

*THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.*

The writer is, evidently, strongly pro-Russian and anti-Jewish, so his rose-colored account must be taken with some grains of allowance. If he had added, that certain grain speculators in America, seeing that

## SENSATION MONGERS.

papers any amount of harm. People are beginning to lose faith in what they see in the telegraphic columns of the American press.

MUNICIPAL REFORM.

Speaking of taxation, about which almost every one in every city thinks that he knows a great deal, Professor Eliot, in the Forum, says :

But taxation is not the only subject connected with the government of municipalities which, in Professor Eliot's opinion, requires great skill and special training to deal with efficiently. He has a word to say about streets and other public works, which every intelligent householder would do well to consider carefully. He says :

*THE LAW DEFIED.*

word. He convinced the Legislature as he promised, but the makers of the laws refused to enact the statute demanded by the free working-men. The mine-owners again applied to the Government for a supply of convicts, and they got what they wanted. The free labor party did not say much, but when they were ready they made raids on the mines, broke into the enclosures where the convicts were kept and set them free. The guards who had charge of convicts did not make any resistance. In fact resistance would have been useless, for the raiders came in such numbers that they would have speedily overpowered them. As many as

and let loose upon the community since last

truly evening. The liberated men are supplied with citizens clothes, so that they can not be readily discovered by their friends. The work of freeing the convicts has, it is said, only commenced. The men are determined to release every convict leashed out to do the work of a free man. What the State authorities intend to do in this grave crisis no one seems to know. The country people, however, a man side with the miners, and assist them in violating the law. The mischief which is sure to result from liberating so many criminals can hardly be calculated. The Government which permits such open defiance of the laws as is now being practiced in Tennessee with impunity can hardly be called a model Government. The law which permits a Government to hire out convicts in platoons is no doubt a bad law, but it should either be enforced or repealed in a constitutional way. No country can afford to allow the law to be openly set at naught. But this is what is being done to-day in the State of Tennessee.

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OUR CLIMATE.

elves up to their ears. It is astonishing to see how forgetful people are, and how little they value the advantages and the comforts they enjoy in the mild and delightful climate of this Pacific Province. If they could, in a moment, be transferred to some part of the Dominion two or three thousand miles east, they would realize the contrast, and appreciate the blessing of being where frost is hardly known and where snow is a rarity.

**A Severe Attack.**

DEAR SIRS,—My children were taken ill with ulcerated sore throats bordering on diphtheria. I had nothing in the house but **Parlard's Yellow Oil**, which I used with great benefit. I am sure if I had not been for it the disease would have developed into diphtheria. It is a splendid medicine.

MRS. E. CAMERON Moore's Falls, Ont.

*PROPOSED CHANGES.*

ably managed the Dominion will, for an

We submit that it is only fair that the supporters of the government, west of Lake Superior, should be consulted in the choice of the man selected to be the head of the Department of the Interior. It would be a bad policy indeed to place in that position a man whom they did not approve and who would not efficiently and zealously perform his very important duties. We do not bring ourselves to believe that so prudent and so sagacious a statesman as Mr. Dewdney is proving himself to be, would commit a very serious mistake as this.

It is difficult to see why Mr. Dewdney should be displaced to make room for a Minister in almost every way so objection-

### THE STATE ELECTIONS.

**THE CROFTER QUESTION—NO. 4.**

work, will open up a new field for them and their co-workers; and they will have the paramount advantage of being aided and assisted in establishing themselves in the country, with certain remuneration for their labors.

Under such a state of affairs—planned in the midst of a community of friends, earning a comfortable livelihood, securing homes for themselves and families, and having plenty of capital to "back" them, what is the inducement for them to desert their homes and bright prospects for a life of pessimistic characters have prearranged for them? Surely nothing so attractive for them in any other part of the province—nothing so good in the neighborhood—nothing that could entice them to go to any other place.

Once fairly settled in their new homes, there will be no desire to leave

ordinary settlers. They will create a new and special industry—that of the deep sea

prognosticate that the hundreds of thousands of visitors from all parts of the world

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enormous acreage of Crown lands, which they propose to apply to their own private advantage. I confess that when this rumor reached my ears I experienced a rude shock, as I had been led to believe that the Crofters' friends were purely and simply philanthropists. Have I been mistaken? and are Messrs. Begg & Co. about to engage in a huge land speculation? using the Crofter scheme as a lever to raise them to wealth and importance? **ENQUIRE.**

### THE CROFTERS' "FRIENDS."

### THE CROFTERS' SCHEME.

TO THE EDITOR:—I think "Enquirer"  
question concerning Mr. Begg's syndicate.

