In Reference to the Laux-

downe Road.

He Claims That His Recom-

mendations Were Not

Carried Out.

The regular meeting of the board

the city hall, all of the members being

that the obstructions be removed from

R. P. Rithet, M.P.P., wrote acknow-

ledging the letter re Admiralty House

and asking for information as to the

pleased to render any aid to the scheme

that lay in his power. Received and

The following report was read from

Gentlemen: With regard to the sub

mittee, calling attention to the danger-

ous state of Lansdowne road, etc.,

cost of carrying out the work.

examined the site referred to, and, in

omy and efficiency, would be to plank

over the water course, the planking to

rest on caps 4 feet by 6 inches, extending across the top of the watercourse,

supported by posts well sunk into the

ground, leaving a width for the water-

way of 5 feet 6 inches, the posts to be

boarded up for a height of three feet

from the bottom of the watercourse,

vent the water from cutting away the

earth from the sides. This would avert

danger to public traffic at that place and

prevent the water from cutting into the

direction of the then chairman of the

streets committee, differed from that

recommended in not having posts under

the scantling laid across the water-

course. As a consequence the platform

is not sufficiently strong to safely sup

port the weight of loaded teams which

are liable to drive upon it when passing

in opposite directions, on account of the

narrowness of the road, and as the

water has not been confined in a chan-

mel by boarding as suggested, it has in

required, and erect a railing alongside.

E. A. WILMOT.

"The work as carried out under the

road. Estimated cost, \$360.

and thus confine the channel and pre-

December 28, 1896.

filed and reply instructed to be sent.

streets committee:

present save Ald. Glover.

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Against the Assessor's High Valuations.

elected secretary.

Mr. Miller hoped that good would come from discussing taxation at public meetings. Their representative would should, however, sink personal interests and do what is in the interests of the whole province.

Mr. David Stevens in response to a general invitation delivered an interesting address in which he pointed out the disadvantages under which the farmers labored. He maintained that their properties were assessed at the same values as they were in boom days and until now no objection was made. He

explained this by stating that while other trades and professions organized ununited lot, each working for himstand how a man sitting in his office over James Bay could equally assess all lands throughout the island. He also South Victoria should be assessed

ment reduced Hen. D. M. Eberts listened with inof South virtue of an act passed by the provinduty as far as he knew how, and if any be reduced. The rate was a very low rate indeed when compared with those of other provinces. The thing worked versa. He agreed with Mr. Stevens, that the assessor should assess the land class, according to its value. It was not the fault of this government that the Dunsmuir lands were not taxed. The government did not pass the act which granted the lands to the E. & N. railway. He went into the history of the E. & N. railway deal. If the matter would come up now when they knew the value of the land in the railway limit, the bill would probably not be passed, but the act, good or bad, had farmers should work with a common cannot enter the system fortified by the high it should be known as the govern. Bacon, American, per lb....16c. to object in view. If they were taxed too

lieved that lands should be assumore equitably. Mr. Grant then ed the same resolution re taxation was passed at the Royal Oak me Mr. Munro Miller in a short said that the grievance could b died by amending the act so that property holder at the court of secured a reduction, all property ers in the same district should be ed an equitable reduction without ing the trouble of going to the con

appeal because of the troub tailed. Mr. Miller also suggested the assessor publish his assessme so that every one could see that rot assessed more than his ne (Hear, hear.) It would be wis suggest remedies to alleviate any ances than pass reflections on any ernment officer.

Mr. Irving suggested that they tion the government to secure t cessary authority to tax themselve spend their own money. The selves into a municipality. Mr. J. F. Chandler did not vote the resolution at the Royal Oak

solution reflecting on the Mr. Booth, the assessor, how could not assess all the lands prop without a personal knowledge. The ances. Those who kicked got what wanted; those who didn't got no If one man got his taxation reduce it unequalized the whole assessi vantage in such a court. The ass knew little about the value of land; judge of the court knew less. If the farmer did not ge taxation reduced he could appeal to supreme courts and the there knew less about the value of 1 than did the judge of the court of vision. (Laughter.) He suggested a commission of farmers should the land and equalize the assessme Mr. Stevens again spoke briefly resolution. He pointed out that they went to the present assess said that it was not his fault, th carried out the instructions of the ernment. Mr. Stevens held that the sessor did not understand his bus or he would not have assessed land South Victoria as he had done. Stevens then seconded the resolu-Mr. J. F. Chandler moved an a ment, striking out that portion w

assessor. Mr. George Deans sec he amendment. Mr. Stevens protested against one tion passing one resolution and ano section a different resolution. If wished to accomplish anything should be unanimous.

called for the appointment of and

Mr. Grant also thought it advisable properly and they were anxious to a man who could assess them pro-Mr. Sears was also of the opinion government lands were sold. He urged Mr. Sears held that the money alr that the farmers unite in petitioning expended in the district had not the government to have their assess- expended judiciously. There were many bosses.

