

## The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, May 12, 1893.

## THE TWO MINISTERS.

Yesterday we took the liberty of pointing out that the minister of finance was endeavoring to "lead eastern people astray in regard to the magnitude of the mainland agitation and in regard to the population figures." Though it rushes precipitately to Mr. Turner's defence, the Colonist is careful to leave the first count of the accusation alone and content itself to the second. This shows that the organ has not wholly parted from discretion, because it could not very well have justified the following passage in the Montreal Gazette interview with the minister of finance:

"Well, as to the difficulty between the island and the mainland, there is no trouble. What there is has been got up by a few malcontents, as I might call them, in New Westminster and Vancouver, and among the leaders of the movement there are no important or leading men."

Mr. Turner must have known that these statements were misleading when he offered them to the eastern public through the Gazette, and the Colonist does well to ignore them, since it cannot enter a defence on their account. But the organ has very poor success with its attempted defence on the other count of the indictment. It knows that we do so that when Mr. Turner again brought forth that oft-misleading set of figures he used it in a misleading way. If he had spoken honestly he would have mentioned the fact that some of the figures he quoted were furnished by the Indian department and were not taken from the census at all. He is quite well aware that the census returns lead to no such conclusions as he set forth, but he was quite willing to leave on the minds of the Gazette readers an impression to the contrary. Therefore the inference that he intended to mislead is quite obvious.

It is rather amusing to find the premier at Westminster and the organ here parading a new telegram from Deputy Minister Lowe as another "authoritative statement" in regard to the population. Mr. Lowe's latest statement amounts to nothing more than a new arrangement of the figures with the old result. This will easily be seen by any person who looks at the telegram:

18th April, 1893.  
J. Lowe, Ottawa, to Hon. Theo. Davis, Premier:  
Population British Columbia absolutely as follows: Vancouver Island—Indians, 5,325; Chinese, 3,183; whites, 28,589; total, 36,767. Mainland—Indians, 22,694; Chinese, 5,727; whites, 26,945; total, 61,466.

If this is compared with the other telegraphic correspondence on the subject, which was previously published, there will be found no variation of any importance:

24th March, 1893.  
Hon. J. H. Turner to Hon. Theo. Davis:  
Your telegram of 27th February gives total Indians, mainland, 22,694; island, 5,325. Bulletin gives total population B. C. 98,173. Deducting Indians, this leaves white population B. C. 92,871. Is this correct? State how many whites on island and how many on mainland. Please wire reply as soon as possible.

J. Lowe, Ottawa, to Hon. J. H. Turner:  
Whites on island, 31,025; on mainland, 31,946.

Mr. Lowe's dispatch of April 18 gives a slightly different number of Indians for the island and takes account of the Chinese, and that is all the change made by it. Now it has been shown time and again, as the Colonist well knows, that if the figures given by Mr. Lowe are accepted as correct they lead to an utterly absurd conclusion. He allows the whole matter to rest on the population of only 26,405, whereas the census gives very nearly that number in New Westminster district alone. Therefore we are led to the conclusion that in the two Dominion electoral districts of Cariboo and Yale there were only a few hundreds of white people at the time the census was taken. There is no need of pointing out the absurdity of figures that lead to that conclusion. Nor is it necessary to point out that the census is more likely to be correct than Mr. Lowe, wherefore the latter's statement must be rejected as worthless, no matter how "authoritative." All this is known to the ministers, who continue to parade Mr. Lowe's confusing statements simply because they are confusing and therefore calculated to serve the ministerial purpose. We have already more than once pointed out the source of Mr. Lowe's error, but we may be allowed to refer to it again. The matter becomes quite plain from the following statement sent by Mr. Lowe himself:

March 11, 1893.  
J. Lowe to Hon. J. H. Turner:  
Following subcommittee of Indian population slightly in excess of figures given. West Coast, 2,944; Cowichan, 2,064; Kwakwaka, 1,905; Okanagan, 878; Williams Lake, 1,302; Fraser River, 4,338; Kamloops, 2,401; Kootenay, 6,046; North West Coast, 4,001; B. C. Indians, 26,405; bands not under agency, 11,726.

