THE WATER WORKS CONTRACT

Statement of Facts Bearing on the Charges Against the Contractors.

Same of the Causes of Complaints and the Arguments Given Against Them.

(For ten days past the publication office unications in regard to the water works outract. These letters have contained all manner of charges against the contractors, Messrs Walkely, King & Casey. Some called them slave drivers who kept the poor laborers on the run from more till night: others allowed them. called them stave that the run from morn till poor laborers on the run from morn till night; others alleged that Victorians were was denounced as a robbery; the food place was denounced as a robbery; the food was criticized, and a score of trivial accusations made. Some of the assertiors were manifestly false and unworthy of consideration, but to have printed only those letters that appeared so weighty meant the giving of a large portion of the paper over to the subject exclusively. The latter can hardly be done, but recognizing the importance of the subject a member of the stuff was directed to visit the lake, inspect the work. ted to visit the take, inspect the work, gather as many facts as possible concernthe plan followed as to the employment boarding of the men, and lay the facts and observations before the readers of the That visit was paid yesterday and ort is below. Editor.,

A Times reporter dropped unheralded

Lake yesterday afternoon, with orders from his chief to investigate personally slightest ground for complaint at the bill the charges of improper treatment of the workingmen in the matter of the amount of work done by them, and the alleged are the arguments and facts for the arbitrary arrangement for boarding them reader's consideration. and the claim that local men were being turned down and Americans imported. The gravest charge of all, the major and be minor assertions that have found their B. W. Murray, a foreman, who is an exway into circulation, was that the men pert cement and concrete man, who were driven to their work like slaves, the contract. Whether he was imported that they were overworked to a degree under contract, employed just after he unbearable by anyone lacking the arrived, or had a residence here when he strength of a horse, and to that atten- went to work are questions, sufficient to tion was first turned. Yesterday afternoon the majority of the men were en- not going on. He is an Englishman by gaged in filling in dirt and rock on the birth and resided here for a time a few lower side of the cofferdam. There are pits or quarries on either side of the lake, and gangs of men worked in each lived in the United States, but the great pit filling wheelbarrows, while relays of bulk of them are Victorians and were enmen wheeled the latter to the dump. gaged right here. A walk among them Two relays worked on the west side and three on the east, the distance on the latter being the greater. The entire force spirit of the contract as to the employwere working overtime, as the contractors desired the filling hurried and had been engaged since the break of day. The men moved at the ordinary pace of and on other contracts. They receive the laboring men and no one was being driv- same pay as the rest of the men. en. Like all manual labor the work is hard. Running a wheel barrow tries the hands and feet sorely and there were payers of the city fails in its object. It green men on the work with blistered declares that the employes must either and swollen hands. Never once was a be on the voters' list or be certified to be foreman heard ordering any of the men latter arrangement defeats at once the to increase his pace or do more work. whole object of the clause, as a man may Everybody was on the move, but there come here, locate and at once claim resi-There is no discrimination in the matter of pay. All the laborers receive 221/2 by the contractors, but it has not yet cents per hour, or \$2.25 per day of 10 been made public. hours. Blasts are often prepared out of regular time and there is other work on which overtime can be made. That all of the men are anxious to get the chance to put in overtime is an evidence that they are not overworked. The entire force engaged in filling worked twelve hours yesterday and some got in a new hours in the evening. One man worked 18 hours on Thursday, thus almost noubling his pay for the day. There have neen a number of changes among the men, some leaving and others being discharged. The former class, as a rule. pronounced the work too nare for them, and as to the latter, AIr. Ming, or the hrm, said: "We have discharged a numper of men, and I personally have let several out. There have been men who could not do a good day's work and men who would not do a good day's work. All that I ask is that a man do an nonest day's lapor. We pay them for it. have our own obligations to meet in turn and expect it. 'Ine work is hard, especially on green nands, but when we have found good men among the latter we have favored them until they hardened up. You can very readily see that we have work to do here, and simply cannot keep men who are either unable or unwilling to do a fair day's work. This talk about overwork is ridiculous. Look at the gang at work filling. They are moving, but no one crowds them. We have at present a splendid lot of men is ascribed to two causes by the enginand they are doing well. You are welcome to go to any one of them and discuss these assertions to which I myself pay very little attention."