The amendment was then put carried by a vote of 8 to 5. The inal motion as amended was then After a vote of thanks to the c the meeting adjourned.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmer's Pr duce Carefully Corrected.

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour.....\$

Snowflake .... Liop. Selem .... 

Bran, per ton. \$25,00 to \$2 Corn, whole.. .. ...\$30.00 to \$3 Corn, cracked Cornmeal, per 10 pounds...... Oatmeal, per 10 pounds..... Rolled oats, (Or. or N. W.)... Rolled oats, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks. 

Cauliflower, per head. . . . 10c. to Hay, baled, per ton.... Straw, per bale..... Onions, per lb ..... Bananas..... Apples, Eastern, per lb ...... Oranges (California) per doz. 40 to Oranges (Japanese), per box, 40

Fish-salmon, per lb......10c. Fish-small.....8c. Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz..... Butter, creamrey, per 1b.... Butter, Delta creamery, per 10. Butter, fresh..... Cheese, Chilliwack .....

Hams, American, per lb.... 16c. to Bacon, rolled, per Bacon, long clear, per pound .... 12 Bacon, Canadian, per lb .... 14c. to

Pork, sides, per lb.. .. .. Chickens, per pair. . . . \$1.00 to \$1

Must not be confounded

no of the ruins of "Old Fort Erie," with the adjacent ordinance reserve of seventeen and a-half acres, and praying

this was a minority report it was not Ald. Marchant's resolution that the City Engineer Wilmot's Report

> SEALING COMMISSION. All the Evidence in in the Onward Case The Thornton.

When the commission continued its sitting at 2:30 yesterday afternoon Mr. Peters submitted the extracts taken aldermen was held yesterday evening at into the case of the Onward.

Mr. Dickinson said it was due the Un-A letter was received from A. Foster Barlfam complaining of the obstruction that government have been fully conof Beacon and St. Andrew's streets. vinced of the good faith of the claimant, search may swell the list of dead. F. B. Pemberton also wrote asking and they would do little more than put these streets. These letters were laid testimony and in aiding the commissionon the table until the opinion of the ers to arrive at a proper rate of comcity solicitor was obtained on the subbe more promptly disposed of and the already given evidence save that which are unable to give any detailed descripcost, etc. He stated that he would be was obviously unapplicable; and testition of how it happened. erican citizen of Captain Alexander Mc-

the city engineer and referred to the Mr. Peters objected to this Captain Raynor gave evidence as to the treatment of Captain D. Munro at Sitka. He valued the Onward in 1886 ham Mineral road. at \$2,000.

red to in the report of the streets com-To Mr. Peters he said he did not know what was the vessel's tornage. He did beg to enclose herewith my report of not see any vessels sold in San Francisco in 1886. He could not explain how he September, 19, 1895, bearing on that arrived at the valuation save from talk subject, as follows: "In compliance on the streets.

with a resolution passed by the counci on the 16th inst. to the effect that the had any idea that Captain Alexander city engineer be requested to furnish the council with a report as to what he McLean was an American citizen unt'l ast November. considers the best method of dealing

with the open watercourse on Lans save for the testimony to be called at downe road, with an estimate of the the sitting in San Francisco. The case of the Thornton was then re-"I have the honor to report that I sumed. Sir. C. H. Tupper put in the & claims of the master and mate of that my opinion, the best way to deal with the matter, having due regard to econ

This closed the case for the Onward

Mr. Dickinson filed the same objections that he raised in the other cases, claiming that the claimants were deceased, their claim had died with them. Captain J. D. Warren said he bought for \$1,800; she was a sloop then. In 1877 she was turned into a schooner and The cost of rebuilding was rebuilt. about \$3.500. This did not include the of the witness' labor on her. In 1881 steam auxiliary power was put in. In 1886 witness had a sealing fleet consisting of six schooners. The Thornton turned from the sea in September. None were short of provisions on their return. On that trip the Thornton carried an extra suit of sails, also four new sealing boats, which, with their sails and charged, he said, for travelling expenses

connection with the seizures \$1,000. To Mr. he was ashore once in the mouth of Barclay sound. The evidence given by the witness in

several places cut into the sides of the this case will be transferred. banks. As a temporary method to guard until 10.30 o'clock this morning. given to put in longer cross pieces where When the commission resumed sitting this morning at 1:30 o'clock the to prevent teams from going upon the evidence of John Anderson was taken out of erder in the case of the W. P. Ald. Humphreys said he had not in- away. He told of the seizure and deterfered with the city engineer in any tention of that schooner at Ounalaska.

way. The city engineer recommended covering it in the manner stated by in the Thornton case under cross-ex-The streets committee went and amination of Mr. Dickinson. In 1887 looked at it and refused to put in the he said he saw the seized schooners at posts. It was never intended for use Sitka. The Thornton was then in a bad and wounded, and then fled to the of teams. It was carried out according / condition. The registered horse-power woods. to the instructions of the city engineer, of the Thornton's steam auxiliary was and offered no assistance whatever in themums, surmounted by white roses save for the lining at each side of the 121-100. Her registered tonnage was Ald. Macmillan said the only way the most of the money for outfitting the city engineer was interfered with was Thornton. He also advanced the money that the work was not all carried out. for witness' trips to Ottawa and Alas-If a railing had been put up teams ka. The lay received by the Thorn-

A Utah Couple Create a Scene at the

Kingston Wharf.