The source of error plainly lies in those "bands not under agency." These Indians—or nearly all of them—were outside of the territory covered by the census, and they are excluded from the census population. The census population practically disappears. Perhaps if the Colonist carefully considers what we have here said it will find an answer to the questions which it propounds this morning:

Why is it that the Times places reliance on the census population of the island agitators rather than on the figures of the census officials? Is not Mr. Lowe of Ottawa on such a subject as good an authority as Mr. Brown of Westminster? Which of the two men is the most disinterested, and which has the greater opportunity of arriving at the truth with regard to the population of the island and mainland?

Mr. Lowe, of Ottawa, in his ignorance of local circumstances is ready to accept figures which leave Yale and Cariboo and the Kootenays with less than a thousand white people. Mr. Brown of Westminster, having more complete knowledge, rejects these figures. Any man blessed with honesty and common sense will accept Mr. Brown's conclusions and refuse to entertain Mr. Lowe's.

The Montreal Star in illustrating the working of the system of specific duties thus discourses on the subject of yarn:—"But on the cheaper grades, it

runs all the way up to from 50 to 60 per cent. And this would be much worse if it were not for that 25 per cent ad valorem, which now saves the tariff from the climax of absurdity. If the present specific duty of 10 cents a pound stood alone, it would run from 16 per cent. to say 40 per cent. on the different grades, and if a specific duty equivalent to the present double duty (reckoning it on the finer quality) were to be levied, it would tax the cheaper yarn something like 85 per cent. A plain ad valorem duty would level down all these inequalities. The Government could not more signally challenge the confident attention of the public than by declaring the specific duty system to be especially on trial for its life."

The bill introduced in the Ontario Legislature for a plebiscite on the prohibition question provides that the vote of the people shall be taken on the first Monday in January, 1894; the same day as the municipal elections. No poll will be taken in the unorganized districts in the far north. It is provided that persons qualified to vote shall be of two classes, those who are qualified to vote at elections for the legislature and, secondly, widows and unmarried women who are entitled to vote at municipal elections. The ballot papers will be in the form containing the schedule of the act, thus preventing confusion. The ballot papers to be used by the men will be of yellow paper, while the women will get blue paper. The ballots will be placed in the same ballot box. The clerk of the municipality will be authorized to appoint agents to attend the various polling booths. There shall be two agents appointed on behalf of the affirmative, and two for those against the bill. The expenses connected with the election will be born by the municipal councils concerned.

The well founded belief that the use of tobacco restricts muscular development in boys has received fresh confirmation from recent investigations. From measurements of 187 students in Yale College, it was found that those who did not use tobacco gained over those who did during the college year of 1892, 22.12 per cent. in weight, 19 per cent. in height and 66 per cent. in lung capacity. Measurements of the Yale College showed even greater difference in favor of those who did not use tobacco. Boys who want to be strong either physically or mentally must leave tobacco alone.

## FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT.

Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney's Trip to Vancouver—Sheriff Appointed.  
Vancouver, May 5.—At a meeting on the street railway guarantee a motion in favor of provincial politics received only one vote.

The steamer Haytian Republic is unable to take on iron at Redondo Island north of the wharf not being carried out to deep water.

Only two invitations to the Board of Trade banquet were received in this city, and a few people here consider Victoria people inhospitable.

Vancouver, May 6.—Meetings to discuss proposed amendments to-day in Cootenham, Chilliwack and Burnaby municipalities.

Cathodion sports will be held here for the first time about the middle of August.

M. A. Maclean, who has spent three months in Washington promoting immigration, has come back reporting a large number turning their faces Canadian.

The Trades and Labor Council does not deem the labor act the Godsend it was claimed to be. As amended in the House it was shown of any real benefit to the whole nation. The bill will oppose the by-law to guarantee interest on street railway debentures.

Two secret societies have been connected with the city for a month, and it is found that a large number of them are getting money to pay have not been paid.

Vancouver, May 9.—Attorney-General Davies has informed the North Vancouver council that the Health Officer, McGuire, put the municipality to unauthorized expenditure in connection with smallpox cases. The council are grumbling at having to pay the bills.

Tenders closed on Saturday for the erection of the Hudson Bay Company's wholesale warehouse here.

Potatoes cannot be had in the city, and \$5 a sack is asked for the few remaining.

The street railway guarantee bonus was voted by 152.

The captain of the Tacoma finds he has contracted to take more Chinamen to Portland than his tonnage allows him to carry as passengers. She has not cleared.