Several of the men were talked to on the slave-driving proposition. None of be driven as far as the contractors work in holding fires in check, if not exthose seen had any complaint to make. They said the work was hard as all such labor is, but they did not see any crowd. the men said they had never heard Fore- perfectly solid dam. man W. B. Murray or Thomas S. Burnes speak loudly or unkindly to the

All men connected with the contract are required to board at the contractor's stone quarry on the west side of the camp and pay therefor the sum of \$5 lake. A large amount of stone has alper week apiece. No exception is made ready been broken by hand. to the rule from the contractors down to the boy helpers. This arrangement has evoked severe criticism. Residents of the city who would prefer to come home have objected to it strenuously. They only blood purifier allowed an exhibit have claimed that they could live cheap- at the World's fair, Chicago. Manuer at home and that it was unjust to facturers of other sarsaparillas sought force them to board there. The contractors have against them two arguments, their goods, but they were all turned which were largely the reasons for start- away under the application of the rule ing the camp. The train in the morning, | forbidding the entry of patent medicines | assuming it to be on time, arrives at and nostrums. The decision of the 7:30 o'clock, and that in the evening de- World's fair anthorities in favor parts shortly before 6 o'clock. That Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as would not permit the men from the city to put in a full day, let alone allow them to do any extra work when wanted. The the list of nostrums. It is here on its at the opposite end of the group at the fares for a week would amount to \$1.50. | merits." which they claimed made boarding at the lake at once the cheaper. The mere fact that it was compulsory, that competition of other boarding houses, which and that they were not permitted to

batch, was objected to by some of the It was also pointed out that board could be had in the city for \$4, but it was contended that the location of the camp and other conditions go a long way toward making \$4 here and \$5 at the lake equal. Then the cooking department, owing to poor cooks, did not run very smoothly at first, and that added a little to discontent. However, it is in first class condition now, and yesterday but little could be heard on that score The reporter discussed the matter with a young Victorian who is employed on the work, and he said: "The only objection I have, or that I hear specially mentioned by the men, is that when they Times Las been inundated with com | are away in town all day Sunday no allowance is made to them. They simply pay double board for the day and don't get that which they pay for here. I believe if a man goes away all day Sunday some allowance should be made to him. ng discriminated against in favor of paid Americans; their boarding house get all we can eat." The men fare well at the camp. Yesterday, for instance, beef steak, stew, potatoes, boiled rice, bread and butter, apple sauce and tea and milk. The men were given all they asked for. The dinner hall is clean, and well ordered, and the dishes are all that could be desired. The lodging house is roomy, well ventilated, and the bunks are against the walls in tiers above one into the contractors' camp at Beaver another. The Italians are not lodged in the general room. There is not the of fare. There is arguing ground on both sides of the boarding question and it comes to a matter of opinion. These

> The assertion that men have been im ported from the Sound has been made repeatedly, but its substantiation would a difficult matter. There is one man. say that he is an outside man who would very likely not be here if the work were years ago. Among the rest of the men there are a few men who may be Ameri can citizens, and a few more who have by a man at all familiar with the people of the city will lead him to believe at once from the men he recognizes that the ment of home people is being carried out. There are fifteen or twenty Italians on the contract, and they are of the same lot of men who worked in the sewers

It may be well to state that the clause in the contract covering the employment of men and designed to give labor to taxresidents by two well known men. The was no crowding apparent anywhere. dence irrespective of his citizenship. The for by the aldermen has been furnished

The camp is an orderly one in every respect. It is a rule that fighting shall lead to discharge and that law is carried out. Two Italians, both of them good workers, fought at noon yesterday over some trouble at the table. They were discharged at once. The object of the rule is to preserve order and it will very likely succeed.

