

Weekly Colonist

PHEDRA, JANUARY 13, 1888. INFORMATION WANTED. There are two subjects upon which we would most abjectly desire the opinion of Mr. Chamberlain's reported [by the Times] utterances at the Caron banquet, and the other the financial condition of the Province.

THE LEADERSHIP.

We understand that Hon. John Robson will take the leadership of the House in the absence of the Attorney-General, the latter gentleman's health is such that he is unable to attend the Chamberlain banquet.

DILK'S CRITICISM.

In the Fortnightly Review for January Sir Charles Dilke criticizes the Canadian militia severely and condemns the false economy which he holds is practiced in this country. He admits that in the West the troops satisfied one of the severest tests.

WORSE AND WORSE.

Ingratitude is said to be the basest of crimes, and the Times adds insult to injury in its attack upon the Government. It acknowledges with a very ill-dissembled air, the fact of its indebtedness to Mr. Higgins in settling two libel suits in which it was interested.

IMPROVING THE INTERPROVINCIAL.

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The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's earnings and expenses for November, 1887, were: Gross earnings, \$1,300,236; working expenses, \$770,398; net profit, \$529,838.

It is understood on good authority that the Nova Scotia Sugar Refining Company realized a profit of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 in the past year's operations.

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SEN BRAYNE ROBINSON, who died at Falmouth, on the 13th inst., was a well-known figure in the public life of Newfoundland, and resided for many years in the latter country.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

OF 718 names on the list, Ottawa has 800 lady voters this year.

THE THESES OF DR. BRODIE, of Montreal, on "The intervention of surgery in the treatment of diseases of the kidney," has been crowned by the Institut de France.

MONTEVAL has shortly gained possession of Logan's farm from the Dominion Government and converted it into a splendid park, expending nearly \$100,000 on its embellishment.

CARDINAL TACHÉ, of Ottawa, has sent an address congratulating the Pope on his jubilee. His Holiness replied granting the apostolic benediction and complimenting them on the work of the church in Canada.

MR. CHARLES E. KNAPP, of Dorchester, N. B., a barrister of thirty years' standing and registrar of probates for the county of Westmorland, has written a letter to the Hon. John Dicks in advocacy of the annexation of Canada to the United States.

REV. LEMAH ABBOTT has been selected as pastor of Plymouth church at the same salary as was paid Mr. Beecher. No definite term of service has been fixed, and it is probable that Mr. Abbott will remain permanently as Mr. Beecher's successor.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN

Explains His Objections to Commercial Union.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S DIFFICULTIES.

Harking back to Commercial Union, he said he thought Canada would find a great deal of difficulty in carrying out the duties of a free trader.

FRANCIS ANNEXATION.

It is not without a certain amount of surprise that the friends of annexation to the United States are so numerous.

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THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Quarterly Meeting Friday Afternoon—Important Business Transacted.

The quarterly meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade was held in their rooms in the Bank of B. C. building, Friday afternoon, January 7th.

LONGSHOREMEN'S GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor—We, the longshoremen resident in Port Townsend, venture to draw your attention to the grievances of our people, some of which are being remedied.

SUBWAY AND OKANAGAN RAILWAY.

President Ward before the board of the Okanagan Railway, and thought that he should also call attention to the grievances of our people.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. P. Rithet stated to the board that the Dominion Government had drawn the subsidy from the P. C. S. S. Co. for a mail service between this city and San Francisco.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A large audience was present at the city hall on Friday evening in pursuance of notice that resolutions would be passed to the effect that the Royal Labor Commission must be induced to extend its labors to British Columbia.

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