Vancouver, May 10.—It is stated that Captain Webster's resignation as manager of the Island Steamship Company, is in the hands of the directors.

Captain Thornton, of the barkentine Tacoma, declines to go to Portland with his Chinese cargo till secured against loss through seizure or other legal complications there.

J. A. Virtue, before leaving the Hotel Vancouver to take charge of the Mount Baker Hotel, was presented with a gold mounted cigar case last night.

The surveyors have started on the Burned Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway west from the Vancouver end.

About 150 Vancouver people attended Premier Davies's New Westminster meeting last night.

Vancouver, May 11.—Thursday afternoon school has been proclaimed a half-holiday in honor of the first official visit of Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, and the opening of the Y.M.C.A. building.

## WHO OWNS THE LAND?

A Nice Question Agitating Church Circles—Shipping Notes.

Nanaimo, May 5.—There is some excitement in Church of England circles just now about the action of St. Paul's, which congregation has petitioned the diocesan synod to consider its claims to a share in the proceeds of certain church property recently sold in Nanaimo. The claim is based upon the fact that St. Paul's is a half of the original parish of St. Paul's for the benefit of which the property was given by the Vancouver Coal Company.

The shipping in the harbor is fast increasing and with the new charters that are constantly being made the San Francisco market will be well stocked with coal by the time the English vessels arrive for the grain freights.

The Colfax Rebekah Lodge, of Victoria, will be entertained to a concert, drama and supper in St. Paul's Institute on Tuesday next.

Belshazzar's Feast, or the Fall of Babylon, given in the opera house last night by the Methodist choir and others, was a brilliant success. Professor Speer is deserving of great commendation in training the choir to such perfection. It was a happy thought that six or eight of the professor received some recognition for the valuable services rendered to the above choir for the last four years.

Nanaimo, May 6.—Mr. Taylor Ramsey has been in the city for the past few days in the interest of the Oregon improvement company.

The short tram line opened to Vancouver this morning. A special car with flags flying, left the city with 30 gentlemen aboard for the purpose of touring the power house, where a champagne lunch was served.

The meeting last night at Alder Ovens, who has been interrupting the business brought up, when a motion that the lease of the ferry be referred to the board of the city was carried.

New Westminster, May 11.—The case of Donohue vs. Howison, involving the ownership of 40 acres of land at South Westminster, is being heard in the Supreme court this morning.

At a meeting of citizens held in the court chamber last night, a programme for the Queen's birthday celebration was decided upon.

Of the eleven Japs now at Union street Methodist church.

Whereas at the approaching conference the Rev. W. W. Baez will terminate his tour of the Pacific coast, the church, he it resolved that this quarterly official board hereby place on record its appreciation of the eminent services rendered by the Rev. W. W. Baez during the three years now rapidly drawing to a close, and earnestly pray that the Lord blessing may attend him in his field of labor.

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been forced to resign the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church in that city. Rev. Mr. Reid's resignation takes effect in June, and in the meantime he will attend the convention of the Presbytery, which meets in Pennsylvania this month. After spending a short time at the World's Fair, he will come to this province and spend some time recruiting his health.

A carman and machiner went out by the Canadian Pacific railway this morning addressed to the Dominion government engineer at Golden. The machinery is a complete outfit for a dredger which is being built on the Columbia river to remove the numerous bars which obstruct navigation at certain seasons.

New Westminster, May 9.—All yesterday and to-day A. Stroebel and I. R. Every were being tried in the district court for the murder of John Marshall, of Huntington, on April 19. There are ten witnesses and five have been examined. The evidence is circumstantial, but clear and strong.

The evidence to-day so far was that of J. Lucas, police officer, Simas City, Idaho, who, at the request, said to Stroebel: "The doctor has found two 44 calibre bullets in Marshall's skull. Stroebel replied: 'Let me out of this. I am only 38 calibre.' Lucas then told him that the bullets were not 44 but 38, and Stroebel said he had no cartridges. The policeman next tried Leggett, of Victoria, who said he had seen the man on the ground directly below Stroebel's window. The man was dressed in a suit and covered two loaded. Stroebel said the size. The revolver showed that two chambers had been discharged. Every will not give evidence this afternoon.

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## AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Exhibition a Huge Fraud and Scheme to Rob the Unwary.