THE COFFERDAM SETTLED.

Loss or Damage by the Occurrence Trivial-Filling Below it Now.

The settling and slight giving way of the cofferdam at Beaver lake was not at all serious and the damage and loss are very slight. All that can be seen is a broken brace, a slight cant of fice, Mr. George L. Curzon, replying to the piling in the centre and a split a question put by Mr. Edward E .Carstringer along on top of the piling. The son, said the government had not deemed dam is as tight as ever and the course now being followed will quickly remedy matters. The settling was first noticed on Thursday at noon and the drawing of water off the lower part of Beaver lake was stopped at once, and part of the embankment on the upper side cleared away from the p of the piling. The settling had ceased at 6 o'clock that evening, and it was decided at once to ommence the filling on the lower side. That is being done now with all possible speed, and by Monday it will be original plan was that it was intended been driven behind, and the bracing at ing made. the centre will be made doubly strong.

The rock crusher was delivered ves terday at the lake by the Victoria & a highly inflammable state and the dar-Sidney Railway Co. It was carried in over the siding and drawn up to the

None But Ayer's at the World's Fair. Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extra ordinary distinction of having been the by every means to obtain a showing of follows: "Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a town of Yap was almost totally depatent medicine. It does not belong to stroyed by the hurricane. The bark was

-Wire cloth for screen doors, meat safes, etc. Shore's Hardware.

might make board cheaper, was shut out, Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Medal and Diplema.

CHOLERA IN THE FAR EAST is owner of the St. David group of is-

The Dread Disease Prevails in China, Corea and Formosa.

Steamer Ashore Near Oneenstown-Russian Exhibition in New York.

Gravesend, Eng., Aug. 16.-Ex-Mayor Arnold gave a luncheon to-day to Admiral Kirkland and the officers of the U.S. cruisers' San Francisco and Marblehead. Mr. Arnold, in toasting the president of the United States, said that the concerted action of the United States and Great Britain in relation to the massacres in China showed that the two powers went hand in hand in upholding what is right. Admiral Kirkland responded with a few appropriate remarks. London, Aug. 16.-Emperor William

embarked on board the imperial vacht Hohenzollern at Leith last evening. The Sofia correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the late M. Stambuloff's grave has been desecrated, the police arriving just in time to prevent the exhuming of the remains.

The Standard dispatch from Vienna says the Neus Weiner Tageblatt asserts that Emperor Joseph will present a public park to the city upon the occasion of his jubilee.

Rotterdam, Aug. 14.-Gustav Bingen, partner in the firm of Bingen Bros., bankers, of Genoa, Italy, whose failure was recently announced, arrived here vesterday evening, apparently with the ntention of going to New York. When mbarking on the Netherlands steamer Sparndam he attempted to commit suieide by taking poison. He was taken to an hospital, and it is expected that he will recover. It is stated that the banker had 65,000 francs on his person when

arched at the hospital. Queenstown, Aug. 16.-News has eached here that a large passenger steamer has run ashore on the coast in the vicinity of Ballycottin, to eastward of this harbor. It is presumed to be a vesse! bound for this port from either Liverpool or Southampton, although nothing definite is known. A dense fog prevails along the coast, and coastguards have gone to the scene with life saving apparatus.

When the costguards arrived at Bally cottin, they found the steamer had been floated and had proceeded on her jour-Her identity was not established. Paris, Aug. 16 .- The Figaro to-day. liscussing the recent massacres of missionaries in China, says: "We to-day are nearer to a collective expedition of

European warships to the far East than

when the Japanese were marching on Peking. St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.-The Novo-Vremyau says advices received from Vladivistock announce that cholera prevails in China, Corea, and the island of Formosa. Several Russian warships will shortly return to Cronstadt from

the far East. St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.-The Department of Commerce has issued a note calling upon the merchants to send samples of their wares to the Russian consul at New York, who is organizing an exhibition of Russian goods, with prices, etc., with a view to meet the frequent enquiries made by American mporters.

