MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1896.

CHEEKY ALDERMEN.

Some Victoria aldermen, we see, are very impatient of criticism. Though professing to be exceedingly liberal, they abuse like fishwives those who are so audacious as to find fault with the way in which they conduct the affairs of the city. They have undertaken to keep the office of the Chartered Comsonable criticism patiently.

see that those aldermen who so sharply and so bitterly resent criticism did neglect it, and, from what we hear, official of the British South African are still neglecting it. It is not to be Company and Dr. Jameson or any denied that the Point Ellice bridge, omcer u inroad. when the awful disaster through which so many lives were sacrificed occurred, was in a disgraceful condition. We do the City Council was morally responsible in the Colonies. He evidently loses city's affairs. Its members are bound to governments are carried on in a differforesight can make them. The City tries where there is a "governing class." Council ought to have known of the condition of that bridge. No matter whose business it is to keep it in repair, as soon ern themselves as best they can. There as they found it was unsafe, as soon as is no leisure class with plenty of money they saw that it was ricketty and that the particular to do, from whom they saw that it was ricketty and that the particular to do, from whom they saw that it was ricketty and that the particular to do, from whom they saw that it was ricketty and that the particular to do, from whom they saw that it was ricketty and that the particular to do, from whom they saw that it was ricketty and that the particular to do, from whom they saw that it was ricketty and that they saw that it was ricketty and t its timbers were rotting, they should the people can choose their representain repair. It does, we must say, in the Federal and Provincial legislakicked. Neither, it appears, have they was a brewer, and a capital leader he more, or about ten days work, will bring the reckless, wild charge of the tribes

ing the Arm, they hummed and hawed, dawdled and disputed, and did nothing. They could in a few hours have made the railway bridge passable for vehicles as well as foot passengers. They had they with a stupidity and an obstinacy blundered most outrageously when at only too mildly.

They were very ready to throw away business organizations a member's befive thousand dollars and perhaps more ing a director of one or many of them on a temporary bridge which, when should not affect his public position. completed, would be a disgrace to the city. How much money has been wastday. It is all right for public men to defend themselves when they are attacked; but when their acts are indefensible, brazening it out is an aggravation of their offences.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

A select committee of the Legislature of Cape Colony was appointed to inquire into the connection, if any, that the Hon. Cecil Rhodes had with the Jameson raid. The committee were not unanimous in their finding. There were consequently a majority and a minority report. The majority found

As regards Mr. Rhodes, the commitand that he directed and controlled the combination which rendered it possible There is no evidence, however, that Mr. Rhodes ever contemplated that the force at Pitsani Camp should at any time invade the Transvaal uninvited; but the committee cannot find that that fact relieves Mr. Rhodes from responsibility for the unfortunate occurrence which took place. The committee regret that gust 25 the time for serving Hou, Mr. Mr. Rhodes was not present at their in- Prior with the protest filed against his quiry to give his own account of the pre- election.

ceedings, the more so as they are re-luctantly forced to the conclusion that the part taken by him in the organiza-tion which led to Dr. Jameson's inroad was not consistent with his duty as Prime Minister of the colony. The committee find that the Chartered Company supplied all the funds for the raid with the knowledge of the London office, and that Mr. Rhodes subsequently covered the amount with a cheque.

The conclusion arrived at by the New Groups Attracting Attentionminority was that:

The committee are unable to trace city in good order, and if they make a mess of its affairs they should bear reather with a specific control of the control of One would suppose that among the most important duties of the aldermen is the keeping of the city bridges safe and in good repair. As the lives of citizens depend upon their performing this duty faithfully, there can be no imaginable excuse for neglecting it. Yet we officer under him in connection with the

THE COLONIAL WAY. for the condition of that bridge. The sight of the fact that colonies are young. City Council has the oversight of the self-governing communities, and in them see that life and property within its ent way and by a different class of men limits are as safe as human care and from what they are in the older coun-Council ought to have known of the con- Colonies have no such class. The peohave had it closed to traffic. The City tives, and who can very well afford to Cristo and Delaware. The customs Council have undoubtedly that power. devote their whole time and much of collections for July were \$7,080.70. Why did they not exercise it? That is, their means to politics. In Canassuming that there are doubts ada the people are obliged value \$1,594; Alamo, 40 tons, \$6,422; all sition designated for the artillery to as to its obligation to keep it to choose as their representatives to Omaha. appear singular for City Councillors who tures men whom circumstances compel neglected this plain duty to resent the strictures of those who in this matter acheads and their hands. Johnny is there—the Prospector, Little Floe, Victoria, There was no strategy or concealment cuse them of carelessness, incompetency fore outraged to find members of Pro-Councillors who are either directly or leaders hard-working men, a great of life and for the grief and the sorrow private business—practising lawyers and owners are all Rossland men. which that loss occasioned, should hang doctors, editors, merchants, farmers, their heads in shame when any allusion etc. Sir Charles Tupper was for a great no souls to be saved or bodies to be nial government before Confederation made, too; another was a working law-If ever a public body deserved to be yer, and still another was a farmer. The

