

HONORS TO A POET.

The sweet poet of Anarath is being honored in his lifetime by his fellow citizens. This is well. Better to make him comfortable while he lives than to erect a monument over his grave when he is dead.

THE CROFTERS.

The announcement that Alexander Morrison, the leader of the land reform movement in the Highlands, has been deputed by the Imperial government to come to British Columbia to spy on the land and report upon its fitness as a home for the crofters is a most important one.

ASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT.

The definite announcement that the Dominion Parliament will meet so early as the 31st of January for the dispatch of business was not unexpected. It is hoped that the estimates were being prepared, and that the heads of the various departments were pushing on their reports preliminary to the assembling of Her Majesty's faithful senate and commons.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE DISTANCES.

It is conceded that the stars are some distance off, so far that the human mind fails to get even a faint comprehension of the distance, but the astronomers are always giving us new figures. In one of the English magazines speaking of the star Alpha Centauri, it is said to be in round numbers twenty billion miles off from the earth.

THE COMOX ELECTION.

There seems to be very little doubt that Mr. Dingwall will be chosen for the second time as the representative of Comox in the Local Board. We are confident that in receipt of the most confident assurances of a government victory in that district where the vacancy occurred through the former member's extraordinary resignation.

THE 75,000 LOAN BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

If the resolution of Com. Barnard which has been passed by the Local Board should have no other effect, it will at least put an end to the twaddle that has been indulged in by the minority at the council board, and which has formed the burden of several of Com. Grant's ponderous letters in the Times. The chief justice will be asked to sign the 75,000 loan by-law.

ALWAYS AN ANNEXATIONIST.

Mr. John V. Ellis, M.P. for the city of St. John, N. B., has always been an annexationist. His editorial utterances, contained in his paper the Globe, which appear in another column this morning, convey nothing new. Perhaps they are the least little bit colder than anything he has previously written, but he has always been regarded as the most red-hot annexationist in the Maritime provinces.

MONTREAL'S SENSATION.

Rarely, if ever, has the citizens of any city in our continent been so startled as were the people of Montreal on Saturday morning last, when it became known that Private Detective Fahsy, City Detective Nageel, son of the deputy chief, and City Constable Bureau were arrested on a charge of complicity in the robbery of the 75,000 loan.

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