A question of great interest to Canada was asked in the House of Commons today by Mr. Price, who inquired if the government was aware that the present exclusion of Canadian store cattle had caused, and was causing, severe loss in some agricultural districts, and whether the restriction can be removed. The president of the board of agriculture, Mr. Walter Long, replied, saying that as late as July 10 cases of cattle suffering from pleuro-pneumonia had been found among cargoes coming from Canada, and the government in consequence must maintain the restrictions placed upon such cattle. Mr. Long added that the government was communicating with the government of the Dominion of Canada on the subject.

The under secretary of the foreign ofit advisable to raise the question of monetary compensation for the relatives of the Chinese massacres, until the culprits had been punished.

FIRE PROTECTION

Voluntary Company Talked of at Cedar Hill-Danger of Clearing Fires.

The residents of Cedar Hill district are discussing a proposal to organize a volunteer hose company. Another hydrant completed. The only difference in the has just been placed in the district at Gosworth and Cedar Hill roads, and to fill in on the lower side after the there are now three in all. The plan is water had been drawn off. The settling to ask the council for a reel and hose, secure a convenient place for keeping eer. In the first place the piles were it, and get enough men in the locality not driven in a circular form, and then trained in its use to man and handle it when the big brace in the centre was at all times. It is a long run for the put down, rock bottom was struck under regular firemen to Cedar Hill district, some of the piles, and they could not and a local company could do good wanted. However, bracing piles have tinguishing them, while the run was be-

Chief Deasy is refusing all requests ing on the part of contractors. Two of The filling behind the piles will make a for permission to make clearing fires \$5 for the best vinegar and Mr. Lam- of the United States district court for these days. The summer has been such a dry one that brush and timber are in and jellies. ger of fires spreading is very great. Small boxes for keys are being placed

near all the alarm boxes, so as to insure speed in sending in an alarm. A hydrant has been placed at the cor ner of Niagara and Montreal streets, James Bay.

HURRICANE IN SOUTH SEAS. Great Damage Done in the Marshall and Caroline Islands.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.-The bark Helen W. Almy has arrived from Bataritari. The vessel since she left here has been among the Marshall and Caroline groups. While cruising about the latter island it was learned that the time and so escaped the blow. D. D. O'Keefe, one of the wealthiest traders in the South Sens, is reported to have lost all the way from \$25,000 to \$50. 000 by the storm. His store and dwelling were completely demolished, and considerable stock were killed. O'Keefe

lards and has also large interests in Hong Kong.

NO EVIDENCE OF SUICIDE. Poisoning of Mrs. Wenger May Have Been Accidental.

The theory has been advanced that Mrs. John Wenger, who died yesterday afternoon from a big dose of carbolic acid, took the deadly poison by mistake for something else. The jury sworn in this afternoon by Coroner Hasell to inquire into the case evidently inclined to that view, for in the verdict rendered, after declaring that the woman died from carbolic acid poisoning, the sentence was added "We find no evidence of suicidal intent." The jury was composed of Joseph Phillips, foreman; Frank Sherbourne, C. Cameron, Robert Hatcher, J. Doughty and M. Watson.

There were four witnesses, including the medical men, examined, and there was no evidence of suicidal intent. It was shown that before the noon hour yesterday the deceased was in good spirits and ate a hearty lunch.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

In chambers this morning before Mr.

Drake, an application in the suit of Prevost v. Sayward & Chambers was made on behalf of the defendants to set aside a writ of summons issued against them, on the ground that the same was issued without the plaintiff's authority. Mr. Duff. of Hunter & Duff, appeared upon behalf of the defendants, Mr. Icv. ing on behalf of the plaintiff. The following is Mr. Justice Drake's judg ment:-

Application by Chambers to set aside writ and proceedings as issued without authority. The facts appear by the affidavit of Mr. Irving, sworn on the 16th August. On the 9th August Mr. Justice Crease ordered that the registrar of the court do faithfully deliver out to the plaintiffs in action of Denny Sayward for suit, a bond filed by defendants and that the plaintiffs be at liberty to bring an action on the said bond in the name of the registrar, and to prosecute the same for the use and benefit of the plaintiffs. This order was duly entered. I have no power to review it,-the present application, if suc cessful, would be in fact setting aside an order of this court. See Preston Banking Co. v. Allsup, 1895, 1 ch. 141. Aplication dismissed with costs. M. W. TRYWHITT DRAKE, J.