themselves of some other means of cross- were not the worse legislators and administrators for being actively engaged well known camp. in the conduct of their own private affairs while they performed, and per-

formed well, important public duties. One of these Johnnies is shocked be-Mr. Dunsmuir's permission to do so, but cause a member of the Executive Council of British Columbia is on the adwhich now appear incredible, neglected visory board of a gold mining company. to do anything to the bridge. Then they We may say, by the way, that that par- August 1, was made by D. M. Linnard. ticular member of the Executive Coun- so that any misunderstanding that may last they set about building a new cil receives no salary from the Provincial bridge. And now, instead of having Treasury for the services he renders the even a temporary bridge, they have a people of the province in that capacity. lawsuit on their hands. And in the face But that fact is in our opinion im- from the present company, to incorporof all this two of the councillors have material. A member of the Provincial the hardihood insolently to abuse those Government may be on the directorate who have condemned their incapacity of half a dozen mining and mercantile by A. E. Torelle to Mr. Chambers. concerns without any detriment to The aldermen say they have not concerns did business for the Govern- for one million dollars. The citizens the public service. If any of those money enough. What had the want of ment it would be a different matter. were in a flurry of excitement, and ru-

A professional man or a merchant in ed on the waterworks improvements? does not take up politics as a career. one of the provinces of the Dominion Has anyone calculated how much was He seeks election that he may be able thrown away on the power house and to give the province the benefit of what the electric lighting plant? If all that ability he possesses in the management money had been used in putting the of its public affairs. He does not know streets of the city in good order they how long he may be in office. He may would not be the reproach to the city find it convenient to abandon public life ed about two and one-half miles east of after three or four years tenure of office, or the public may refuse to re-elect him rather than a vein, among a carbonaceor to give the party to which he belongs ous rock. Ore has been encountered at a majority. In that case, as things all parts of the tunnel, but usually of so are at present, he has his business to was such that while he was a member of

the Government he could not be a mem-

ber of a joint stock company, he when

means of earning a livelihood. It may not be nice, in Johnny's opinion, for a member of a Government, for a gentleman who is privileged to be addressed as "Hon.", to be "in trade," but in the colonies we are not so very fastidious. Besides, the people want to be in a position to avail themselves of tee can come to no other conclusion than the services of their most capable men, that he was thoroughly acquainted with the preparations that led to the inroad, upon a workingman giving up his busiupon a workingman giving up his business when he enters a Government.

> gust no doubt, to be continued. An order was granted by Mr. Justice

Dominion Government Surveyors Have Started Work at Rossland -Last Month's Shinments.

The Homestake Mine-A Million Dollar Bond.

[From the Rosslander.]

nominal value sent from the Monte portance upon the British position.

A group of mining claims that will be ing executed and the guns being moved favorably heard of before long is the Prospector group, not far from Murphy bele made a sudden and determined Handy and New Orleans. The ledge on

pierced and it is estimated that 25 feet the face into the ledge. On the Sheep men, who seemed to court death in their lake trail A. H. Poyrier and H. Y. fierce attack upon the column. sparingly denounced, it is the City Council of Victoria for their disregard of the public convenience and the utter imberility they disclard to be, indeed, unsupported to be in the sort of the sort of the public convenience and the utter imberility they disclard to be indeed, unsupported to be in the sort of the sort to and from this nov

> For some time working on the St. Paul mineral claim. but grading through it has been carried on for the Red Mountain railway. In the course of that work four ledges have

six feet in width. The payment on the bond of the Homestake mine, which fell due on commander hurriedly ordered his signal have arisen between those who took the their rescue. While the signalling was bond will not affect the title to the in progress a hot and determined fight property. It is proposed to organize a raged around the guns and several Britnew company to take over the mine ish officers and men fell. In the disate with a larger capital stock, and to float it on the London stock market. The Pike mineral claim has been sold

It was currently reported on streets of Northport that D. C. C money do to with this bridge business? But as long as they are purely private mor stated that a smelter would be established in that town as soon as pos-

> Eight years ago considerable work was done on the Monarch, near Field, B.C., but after about 300 feet of tunnel was pierced operations were suspended pracically and nothing was done until a few weeks ago. G. D. Wolf, representing the owners of the Field Development Company, who are mostly Vancouver people, has had men engaged in continuing the previous workings and will ersevere until it is shown how valuable Field station, on the C.P.R. The ore is low grade that when the depreciation of silver came the margin of profit was too and fled. fall back upon. But if the law small to warrant the operation of the mine. The extent of the deposit is expected to be very large, and if proven to be of high enough grade so make ship-ping profitable, the Field Development he lost his office might be without the Company has a valuable property.

