

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1891.

GOOD NEWS.

We are glad to see that Capt. Boulton is on his way to British Columbia to commence the survey of the coast of this Province. We have more than once directed attention to the fact that there is not a chart of the northern part of the coast that can be depended upon, and that for want of recent and accurate survey the navigation, even of the Lower Fraser, is difficult.

UNJUST REPROACH.

The London Times agrees with those who assert that the Italian Premier is "playing to the gallery." We cannot see that he is open to such an accusation. The occasion is one that requires prompt and energetic action. Any man occupying Premier Ruffini's position would, from a sense of duty, at once demand reparation from the United States. The honor and the dignity of Italy require that its Government should assert the rights of Italian subjects in the United States, and should demand that those who had taken the lives of the New Orleans prisoners should be brought to justice.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT.

The Hon. E. J. Phelps has a day after the fair, contributed an article to Harper's Monthly to prove that the United States has the right to protect the seals in any part of Behring's Sea. He does not appear to know that Mr. Blaine, whose argument he commends, has given up this contention, as well as the claim to exclusive jurisdiction over the waters of that sea.

soundness of his argument. He knows all about the natural history of the seal, and would, doubtless, without a moment's hesitation, decide the question about which there has been so much dispute lately, which is, whether the new-born seal can or cannot swim.

DEFEATED AGAIN.

The result of the Sligo election is very strong proof that Parnell's influence in Ireland has greatly declined. A few months ago the Irish leader had only to name the candidate he preferred to ensure his election. No party leader ever had greater power over the constituents than he had.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The cable has just informed us that the labors of the National Australian Federation convention are approaching completion, and that the future title of the confederation will be "The Commonwealth of Australia." The convention has adopted what we know as State Rights, and the Senate, as well as the House of Representatives, is to be elected on a popular basis.

on the side of justice and equity, and its wealth at the service of civilization. May its influence be cast for the establishment of universal peace by laying on sure and solid foundations an Anglo-Saxon confederation, well qualified in every way to take a high place among the nations of the world.

RAILWAY FENCES.

The Attorney-General's amendment to the Railway Act is much needed. Railway companies should be compelled to have their tracks properly fenced and provided with cattle guards at all road crossings. When the regulations with regard to fences are loose or not strictly complied with, railway employees become very careless with respect to animals on the track.

RECIPROcity NEGOTIATIONS.

The Dominion Government has been as good as its word. Two of its members and Sir Charles Tupper have gone to Washington to confer with Mr. Secretary Blaine on the subject of reciprocity in trade between Canada and the United States.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The Warden's report on the annual meeting of the congregation of St. John's Church, recently held, the Warden presents the statement of their stewardship appended below. The showing is indeed highly satisfactory; it is seldom that a church, at the end of a year, has a balance on hand.

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A ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Labor Question is one which has of late years grown to very great importance. It promises, soon, to be the most pressing subject, which the statesmen, not only of Great Britain, but of the whole civilized world will have to consider.

THE RECIPROcity RESOLUTION.

Our contemporary stigmatizes Mr. Cotton's resolution respecting reciprocity with the Hawaiian Islands and Australia as a wind-baggy resolution. We see nothing wind-baggy about the resolution. It is a very good resolution, and one which every patriotic Canadian ought to support.

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To Whom It May Concern.

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From the Daily Colonist.

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