

# GRUMBS OF COMFORT

## Which The New York Tribune Has Been Able to Find.

# SINGLE QUESTION SETTLED

## Is Ample Justification for the Existence of the Commission.

### Value of the Negotiations Not to Be Measured by the Number of Questions Settled—The Spirit Has Been Conciliatory and Amicable—Commissioners Have Met as Friends and Good Relations Have Been Strengthened and the Way Made Easier for Future Negotiations.

New York, Feb. 17.—Referring editorially to the reported failure of the Joint High Commission, The Tribune to-day says: "In enumerating the controversial issues at the time of the first meeting of the commission, we remarked that it was scarcely to be expected that all of them would be satisfactorily disposed of. It was not reasonable, indeed, to suppose they would be. The amount of work involved in exhaustive investigation and discussion of them was seen to be too great for a single commission to perform within the time at this one's disposal. Commercial reciprocity, Behring Sea sealing, North Atlantic fisheries, the Alaskan boundary, Klondike mining laws, alien labor laws, fisheries and shipping in the Great Lakes, the railroad bonding system, are all questions of first-rate importance, and there are as many more of secondary rank. To ask a single commission to settle all these matters is to ask the impossible. It is not to be expected that all of them will be settled, but that some of them will be left unsettled, and that the spirit in which they are conducted may be taken into account. It may be stated confidently that the spirit has been conciliatory and amicable. There has been on both sides an earnest desire to reach an agreement. The commissioners have met as friends, not as enemies; and, however much or little actually has been or shall be transacted, friendly relations between the countries have been strengthened and the way made easier for future settlement of questions which may now be left unsettled. That is a feature of the case which it is well to keep in mind, and if that be done there will be little talk about the 'failure' of the Joint High Commission."

### Negotiations Still Pending.

London, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Charles K. D. Tanner, M.P., asked if the Anglo-American commission dealing with the fisheries had "fallen through."

The Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office said the negotiations were still proceeding, adding that he was unable to make any further statement at present.

### ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT

## Is Now Talked of—Alaska Port Conceded—Mr. Foster Goes South

Montreal, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Herald publishes the following special from Washington, dated to-day:

All the members of the Anglo-American Joint High Commission met as usual at 10 o'clock this morning. The Canadian Commissioners, however, contrary to the rule observed for several days, did not leave the meeting immediately, but remained in conference with the American Commissioners for two hours. The impression was given after the meeting that very little progress was made, the discussion being somewhat narrowly confined to the subject of British rights in Alaska, without reaching any conclusion.

The important statement was made this morning that in all probability the commission would cease its labors for the present within a short time without having prepared a treaty for submission to the United States Senate. If such proves to be the case the commissioners will not allow the announcement to go forth that the negotiations have failed permanently. It will be stated, rather, that the negotiations have been suffered to rest for a while, the postponement of the official consultation being indefinite probably.

### ALASKA PORT GRANTED.

Whether this will in the end prove to be the failure of the negotiations is a matter of opinion. The American Commissioners have consented to grant a port to the British Government on the Lynn Canal in Alaska, but the unexpected result of this concession was not to satisfy the Canadian members of the Joint High Commission. All the propositions of the Canadian members are now being submitted in writing as the points come up for discussion, and

# BRITAIN'S PACIFIC PLANS.

## Esquimaux is to be Put on the Same Solid Fighting Basis as Halifax,

# AND A BIG MILITARY ENTREPOT

## Is to be Established There and 4000 Men to be Stationed at Work Point.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 17.—A large garrison, consisting of 4000 or 5000 men and representing every arm of the service, excepting that of the cavalry—a system of fortification, submarine mines, and other engineering works sufficient to make Esquimaux one of the very strongest posts in the world, wide system of British military stations—and a depot of supplies in every way equal to the strenuous demands upon it which a war in Eastern waters and Oriental lands would involve—these are among the developments which show in a position to prognosticate a great result within three or four years of arrangements now being perfected in the War Office at London.

### War Department to Do It.

Five years ago an arrangement was made with the Admiralty by the War Office, whereby they provided for the garrison at Work Point, a detachment of the Royal Marine Infantry. That arrangement expires on March 31, about six weeks hence, and as the Admiralty are understood to be opposed to a renewal of the arrangement, other dispositions will have to be made for the proper manning of the forts by the authorities at home, and there seems little reason to doubt that a regular detachment of garrison artillery will shortly be on the way to supply the place vacated by the Marine Infantry, who shortly return to England.

### A Great Naval Depot.

This large force will not at once be dispatched here, and it is unlikely that the transfer is made in March a larger detachment than one or two officers and a handful of men will march into quarters at Work Point. But if the opinions of military men are to be relied upon, the force will be steadily augmented until the station assumes the proportions of a great naval depot, with arms and munitions of war sufficient to equip the forces, which may have to be supplied from here.