> > A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring nay be the means of keeping you well and

Dutch Peasants are proverbially stolid and slow but they are quick enough to grasp new ideas for increasing their comfort. For years they have used wooden sabots for, footwear on account of their lightness and warmth; and now they have out of pure wood fibre; and their coats and vests are interlined with Fibre Chamois, And, strange as it may seem to Johnny, wooden cloth, made as it is entirely from Spruce Fibre. These same stolid peasants realize thoroughly the system has worked exceedingly well hitherto, and is likely, much to his disstond peasants realize theroughly the non-conducting properties of the wood and avail themselves of the inexpensive warmth it provides. Fibre Chamois has a world wide reputation as a warmth giving interlining, for it is so light that its presence is hardly feltin a garment and yet it gives an absolute treatther. and yet it gives an absolute healthful protection from the coldest blasts of a long

Details of the Fight Against a Far Out-Numbering Horde of Matabele Warriors.

Narrow Escape of the Troops From Massacre-The Reckless Savages Severely Punished.

CAPE Town, Aug. 7 .- Details have For some years the Dominion geo- been received here of the decisive vicmove the armed force under his control logical department has had parties of tory won on Wednesday by 700 British men engaged making a topographical troops, comprising Col. Plummer's coland geological survey of parts of British umn, over a native force estimated to Columbia. The examination of the have numbered from 5,000 to 7,000 men. rocks has been very thorough and the The latter fought most desperately and results have been set forth in volumin- bravely, charging up within a few yards ous reports illustrated by maps showing of the British rapid-firing guns. About rich formation and the configuration of 500 Matabele warriors were slain during the country. Each of these maps repret the engagement, which lasted several sent a tract of country fifty miles square. hours, and the loss of the British in-The last to be published was that of kamloops and vicinity, and last year the work on the Shuswap district was done, though the maps and report will probably not appear for another year. On to the unofficial figures. The Matabele Monday J. McEvoy, B.A.Sc., arrived and allies were commanded by the big not profess to know anything about the law of the case, but we do know that in the Colorise II. nell, B.A., who has been engaged for supplied with arms and ammunition. two years in the Slocan, and the two At 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning will work together for the remainder of a force of about 700 men, whites and the season. An accurate contour map matives, cavalry, infantry and artillery, will be made showing the distribution all under British officers, marched to and formation of the rock. The work Umlugulu valley. The white infantry, will occupy more than one season. commanded by Captain Beresford, with
The entries outward at customs of ore two screw guns and a Maxim rapid-fire from Trail Creek mining division were gun, were detached to make a detour be-

> The main body of the British troops was halted, while Capt. Beresford's de-The shipments through Revelstoke were as follows: Slocan Star, 20 tons, ferred to, was making its way to the pooccupy. While this movement was be-

the natives rushed forward like a living and worse. It seems to us that the vincial Governments and even their sclearly defined and can be blue wave, and, in spice of the followed throughout the whole length of which was promptly poured into their the Prospector, on which there are two, ranks, they displayed most remarkable indirectly responsible for the awful loss part of whose time is devoted to their one 12 feet, the other nearly 30 feet. The gallantry, succeeding in getting within owners are all Rossland men. Development work is going ahead on a spot only fifteen yards from the Maxim quite a number of the claims located at rapid fire gun before any of these pieces. Deer Park this year. The most promisculd be brought into action. In fact is made to it either in public or in private. It is said that corporations have

part of his political career a practising ing properties are the Wild Horse and Silver Tip, owned by J. E. and S. Bates.

Silver Tip, owned by J. E. and S. Bates.

On this a tunnel of 95 feet has been to Beresford's detachment, as the white infantry were apparently unable to check

the public convenience and the utter imbecility they displayed after the disaster had taken place. Instead of going promptly to work to repair the broken bridge or avail the members of the different governments the public convenience and the utter imbecility they displayed after the disaster had taken place. Instead of going promptly to work to repair the broken bridge or avail to the heaving and serried masses of Ruby, Mr. Lowe is running open cuts which show a well defined ledge of 4½ feet at a depth of 15 feet. Captain Fitz-stubbs has men working on the Queen of the West, and J. J. Smith on the Blue Bird. On every trip the steamer Nakusp the chiefs, who bravely rushed to the heaving and serried masses of rapidly moving impis, the natives wavered in their charge and a moment later the rush stopped and they began to give by the were not the worse legislators and adront, encouraging their display of magnificent dash.