THE KU CHENG MASSACRE.

The Commission of Investigation Com-

mences Work-Important Arrests. Hong Kong, Aug. 17.-The commission appointed to investigate the recent families at Ku Cheng, which left Foo at Foe Chow; Mr. J. C. Hixson, U. S. manifested. consul at Foe Chow; Mr. E. L. B. Al. Dr. Watt Starrett and Lieut. Evans of the U. S. ion. She had not yet recoved consciouswarship Detroit, together with a num- ness and fears were held that she would ber of Chinese officials of high rank. The commission is escorted by 100 she has been acting peculiarly of late, Chinese braves.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. Tenders for the Privileges on the Fair Grounds Considered.

The directors of the Agricultural and Industrial Association met last evening for the purpose of considering the tenders for the privileges on the fair grounds. Mrs. Dwyer's tender for the lunch counter and ice cream and refreshment stands was accepted, provid ed she take the dining room and kitchen. B. J. Perry's tender of \$410 for the bar in the Jockey club grounds was accepted. The music contract was awarded to the B.C.B.G.A. band for \$480. It was announced by the secretary that

posters advertising the exhibition were being distributed from every postoffice in the province and at many places on the American side. Messrs. N. Shakespeare, C. E. Red

fern and G. H. Brown were appointed to act with the special committee of the school board to prepare for Children's day. Public and private schools are invited to take part. The different days will be occupied as

Monday, September 16-Judging, Tuesday, September 17-Opening Wednesday, September 18-Public holiday. Children's day; parade of children, 2 o'clock: live stock parade, 3 o'clock; lacrosse match.

ollows:

Thursday, Sept. 20-American day horse racing. Saturday, Sept. 21-Horse racing. Admission to the grounds after 6 o'clock will be 25c. Messrs, Tolmie, Dean and Lamberton

were appointed a committee to secure the necessary milk and cream for the traveling dairy, which will probably be exhibited during fair week. There was some discussion as whether there should be competition in H. Bryant, of New York, now acting as the manufacturers' division. To settle the matter Dr. Tolmie offered a prize of berton a similar prize for the best jams

How to Get "Sunlight" Books. Send 12 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers to Lever Bros., Ltd., 23 Scott St., Toronto, who will send post-paid a paper-bound ocok, 160 pages. For 6 "Lifebuoy" Carbolic Soap wrappers, a similar book will be sent. This is a special opportunity to obtain good reading. Send your name and address written carefully. Remember "Sunlight" sells at six cents per twin-bar, and "Lifebuoy" at 10 cents. One cent postage will bring your wrappers by leaving the ends open,

Maude-I'm in a horrible dilemma. Maria—What's the matter?
Maude—I'm going to the ball ro-morrow night, and I can't make up my mind whether to wear a cutaway cost or or nd I can't make up my mind to wear a cutaway coat or a

The reason none can understand. But examples there are in plenty— One pound is the weight of the fish yo

And the fish that escaped weighed twenty

THE VICE-REGAL VISITORS. Additional Information as to the Plans of Lord Aberdeen.

Their Excellencies intend to remain at Government House till about the first week in September when they will probably remove to His Excellency's estate in the Okanagan Valley where they hope to remain for a holiday during that month and probably part of October. As already mentioned it is understood that Their Excellencies' present visit to evening they received a num Victoria is not, strictly speaking, of an guests at the Mount Baker Hote official character, and it is not expected this morning they were the gn therefore, that they will be giving re- A. R. Milne, C. M. G., collector gular entertainments in the shape of dinner parties, etc. The visitor's book, Esquimalt and other points of however, will be available, as usual, for At three o'clock the premier and all who wish to pay their respects in the Mr. Daly attended the meeting customary manner.