## FAMINE PRICES AT THE RESTAURANTS

Commissioners Allow Caterers to Fleeced Visitors.—On Chicago Paper Protesters—Nothing Ready Until July—Visitors Warned Away.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Canadian Building, World's Fair, Chicago, May 4.—The Chicago Fair is a disappointment to early visitors. The opening ceremonies last Monday were carried out with great pomp, and 300,000 persons are said to have been present. The crowds saw President Cleveland open the gate with a golden key, were in attendance when he pressed the electric button which set the machinery in operation and heard him speak, and there the sight-seer practically ended. There were three of the once beautiful grounds, now shorn of their attractiveness by three weeks of rain. Certainly the Duke of Veragua, the lineal descendant of Columbus, was to be seen, as also the World's Fair officials. But the vast majority of the crowd that attended neither came to see the Duke of Veragua nor the World's Fair officials. They came to see the exhibits and they did not see them. A few of the buildings were opened. Only one of the general buildings was proper condition. That was the fisheries building, and even this could not be seen for the reason that several spaces reserved for foreign nations and two or three state spaces had not a single exhibit in position. The United States government building was also open, and the same remark applies to the mining court. Greater portion of the exhibits in the United States government building were in position and were certainly pleasing and interesting. But even this building will require several days to complete. The mining building had about two-thirds of its exhibits in place and these were not properly arranged. This state of affairs in this building was a disappointment to many for it was generally believed that the mining court was far advanced than any other building.

The electricity building was all topsy-turvy, there was not the slightest pretension of order. Since Monday it has been closed to the public and will not be opened for three or four weeks.

If one were more careful and did not mind stumbling over scraps of iron, piles of boards and other rubbish he could get an idea, and a poor one at that, of what the transportation building would be like when finished. Some interesting exhibits were in position here.

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space of ground and in fine order. The horticultural exhibit from the Pacific province was not to be found. The exhibit about getting the fruits of the cold storage and the preserved fruit jars had not arrived. Search was made for Mr. Law to learn from him, the exhibit could neither be found at the Canadian building nor at his rooms outside the grounds. He had left his rooms and had not given any address.

Canada makes a fair exhibit in the fisheries building. She occupies a fine position near the central dome of the exhibition, and the exhibits are chiefly from the Dominion museum at Ottawa. There are numbers of yellow perch from the Bay of Quinte and pike from the Memphremagog in Quebec, Ontario, and several specimens of black bass, large and small, mottled sturgeon, dove, white fish, and great lake trout. There are lobsters from Halifax, lump fish from the St. Lawrence, and a plentiful supply of specimens of salmon from the Restigouche river. A few Quinnet salmon are credited to British Columbia and the Fraser river is credited with red spotted trout. There is a fine lot of men of salmon marked Fraser, and the visitor unacquainted with the province taking the piscatorial exhibit as his object lesson, would be ignorant that there existed such a river as the Fraser, much less that it was the chief source of the salmon supply of the Pacific province. The specimens of the exhibit are good, one of the finest Quinnet salmon from Queen Charlotte Sound weighing 75 pounds.

The Ontario fruit exhibit surpasses that of all other provinces. The exhibit is almost as large as all the other provinces together. This fruit is of excellent quality and is attracting considerable attention. The exhibit of the other provinces are fair. Of British Columbia nothing can be said until the exhibit is in position.

Mr. Blake's Role Irish Bull.

The Colonies and India, a monthly journal published in England, in its issue of the 8th April, gives the following quotation from Mr. Blake's recent speech at Glasgow: "With one hand the Tories are pushing 'Union' on to the very verge of what is lawful, and with the other they are saying, 'etc. The atmosphere of the Imperial House of Commons does not seem to have improved the Hon. Edward's style of oratory; his speeches never were lucid, but in former days they did not suggest that his opponents talked with their hands."—Toronto Star.

The discovery of the so-called Gospel of St. Paul, a document of great interest in old world theological circles, has been found in the tomb of a monk in Egypt. The date is placed late in the first century. Its ritual of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, is different from the canonical Gospels, and the evangelist Mark, according to the chroniclers, is supposed to be a Greek manuscript. The document is a copy of a Greek manuscript, the document is a copy of a Greek manuscript, the document is a copy of a Greek manuscript.

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