The native warriors returned to the charge and in the face of the fierce and awful fire of the British guns, Captain Beresford's force was for a few moments completely surrounded by the surging been exposed, two of them upwards of waves of warriors, who seemed to know no fear. The position of Beresford's forces was then most critical and their men to ask Col. Plummer to lose no time in advancing with the main body to tance could be seen two more impis rushing forward to join in the attack upon Beresford's position, and there was no time to be lost if the guns were to be saved. Consequently Col. Plummer ordered the main body of the British

troops to advance. Mounted men were sent forward at a gallop to storm the heights on the left of Beresford's position, from which the natives were delivering a nasty dropping fire on the kopje occupied by the guns. The cavalry were gallantly led by Major Kershaw, who charged up to within fifteen yards of the enemy's position, when he was shot through the heart by a native, who almost immediately fell afterwards literally riddled with carbine and revolver bullets.

The advance of the main body Plummer's force was quickly noticed by the natives, who were pressing around Beresford's detachment and caused them to take steps to retreat, in order to escape being caught between three fires. The guns were thus able to do better execution, and a well-directed fire of case shot, followed by a well-placed fire of shrapments came into action the enemy broke

The guns and war rockets played upon the natives so long as they were in range, but the main loss to the enemy ing the new road and wharf built elsewas inflicted while they were so bravely charging almost up to the muzzles of the Mr. Leach, decided upon. About the British guns, and one cannot help discouraging report of the colony's conspeculating upon what would have been dition very little needs to be said. In a new community of this kind there must be found dissertisfied elements, but as a able to reply to the unkind and fearful be found dissatisfied elements, but as a fire of the Maxim and screw guns. The whole I am satisfied that the Bella Coola natives displayed bravery to a fault, colony to-day is as prosperous as ever, earning the admiration of the British, but there was no resisting the leaden and reported on the substantial and perstream thrown into their ranks by the manent improvements the hardy toilers had effected, beside working on the road, trained and properly officered picked European troops under similar circumstances, much less the hordes of the About the property work as the following the property work as the following the poor work as the property of the property o nearly naked native army of savages, for, while rifles and ammunition were which is nothing more or less than a not wanting among the natives, the supply was very far short of the demand. The shooting of the warriors was of the

> KINGSTON, Aug. 8.—The intimation of eral says he has not spoken of resigning. try and cows; in fact, one settler ordered

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THE NORWEGIAN COLONY.

TO THE EDITOR: -In regard to the pubished letter signed "Colonist" in a local paper of a recent date about the condition of the Norwegian colony at Bella Coola, allow me a few words. In the first place, the letter was not written by

About the poor work or the feebleess of the surveyor, Mr. Leach I have nothing to say, as I do not know, but I do know from the president, Mr. C. Sangstad's letters to the Tidende, and also from his personal statements to me, that the colony as a whole has done very well indeed, far better than could have been expected. e Broad Arrow that Major-General I have, further, letters from settlers in Cameron would shortly resign his post of commandant of the Royal Military Settlers have fine gardens in front of College is unfounded. The Major-Gentage with the control of the Royal Military Settlers have fine gardens in front of their houses; that nearly all keep poultry and course the has not specked of recipients.

through me about \$30 or \$35 worth of fruit trees for him and friends not long ago; further, that all able men are earning good wages at the canneries at Rivers' Inlet, and as soon as the season is over the government will build a sub-stantial wharf to deep water and finish the road. Wnat more can any man ex-

pect from any government?

If the liberal colony regulations of British Columbia were as well known in the Eastern States as they ought to be, the new movement of establishing a Danish colony at Cape Scott, Vancouver Island, would find many followers, particularly if the opposition press would not be so ready to jump at conclusions in publishing any and everything about the Scandinavian settlement of a discouraging nature.

GEO. AMORSEN.

HUN DOWN GET That's our advice to every weakly, sickly. woman and girl, and there's nothing equal to INDIAN WOMAN'S BALM for purifying the blood, of toning up the nerves and building up the health.

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the matter. A cabinet co day, at which The Birmingh Chamberlain, ously conside last night's ac on the Irish amendments t ernment oppo paper adds the tention of country.

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first division Belmore's ame lating to easen sulted in a gov of 59 to 44. moved an add viding that wh by the sale of bered estates right to appeal The Marquis of Ash bourne opp was carried by defeating the clauses were th emerged from was reported to both the report ing will be tak It is believed that the bill is position to it b been broken. threat which conveyed that again defeated

would be necess consider his pos the cabinet to-d their original p turns to the I objections will Templeton's at the several class be ascertained a based on the improvements the landlords;