It is understood that Their Excelencies intend to give a garden party before they leave Victoria on this occasion. With regard to subsequent plans, it is and shown through the industry ery probable that, if other official en- One of the pupils read the foll gagements permit, the Governor-General dress, which was in his own hand and the Countess of Aberdeen will return and of his own composition later in the fall to spend a short time in Victoria before going East for the winter. In that case Their Excellencies would wish to take the opportunity of issuing invitations.

Meanwhile Their Excellencies have exressed themselves as delighted with their present surroundings, and greatly enjoy the quiet, and are also highly appreciative of the arrangements most curteously made by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney for heir convenience and comfort.

Their Excellencies' children, accompanied by Dr. Gibson and Miss Weterman, arrived last evening. Their departure from Quebec was delayed until the arrival of Lord Haddo and the Hon. Dudley Gordon from school in England. In the meantime Their Excellencies had to come west in order to be present at the Regina exhibition and to fulfill other engagements. The Governor General and the Countess of Aberdeen have premised to be present at the Scottish gathering on the 24 inst.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

Mrs. John Winger Commits Suicide with a Big Dose of Poison.

Mrs. John Winger, an elderly woman living with her husband, a cripple, at the corner of View and Quadra streets, attempted suicide at noon to-day by taking a large dose of carbolic acid. She is in a precarious condition, and owing to age and generally poor health, her recovery is a grave question. The acid was evidently taken about 12 o'clock, for nearly half an hour later the woman was found lying on her bed in an unconscious condition by her children. They could detect a strong odor of acid, and, massacres of missionaries and their growing suspicious, sent for aid. Dr. A. T. Watt was summoned in haste. A chow on Tuesday last, has arrived safe- bottle partly filled with carbolic acid. ly at Ku Cheng. Several important ar- which he found in the room, left no rests have been made in connection with doubt as to what the woman had done. the massacres. The natives are quiet, but appear much alarmed at the arrival of applied antidotes, but Mrs. Winger applied antidotes, but Mrs. Winger the commission, which consists of Mr. was quite unconscious and the effects of R. W. Hansfield, Acting British Consul the powerful acid were everywhere

Dr. Watt said later this afternoon that len, British vice-consul, Padoga Island; the woman might pull through, but de-Rev. Messrs. Bannister, Gregory and clined to express any very decided opinnot. The friends of Mrs. Winger say and ascribe her action to an unbalanced mind. She is 55 years old, and she and her husband are well known here. A later report conveys the information that Mrs. Winger is dead. An in-

quest will be held. WILL SAIL WEDNESDAY.

Steamship Warrimoo Will Be Repaired and Dispatched by That Day.

The repairs to the steamship Warrimoo being made by the Albion Iron Works will be completed on Saturday night and the ship will leave for Vancouver on Sunday morning. A full cargo of freight has been booked for the Warrimoo, and she will have between 45 and 50 saloon passengers and 30 second class passengers. She will not be ready to sail until Wednesday next. She will receive several shipments of lumber and salmon at Victoria, and a number of passengers will board the ship here. This is the only trip the Warrimoo will make before she is permanently repaired. Another vessel will be chartered at Sydney to take the run to Victoria. It was the intention of the management of the company to put on a third ship on the route at once, and there is very likely

DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS.

Four Well Known Citizens from Republic Here To-Day.

