Victoria, Friday, November 30.

THE GREAT BLUNDER.

City councils are undoubtedly given to blundering, more or less, and it would have been strange if the new electric works had been built without some errors of greater or less importance being committed. The Colonist has given a list of what it conceives to be blunders in connection with the works, but, strangely enough, it leaves out the most notorious and the most serious of allnamely, the selection of the site. The extra payments caused by changes in the ment containing the request for the plans will amount to a few hundred dol. new government offices again and severlars, but what is that in comparison with the blunder by which some ten or twelve thousands of dollars were uselessly squandered on turret rock? The blasting and other preparation for the building, it appears, brought the total cost up to some \$17,000 before a stick of the building could be laid. An al- the foreman unwittingly stated there lowance of \$5000 for the price of a site and its preparation should have been ample. It is all well enough to find fault with small blunders, but what is to be said of a critic who condemns the little outlays and winks at the large ones? The ratepayers will be apt to conclude that the large blunders are the most costly, whatever the Colonist may have to say on the matter. Then if it had not been for the initial blunder in regard to the site some of the alterations of which so much is now said would not have been necessary.

A WARNING.

Let common ordinary people beware what they say about the condition of this country. The man who says aught condemnatory of the Tory administration is already accursed as an "irresponsible scribbler," a "calamity howler who for the most part finds it difficult to get one dollar to rub against another." If this is not sufficient to crush him he will assuredly be knocked out when he realizes that his utterances are "senseless jabbervidual indeed who is not convinced by man made her way home in quick time this avalanche of epithets that he has most wickedly transgressed and that he would do well to refrain in future from expressing his opinions until he is given leave by the powers that be and their Lepass on July 29th, was acquitted by particular friends. No poor man, or one in the "lower ranks," has the right to have an opinion on public affairs, anyway. Such has been the accepted Tory doctrine from time immemorial, and it is not to be lightly changed even in these degenerate days. When a man gets to be lifted up in pocket-if not in intellect -by showing fidelity and subserviency to the Ottawa boodlers, then he has acquired the right to say something about the latter-provided always that he speaks agreeably. We trust this view of things will prevail, and that all poor men, who have to live by the sweat of occupied the remainder of the day and their brows, will recognize their true po- was not completed when the court adsition. Most audacious it is of any such person to criticize the high and orate St. Andrew's day by a ball and mighty ones enthroned at Ottawa-even supper in their rooms in the Davison if he does help to pay their salaries and building. make up the boodle they so industriously The second Hornets and Cowichans get away with. Any further failure to observe the limits beyond which they should not go will most assuredly land. Judge Harrison will hold a court of should not go will most assuredly land revision and appeal under the assessthese people in trouble. Pap-fed organs ment act, on Saturday, December 22. are not to be trifled with.

tion of ods NANAIMO "Nanaimo, Nov. 27.-Rev. R. R. Maitland's addresses to the workingmen on murderer of Fie Man, the Chinese marthe labor questions in the Y. M. C. A. ket gardener who was shot one night rooms every Sunday afternoon should be last September while driving along the well atteded. Cards are being issued Westminster road. A boy saw Caine by a few friends of the cause in which attention is being called to the advantages derived from these addresses.

John Mason, the Victoria crescent far he has been victorious in all his matches, but it is feared he will suffer Heywood. He has served a term for Watchman Larsen's wife. In the darkdefeat this time. The race has been made with R. Watson, for one hundred jail. yards even, and the stakes are \$40 a Caledonian grounds on Saturday after- of the murderer.

noon. Watson is the favorite. The anniversary concert and supper given at St. Andrew's Presbyterian being \$644. At yesterday's sale Hon. church last evening proved a very en- C. E. Pooley purchased a lot on Hastjoyable event. The programme was well ings street for \$1650. selected and the various pieces of vocal and instrumental music were well rendered.

the opultry show to be held here in Jan- to pay their taxes. uary next.

Texada, where he has been prospecting ministrative wisdom. He has told the for some weeks past, brought down some council that he might see his way clear very fair specimens of quartz carrying to give Vancouver a free delivery in a free gold. The quartz is of a rosy, su- few months. gary nature, and the particles of gold are plainly discernible to the naked eye, The owners of the claims are erecting a fifteen foot water wheel for power purposes, and they intend to put through burg from New York this morning. the process of manipulation some five to Friends were waiting at the station; and ten tons of the ore, which will then be sent to eastern capitalists as a sample. are current that Irwin was placed under If the same should average with similar samples, previously sent, a fully equipped mill of considerable capacity will be at | Fidelity Building and Loan association once erected. They have to carry all are yet behind the bars in the central supplies on their backs for some miles. police station unable to furnish bail. The government should see that a road President Dingman and Superintendent is built, as it may be the opening up of of Pittsburg Office William Henry were They say eels are plentiful and the enan adjunct to Nanaimo which may be of released last evening on bail.