### An Important Point.

One reason why the contemplated change will not take place at once is because the accommodation at the Point is at present so extremely limited that a larger force than the present one cannot be quartered there. But the principal reason, perhaps, is that England is just now paying particular attention to strengthening her position at Wel-Haf-Wel, and is concentrating her energies upon making that point equal in strength to those of her other Atlantic military stations. But the forbidding aspect of her foreign relations in that quarter only emphasizes the importance of Esquimaux as a tactical base, and as a depot of supplies for the fleet and land forces which it may be found necessary to employ in that quarter.

### A Battalion of Infantry.

In addition to the Engineers and Garrison Artillery, it is considered probable that a battalion of infantry as well will, in two or three years, contribute part of the garrison here. Such a step would involve the construction of a small town of barracks, hospitals, stores, etc., and would make things exceedingly lively there. Work is being steadily prosecuted at the Point, and quick-firing batteries are now in course of construction on both sides of the harbor. These will be mounted as soon as the guns arrive from the Ordnance department at headquarters.

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The Druce vault in Highgate Cemetery contains the remains of Thomas C. Druce, who it is alleged by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anne Maria Druce, was the fifth Duke of Portland.

### Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200.

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# ROSSLAND NEWS.

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# WHO'LL BE THE NEXT?

## Three Candidates Named for the French Presidency.

# M. LOUBET THE FAVORITE

## But the Military Party Appears to Favor M. Meline.

### Senators Consider Loubet Sure of Election—Premier Dupuy Also Has Friends, But Declines to Stand Against Loubet—Something About the Opposing Candidates—Loubet's Past Record Against Him, But Fortunately He "Has No History."

Paris, Feb. 17.—At a meeting of the Leftist Senators to-day M. Loubet, the President of the Senate and former Premier, was unanimously nominated for the Presidency of France, in succession to the late President Faure. The Senators consider M. Loubet's election assured.

M. Emile Loubet, who is about 61 years of age, was born in the Department of Doune, and began his political career in 1878. In 1892 he formed a Ministry, but was overthrown on account of the Panama revelations. He was re-elected President of the Senate on Jan. 12 last.

### Meline Has Friends.

Paris, Feb. 17.—At a meeting of 80 Progressist Republicans to-day the candidature of M. Meline, the former Premier, as a successor of the late President Faure, was adopted.

Later in the day it was announced that M. Meline, in spite of the objections of his supporters, had withdrawn his candidature in favor of M. Loubet.

### Dupuy Will Not Stand.

Paris, Feb. 17.—M. Dupuy has declined to enter the Presidential contest against M. Loubet. At the meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon M. Dupuy announced that 6000 photographs of the Duc d'Orleans had been seized on the frontier.

### Feeling is Divided.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Although M. Loubet, possessing the almost unanimous support of the Senate, is so strong a favorite for the Presidency it would be rash to predict his election. In the election of 1895, when M. Faure was chosen, M. Waldeck-Rousseau was an almost equally hot favorite; but in the first ballot he obtained only 185 votes, as against 644 cast in favor of M. Brisson. The precedents, therefore, are unfavorable to M. Loubet.

### Army Wants Meline.

Furthermore, there is a large section of Deputies who are strongly in favor of M. Meline. When, at the meeting of Progressive Republican Deputies to-day, Mr. Meline announced his withdrawal on the ground

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# \$150,000 FOR KITCHENER.

## British House of Commons Will Be Asked to Vote That Sum for the Strand.

London, Feb. 17.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced in the Commons to-day that the House would be asked to vote \$150,000 for Gen. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, which sum would probably be invested for his benefit.

# BUFFALO WANTS CHEAP GAS

## Appeals to the New York Legislature for a Reduction in Price of Lighting.

Albany, Feb. 17.—Assemblyman Kane introduced two bills for Buffalo to-day by unanimous consent, one fixing the price of illuminating gas there at 80 cents and fuel gas at 60 cents, and one to compel the Buffalo street surface railway companies to equip cars with electric heaters.

# Fember's Turkish Baths, 139 Yonge-street.

### The World Up to Date.

Electrical N.Y. Review.

One of the latest daily exchanges that come to this office is The Toronto, Can., World. It keeps almost up to the times technically as well as politically.

# Mildness Continues.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—(8 p. m.)—Pressure is lowest tonight over Lake Superior and highest in the southern States. Mild weather prevails generally and there is no indication yet of any change.

# Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Kamloops, 28—32; Calgary, 22—42; Qu'Appelle, 18—28; Winnipeg, 18—30; Fort Arthur, 23—38; Pelly Sound, 18—28; Toronto, 20—42; Ottawa, 14—40; Montreal, 24—40; Quebec, 6—38; Halifax, 26—36.

# Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; generally fair and cool showers.

Lake Superior—Cloudy to fair and continued mild, light local showers. Manitoba—Fair and mild; higher temperatures.