A party of distinguished Americans ar-

vessel available for immediate use.

under the old schedule was very short.

a third steamer was a necessity.

rived in the city this morning on the steamer Rosalie. It consists of General George D. Ruggles, adjutant-general of the United States army; General John receiver of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Washington, and Judge H. G. Struve, of Seattle. General Ruggles occupies a very high post in the American army, and that he is a capable officer he demonstrated by making a brilliant war record in the rebellion. - He is visiting the Northwest for the first time and is won by its attractions. General Bryant is a well known New Yorker and occu pies a prominent position in the financial world. Judge Hanford has been a federal judge for about six years, and is one of the ablest jurists in the west. In his time on the bench he has tried innumerable cases of an important nature, and his legal ability, shown in the district court as well as in the federal court of appeals at San Francisco, has attracted widespread attention in his own country. Judge Struve is at the head of the Seattle legal firm of Struve, a McMicking, Allen & Hughes, which has the largest practice in the Northwest He has long been a resident of Seattle and is quite intimately acquainted with Chief Justice Davie, Hon, D. W. Higgins and other old residents here. The party have been the guests o General Roberts, U. S. consul, the great

Cholly—How would you—aw—like to own it part of the day, and with him are callitite—aw—puppy, Miss Moneyful? ing on Rear-Admiral Stephenson on Miss M.—This is so sudden, Mr. Softleigh! board H. M. S. Royal Arthur this after-

noon. They will be entertained at the general's home. They le Vancouver in the morning.

PREMIER BOWELL AND P

Attend a Public Meeting at the P of Trade This Afternoon

Premier Bowell, Hon. T. M. Daly party, who arrived from the no the steamer Quadra yesterday after are spending a quiet time here toms, at a driving party. They board of trade rooms. On the trip from Nanaimo the

stopped at Kuper Island, when were received by Rev. Father I Indian Industrial School, Kuper Island, B.C., August To Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell an

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In corclusion, therefore, I of my school may secured sthanks for baying secured sto the Indians of stitution to the Indians of also wish to avail purselves tunity to return our thanks intrudent Vowell and to Mr Lomas for the kind att il encouragement bestowed the honor to be, sir, Your obedient servant

NEWS NOTES BY CABLE.

Copyright Question Again-Wolseley's motion Reported.

London, Aug. 16 .- E. Harston Wr the Times questioning a telegram New York correspondent to the circulars have been printed, Langton, Toronto, offering to ser Mr. Marston does not believe wholesale smuggling is possible says that what Canada wants is law to exclude American reprint right authorities from Canada. uthors and publishers, he says, ing a bugbear of the proposed Claw to cover their most improper upon Canada.

The Times' Berlin corresponden that grave cases of ill treatment crew of the steamer Kaiser Wilhe

been reported. Two stokers jump board in despair and were drow third died from injuries brutally by the engineer. The Daily Graphic announces that Lord Wolseley has been chosen to such the Duke of Cambridge as command-chief of the British army. Brussels, Aug. 16.—The educational passed its second reading to-day by a of 81 to £2. The tunult caused by Socialists in the chamber was so that the president was forced to sust the sitting.

he sitting. Brussels, Aug. 16.—The internationa diamentary conference on peace arbit to-day adopted a resolution declaring when a state has declared permanent trality such neutrality should be record
by the powers. The conference by the powers. The conference adopted a resolution, introduced b R. Cremer, M. P., one of the Britisl gates, authorizing the president of the ference to ascertain whether two or lative in the establishment fo an lative in the establishment fo an in national court for the settlement of putes by pacific methods. The confere then adjourned, after voting to meet a year at Buda Pesth.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—The anniversary of battle of Mass-la-Tour, near Metz, celebrated to-day by a regimental mus which was attended by the veterans were present at the engagement.

were present at the engagement, thousand veterans assembled, pat speeches were made, and mass was brated from an altar in the open air. Care Town, Aug. 16.—It is reported that Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, extary of state for the colonies, will shopay a visit to Cape Colony. Mrs. J. M. Thain has taken a tur

the better during the last day or two, hopes are now entertained of her record. R. Smith returned from the main last evening. Chief Justice Davie returned last ing from the mainland.
J. A. and Mrs. Davidson, of Guelph, who have been visiting their son, A Davidson, of this city, left for Calif last evening.



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