed upon, if the officer commanding is required to certify to the "efficiency" of the militiamen before relieving him of the payment of the poll tax. The method of procedure which I would suggest for the accomplishment of the object aimed at would be as follows: Let the city council pass a resolution favoring the proposition and recommend it to the local legislature as a that body vote thereon speedily enacting such legislation as may be necessary. The exception need only apply to non-commissioned officers and men. F. B. GREGORY, Lt. Col. 1st Batt., 5th Regt. C. A.

VICTORIA MARKETS

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected. During the past week very little change is noted in the city markets. Flour still remain at the same price as it has been quoted at for the past three weeks. Meats, however, in anticipation of the Christmas trade, are slightly stiffening.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Ogdilvie's Hungarian flour, Lake of the Woods, Rainer, Snowflake, etc.

Butter, per ton, \$50.00 to \$52.00. Midlings, per ton, \$22.00 to \$25.00. Bran, per ton, \$20.00 to \$20.00. Ground feed, per ton, \$25.00 to \$27.00. Corn, whole, \$30.00 to \$32.00. Corn, cracked, \$10.00 to \$10.00. Oatmeal, per 10 pounds, \$35.00. Rolled oats, (Or. or N. W.), \$35.00. Rolled oats, (B. & K.), 7 lb. sacks, \$30.00. Potatoes, per pound, \$1.00 to \$1.00. Cabbage, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Cauliflower, per 10 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Hay, baled, per ton, \$12.00 to \$12.00. Straw, per bale, \$1.00 to \$1.00. Green peppers, cured, per lb., \$1.00. Onions, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Beans, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Peas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Gumpes, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Lemons (California), \$25.00 to \$25.00. Apples, Eastern, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Oranges (California), per doz. 40 to 50c. Oranges (Japanese), per box, \$1.00. Fish—salmon, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Fish—small, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Smoked bloters, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz., \$1.00. Eggs, Manitoba, per doz., \$1.00. Butter, Delta creamery, per lb., \$1.00. Butter, fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.00. Cheese, Cheddar, \$1.00 to \$1.00. Hams, American, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Bacon, American, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Bacon, rolled, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Bacon, long clear, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Bacon, Canadian, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Shoulders, \$1.00 to \$1.00. Hams, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Sides, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Meats—beef, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Veal, \$1.00 to \$1.00. Mutton, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Pork, fresh, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Pork, sides, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.00. Chickens, per pair, \$1.00 to \$1.00.

LONDON

What the Metropolitan Police are doing to Renewing... Agitation Aroused on Financial Britain... A Shoplifter Will so Easily... Waited

London, Dec. 21. Radicals are in the decisions of council this week of the lease of the test years. The fight against the according to the of the council, has firing by electric 10,000 pounds a year with 55,000 pound which the company hope of half-penny the provincial tram ing no security as the present year. Radicals, led by a rected toward optio for the empl companies, but the The Old Bailey... Emma Ugolini, fo other Italians fo pieces of Italian la shop of Peter Rovi... has been awarded... far as the method... Walter M. Castle... far as the method... "Commiss" was e... of the Queen's... for placing the Ju... Nurses upon a nat... set to Coventry. E... Duke of Westminster... a letter from M... ingale approving the... that although subse... been invited, \$900... of the form of... ed includes the Duk... the Duke of Fife, th... Earl Cadogan, the... terbury, Cardinal... of the British... Governor of the Ban... The agitation aris... of the committee on... tions between Great... is growing space, an... one of the most... is discussed at the... of the Irish Un... the matter up, and... force of undue tax... fore parliament at... to amend the amend... much speculation, in... which Sir William H... The matter... Privy Council of the Philip... that the Spaniards t... to torture in order to... and information from... gentis an suspect... of torture used are fr... inquisition, and con... "Spanish boots," etc... preserved there.

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