vast importance. Without a road the business of this rich mineral locality will most likely drift away from this

district. The district members have been doing their utmost to obtain a special grant for the island, but so far have

Delimitation of the Afreceived but small encouragement. Withghan Frontier. out assistance a large amount of expenditure intended may not be entered into and this property will be laid aside for another season. Several parties here

deciding on expenditures on their properties. Nanaimo, Nov. 28.—The assizes opened here yesterday morning with very little interest. The grand jury returned true bills in the following indictments: Regina vs. Webster and Wilson, Regina vs. Brown, and Regina vs. McKinnon. The grand jury then made their present-

was similar to that given before the Judge Crease in summing up charged strongly for a verdict of aggravated as-The jury were out for about sault. four hours and when called into court were seven for and six against. The judge then told them that they would be doing justice if they brought in a case

al other minor matters. The first case

taken up was Regina vs. Brown, being

the police assault case. The evidence

are awaiting the action of the govern-

ment regarding the island roads before

of common assault. Such was the verdict returned. Judgment deferred, bail being refused. Pedestrians along Victoria Crescent were somewhat startled yesterday morning by observing a woman running along the street clad only in her night dress. The story quickly leaked out. It will be remembered that a short while ago of the Afghan pretender, who new will a young man named Mat Merrit eloped with a Mrs. Ward to Seattle, where the angry husband succeeded in locating and their settlement causes neither satthem and was administering a thrashing to the lover when the police interfered. Ward returned to Nanaimo with his wife and ere long Adonis returned and evidently renewed his loving acquaint-All went well until Monday hight when the wife was again missing. Enquiries elicited the fact that Merrit

and Mrs. Ward had engaged rooms at the International hotel. Mr. Ward made his way to the room occupied by Merrit and after giving him a sound thrashing turned, with all intent, to give his wife the same but she could not be erous interests that cannot harmonize. found. Ward, however, was content to pick up her clothes and carry them away. The proprietor of the hotel hearing of the occurrence immediately turning." He must be a very stupid indi- ed the couple into the street. The woand all is now peaceful.

Chief McKinnon has resigned his position and the council are now calling for applications for the position. Louis Devos, charged with stabbing Judge Harrison. The evidence showed that Lepass had been too keen in inter-

fering on behalf of another man. Nanaimo, Nov. 29.-When the assize court opened yesterday the first case called was Regina vs. McKinnon. The defendant elected to be tried without a jury and, as Judge Crease stated, in order that the jury may be discharged,

he would take this case last. Hanson was next called upon to stand trial for complicity in the negligence of duty which cost Quail his life. Mr. Simpson, crown prosecutor, entered a nolle prosequi in which his lordship

concurred and he was discharged. The case against Wilson and Webster The Caledonian Society will commem

Vancouver, Nov. 27.—Pat Caine has been arrested on a charge of being the in the vicinity on the night of the murhighway robbery and also for breaking The government offered a reward of \$250 and the Chinese benevolent so-The race will come off on the ciety a reward of \$400 for the capture

Seventy-five lots have been sold for taxes in this city, the amount realized

The council is having a war over finances. The chairman of the finance committee anounced that the city was Mr. Butterfield, of Windsor, Ont., the \$70,000 beyond the revenue received at well known Canadian poultry judge, the end of October, this being caused by will be asked to judge the exhibits at so many property owners being unable Postmaster-General Caron has been

Mr. Raper, who lately arrived from giving Vancouver an example of his ad-

George M. Irving, the discretionary pool operator whose case has attracted wide spread attention, returned to Pittswith them Irwin disappeared. Reports arrest after his arrival and gave bail for hearing. Five of the officials of the

ANGLO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE.

Delimitation of the Af-

Other Powers Jealous of the Cordiality Between the Lion and the Bear.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—The emperor has caused Prince Hohenlohe to let Prince Bismarck know that his presence would be very welcome te the inauguration of the new reichstag building on December The person carrying the message to Varzin intimated that the emperor had refrained from sending a formal invita-tion merely because he was not sure how Bismarck would take it. If Bismarck should refuse the invitation, it is said, even on the ground of his wife's illness, the general opinion would be that the emperor had been rebuffed, and this was to be avoided. As yet no reply to these overtures has come from Varzin.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg ridi cule the report of an Anglo-Russian alliance on the basis of the free passage of the straits, mutual action in the far east, etc. The negotiations in progress b tween the two government relate solely it is said, to a more accurate delimitation of the Afghan frontier. The settlement of the Pamir questions has been effected and the protocol has been signed. The entente covers also the suc cession to the throne of Afghanistan, where Russia has pledged herself not to interfere. This is a practical gain for England, as it relieves her of the fear

be little more than a subsidized refugee. These matters do not concern Germany, isfaction or regret here. Count Schouvaloff, Russian ambassador to Germany. has not returned to Berlin, although the reports of his recall have been denied. The German government has the best reason to know that the relations between Germany and Russia are growing more friendly than ever. If the sudden Anglo-Russian Cordiality causes regret anywhere it is in France. The German press predicts, however, that the cor-

In Berlin everybody echoes the Koelthe colonial game of grab. Baron Kidderlin Wachter, who was in a fortress because he fought a duel has been released from Eprembreitstein

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

at the emperor's command. He served

but two weeks.