**"ENQUIRER" ONCE MORE.**

THE EDITOR:—It is not in my power

to alleviate "Enquirer's" "shock" further than to say, *simply*, that the rumor that the Government had granted a grant of \$250,000 to the *Enquirer* is an enormous "scrape of Crayon" in which they propose to apply to their own private advantage, is a baseless fabrication; and that the "huge land speculation, and that upon the occasion, is a myth; and that such a thing is not possible." The radicals in connection with the Crofiter colonization scheme, no application could have been made, as asserted—neither have made application on my own behalf for the "renewal" of "renewal" of "renewal." This solemn "no flippant statement" of facts should be accepted, as he says, from a gentleman of my "years and standing," and not be used to one side to "discredit" "Enquirer" calling it beguiling the question, "is it not better to encourage the feeble attempt at wit in pertrating the state pun? It is nevertheless a fact that "Enquirer" has been misinformed, and he should heroically and patriotically "ask the ink" to set us adrift to the bushes and leave rumors to "malignant busy-bodies" for "they do delight to bark at bite," as the good old hymn has it. For part, I am not so quixotically inclined to waste words with such champions of the law. I have already decided to drop their enquiries, unless they are made or "Enquirer's" *bona fide* signature, that we may know if I am dealing with a "gentleman of years and standing," and be able to do as much as I can, or may be expected to do, anything, in the way of silent thought or patriotism.

ALEX. BRAG.

### R. BEGG AND HIS SCHEME.

TO THE EDITOR:—Mr. Begg can scarcely be credited with candour. He does not say that he and his associates expect to secure a gift of public lands. He merely says that they do not expect to be rewarded with lands for their "services" in settling the Crofters. Very well, then, on what ground do they rest their claim to be allotted a big slice of the Crown domain? And where they, or have they not made application for such? It would be more correct to say that Mr. Begg's credit if he would let the issue fairly, instead of adopting the tactics of a "Bro. Fox" to evade giving a straightforward answer to a question, is in question.

THE WELLINGTON

**THE EDITOR:**—In your issue of the 11th, appears a report of the U. S. S. Wellington passed through recent and among other things I notice that fact of the steamer Marie casting off on the eighth of Sunday, the 1st member, is written in such a way as to reflect on the captain of that vessel. I wish to state emphatically, on behalf of that gentleman, my own and my friends and the passengers in general could have done anything to prevent my ship, in such weather as surrounded it at that time. Captain Schjott did all that was possible, under the circumstances, and I am sure that the passengers could have acted differently to what I did. And furthermore, will you allow me to publicly thank the captain and crew of the Wellington for everything that men and ship did to relieve our almost entirely helpless condition.

COLIN SALMOND.  
Capt. S.S. Wellington.

**Well Recommended.**

AGAYARD'S, I am happy to say I have used Hagyard's Yellow Oil for burns, bruises, lacerations and cuts and find that there is nothing better. I recommend it to all my friends and here.

ALAN G. McLEOD, Senior Manager

## INDIAN RES

The Luxuries of Civ  
Fatal in the Case  
Buck.

Mr. O. Fletcher, D.L.S., on the 13th May last to set apart as Indian reserves country, returned to evening last, bearing vivid memory. During the past 24 hours over a lot of country has, perhaps, never been had in as far as Upper Chiloitino, and with some very tough experience is a hard one to travel, camp everything had to make many cases with the gun. However, with plenty couple of good guides, as workers things went as well as expected. The reports a dull time in Low as the cable ferry was about the Fraser, settlers and things. The abundance of game, in the was a lack of meadow against stock in winter splendid high level to 5,000 ft. in 200 ft. brought under cultivation of immense virgin tribes of Indians peculiar in their habits, and things. The capture of their murderer of them respect. Reserves were laid out at the Kootenai, Kootenai, Canine Lake, Highland, the Fraser, and the In Spokane highly of the Indian Settlers throughout the country rapidly in the Indian horse race of the animal is deterioration, spreads, and wild in feeders, and useless for any kind of raising. The up the bunch grass and surveying party had a de camp. A hungry one cold evening and took a long time to proceed to disperse the camp. The redskin survey the rapidity with which good things set before him pay particular attention to "clearing it in few enough ground, lay down next day" from an over-dust," as the backwoods men call it, and the surrounding tribes lay in state bonfires were burned, feasting and dug in, and the orgie described as novel and the most great hopes the interior.

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By there is taking place "a virtuous act of Park" further illustrates the gro Around the city of Park Partick, Govan, Maryhill others. Till within the it was a decent walk betw But they had each a magistrate of its own the city of the city—Great it is called, with a populat 4000. The elections are no when they are over, in What sort of weather Here it has been miserable In the olden days the gr beans, but and coffee—i and beans. There has been variety in the weather— cold; cold, wind and rain terrible storm. Chimney they pots are scattered like gleams walls lie mingled tog Steamers have lost funnels, in many parts; indeed, in been cut. The wind and raved with it; some has be and the waves sweep the streams. When I turning a familiar and Providence has gon the farmers, in favor of the prohibition opened by Lord Lo by Lord Aberdeen? It was I was filled with pictures of Godfrey's Band; the La and others. It made a plea planing for us. The building taken by "Buffalo Bill" for horses and wild Indians, so said to have been born in G