News Received by Wire From All Parts of the World. A Rhode Island Republican sent Pres-

ident Cleveland a twenty-five pound turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner. Several members of the Newburgh, N.

Y., athletic club have been arrested for breaking up a colored church social by urning cayenne pepper. Governor Hogg, of Texas, to-day pardoned B. A. Krebbs and James Preston,

vho served eighteen years for a crime that it is believed they did not commit. Dr. Pickin, of Eau Claire, Wiss., accused with his son of having hypnotized meteorological service, and apart altometeorological service, and ap

was admitted to bail to-day. The crew of the four-masted schooner Annie L. Pardee of New Haven, con- letter and promised to lay the matter sisting of nine persons, which went before his colleagues. ashore off Saybrook reef yesterday, were rescued to-day.

Miss Stevenson continues to improve and reports of meetings. and the vice-president leaves his home on Saturday for Washington. Secretary Thurber reports still further mprovement in the President's health to-day, and would not be surprised to

row.

see him at the White House to-mor-

NEW WESTMINSTER. New Westminster, Nov. 26.-Miss Johanna Nelson, a handsome young der. and a few days ago pointed him Swedish woman of 24 years, was out on the streets of Vancouver. He drowned at the government wharf Sunsprinter, has another race on hand. So eluded the officers at the time, but on day night shortly after 8 o'clock while far he has been victorious in all his Saturday night was arrested by Sergt. going aboard the steamer Samson with ness Miss Nelson stepped off the gang plank into the water and though rescu-ed in less than ten minutes was quite seems to be necessary in the first in-stance is the appointment of engineers of empires. The next volume of HAR-stance is the appointment of engineers PER'S MAGAZINE will contain four illusdead when taken out. A verdict of accidental death was found by the corcidental death was found by the coroner's jury.

Reports from Okanagan say that river, taking levels, ascertaining areas a series of eight stories, depicting typical diphtheria threatens to become epidemic. It is also reported that W. L. of available lands to be benefitted and it. It is also reported that W. L. protected, making rough estimates of the January number the first chapters of A Thompson, merchant, of Fairview, and cost, acquiring meteorological informa- Three-Part Novelette, by Richard Harding his wife, are both dead of the disease. | tion, and generally obtaining all physical | Davis-the longest work yet attempted by They lost their little daughter ten days and other data necessary upon which to this writer. Complete short stories by pop ago and were both taken down. Two found conclusions; and in the second innurses were sent up from St. Luke's stance to refer the notes, maps, and all Home, Vancouver, Miss Crickmay and data collected and compiled by these Miss Good. The latter belongs to Vic- commissioners to some eminent engineer toria. They too caught the infection and are seriously ill. Yesterday, in resuch character for report. sponse to a telegram from the mayor of Vernon, Sister Frances and three more that the Dominion government be invitnurses went to Vernon to attend the ed to join in the appointment of a comsick nurses and others.

New Westminster, Nov. 28.-A Vancouver baker named Hughson was taken

into custody here to-day insane. He is inflicted with religious mania. Thomas G. Mason, of Victoria, representing Gault & Co., Montreal, had his sample room broken into and robbed last night of \$300 worth of goods.

The American schooner Buelah, lumber laden for San Francisco, was towed to sea to-day by the steamer Comet. Several Swedes have gone into the conger eel fishing business on the Fraser. terprise will pay.

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FRASER RIVER FLOODS.

Papers Relating to Protection From Overflow Presented to the Legislature.

Report of Executive Council and Reply From the Dominion Government.

Hon. Mr. Davie yesterday presented to the legislature papers relating to the protection from overflow of the L'raser The first paper is a copy of the report of the executive council referring to the floods of last spring and the action taken by the government and the board of trade. Then follows the letter from Premier Davie to Sir John Thompson giving particulars of the damage done and what is necessary to prevent a recurrence of the floods, it being suggested that the two governments co-operate to protect the banks of the

river. In the letter the premier wrote: "There is another matter which has been previously and frequently brought diality will soon cool, as Russia and to the attention of your government, England are natural enemies, with num- and that is the necessity of protecting the banks of the Fraser from erosion by the current, which in the course of years nische Zeitung's warning to Lord Rose has carried away much valuable land, bery not to alienate Germany's regard and which even threatens during some by extending what is called in England extraordinary freshet to entirely divert the course of the Fraser by providing a new outlet. I feel the necessity of urgondemned to four months' confinement | ing most strongly that your government | throughout the interior of British Coshould begin at once a comprehensive with Dr. Pottsdorf of the Kladderstch, survey of the Fraser, with a view to permanent protection of the banks.

"There is still another matter which I would beg to direct your attention. I refer to the establishment of meteorological stations at convenient points in the interior, from which conditions such as have produced the present disaster could be observed in time to give the government and the people information in advance. Approximately, by this means it would be possible each year to foretell the volume of water that might be expected in the Fraser a week or two ahead, and in case of an inundation such as we have had, and which came entirely without warning, preparations could be made whereby much of the loss suffered would be avoided. This is a matter which might be mutually ar-With instruments supplied, ranged. the provincial government agents or saulting her while under their influence, now refer, their reports would be useful ger train was derailed, but no one was in a variety of ways and very valuable." Sir John Thompson acknowledged the

There are a number of extracts from the press, including letters, editorials

The executive committee after dealing

termined to be most suitable, immense mountain reservoirs to be emptied as will be the Personal Person mountain reservoirs to be emputed as safety dictates, thus avoiding the sud-of Arc, by the Sieur Louis de Conte, her den rush of waters into the main changestion of the utilization of these mouneconomic purposes of producing mouve power for the generation of electricity power for the generation.

Series of southern papers.

Northern Africa is attracting more attentions at any other time since it was the economic purposes of producing motive pear a profusely illustrated paper on Charleston and the Carolinas, the first of a

examination of the basin of the Fraser lan Ralph will prepare for the MAGAZINE

"The committee therefore recommend The minister of public works of Canada concurred in the opinion expressed by the provincial government, and recommends:

1. The area of country necessary to be & Brothers. protected or that would be affected in any way by floods, and the length of dyking to be carried out in each locality; and also the extent of country in which irrigation would be possible by means of mountain reservoirs; and further, to ascertain the facilities for and the practicability of this means of protection and irrigation.

2. All physical data available regarding the various localities immediately con-

cerned, or having a bearing generally ou all matters conected with dyking and irrigation in the Fraser, Thompson, and other river basins where improvements

are desirable to be carried out. 3. Particulars of snow and rainfalls ranges of temperature, maximum and minimum, available throughout each drainage basin, and particularly of the upper portions of the same, or on any other localities that may have a bearing on the improvements under consideration; and generally all meteorological data available having relation to the rising and falling of the Fraser, and more par-

ticularly relating to the freshet of 1894. 4. Highest known flood levels, rate of rising of waters, and duration of maximum flood level, so far as available along the main streams and principal tributaries of the Fraser.

5. Notes on the physical character of the lands affected, and present values.

6. An approximate estimate of carrying out the work as a whole. 7. Maps and plans necesarry to fully show the mechanical operations involv-

8. And, generally, all data of whatsoever nature and from whatsoever source that may be required for thoroughly comprehending the nature of the

undertaking. The committee also recommend urging upon the Dominion government the great desirability of carrying out the suggestion contained in Mr. Davie's letter to Sir John Thompson in regard to the establisment of meteorological stations

lumbia. The minister of public works of Canada concurred in the opinion expressed by the provincial government and recom-

mends "That the government of Canada do send one or more engineers of the department of public works to act in conunction with any officers of the British Columbia government in making the proposed investigation, and, further, that the Dominion government do defray onehalf of the cost of the operations of the said commission, the total expense not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dol-

A passenger train on the Valley division of the N. Y. N. H. and Hartford road while entering Hartford struck a freight engine of the N. Y. and N. E. at a grade crossing near Pleasant street this morning. Engineer H. J. Lewis of other officials could act as agents of the of the New England engine was terribly

Harper's Magazine

The Simpletons, a new novel by Thomas Hardy, will be begun in the December num-ber, 1894, and continued to November, 1895, with the cause of the flood, namely, the heavy snow fall and sudden advent of warm weather, observeing a mide of the continued to November, 1896, Whoever may be one's favorite among English movellists, it will be conceded by all critics that Thomas Hardy stands foremost as a master artist in faction, and the Simpletons may be expected to arouse enthusiasm not inferior in degree to that which may be constructing at points denel. To this has been added the sugpage and secretary, under which guise the writers will present the story of the Maid tain reservoirs at other seasons for the of Orleans. In the January number will ap-

> tion than at any other time since it was the ular writers will continue to be a feature of the MAGAZINE.

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John Henders her residence South Saanich several months. very well know district, the Mo a favorite stop around the Sas popular hostess of friends.