Those who were down at the wharf

efore the Kingston sailed last evening

witnessed the rather unusual spectacle.

of a father getting on board the steamer

with a six year old daughter and the

Mercer, a wealthy ranchman of Ogden,

man and wife about two years ago also

gave the father the custody of the

child, but allowed Mrs. Mercer the

Mr. Mercer married again, and his

first wife secured possession of the

daughter in November last and disap-

peared. Mr. Mercer at once employed

number of detectives to hunt her up

and get possession of the child. They

followed her from city to city in the

United States, to Winnipeg, and finally

located her in Victoria. Mrs. Mercer

took a room at the Brunswick hotel and

remained there for several days, but

afterwards moved to a private house. The detective who had charge of the

case communicated with the father, and

Mr. Mercer arrived here on Christmas

day. He was accompanied by Sheriff

Wright of Utah. They found where

the woman and child were living, and

According to the story told by the lady in whose house Mrs. Mercer was

living, Sheriff Wright and Mr. Mercer

appeared at the house about 7:30 last

evening. They did not ask for admis-

sion, but pushed her aside, rushed up

stairs and grabbed the daughter. They

afterwards drove to the Kingston and

got on board. The mother followed and

appealed to the police to arrest the

man, but as he had the necessary legal

papers to show that he was entitled to

the custody of the child they could not

made all plans to secure the litle one.

privilege of visiting her once a week.

would never have been able to get on ton's hunters in 1886 was \$1.50 a skin. The commission then adjourned until Ald Tiarks wanted to know if the 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. streets committee had been engineering on their own account. KIDNAPPING A CHILD. Ald. Macmillan explained that the

work was not fully carried out, as funds were lacking. The posts as recommended could be put in any time. The report was finally referred to the

A report was received from the caretaker of the cemetery, saying that much of the fence around the cemetery had fallen owing to the bank falling and fallen owing to the bank ranks and interest appearing to the ponce to arrest asking for help in looking after the the father for kidnapping the child. The principles in the scene were Thos. cemetery committee.

A report was also read from the city Utah, his divorced wife and their little engineer relative to replacing the wooden daughter. The decree which separated pipe drain at an estimated cost of \$1060. and in reference to a drain on Park road which is too small to carry off the water which could be remedied at an estimated cost of \$875. This was laid on the table. Ald. Williams submitted a minority report recommending that the legislative

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assembly amend the militia act in order that the militia be exempted from the payment of revenue and road taxes. As

police coart room be appointed as the poling place for the election of school Trestle in Alabama by was put a d carried. puncil then adjourned. Train Wieckers.

> Passenger Train Plunges Into 8 Ravine-Twenty-One Bodies Already Found.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.-Fiends from the evidence already given before in human form wrecked the Birmingthe commission which he wished to put ham Mineral passenger train No. 1 at Cahaba river bridge, twenty-seven miles from here, Sunday, and twenty ited States to say that the counsel of one lives were lost. That number of bodies have been recovered and further The wreck is regarded as almost cermatters which would aid his tainly accomplished by the removal of a rail on the middle span of the trestle. This derailed the train which caused it pensation. It was also a matter of re- to fall down the two spans and precipi gret, he said, that the claim could not tated it into the river 110 feet below. The wreck was the worst that has even owners compensated. He submitted the occurred in the state, and the survivors cross-examination of witnesses who have are so few and so badly hurt that they

mony relating to the probable catch. Al. It is not known, and may never be asso the naturalization papers as an Am- certained, just how many passengers were on the train. Most of them were miners and residents of mining towns in this district, who had round trip tickets and were returning to their homes along the line of the Birm'ng

The ill-fated train was a local pas senger, which left here at 6:30 a.m. and was scheduled to make a circuit of the Birmingham Mineral, which is a branch of the Louisville & Nashville, reaching the mining towns in the district. The train, consisting of an engine, a baggage Mr. Spring, recalled, said that he nev- oar and two coaches, left here at \$ 40 a.m., and went to Tacco, on the main line of the Louisville & Nachville. There switched off to the Birmingham Mineral track and went to Gurney, and from there to Blocton.

The Mineral trains operate over the Southern railway's Briarfield, Blocton Birmingham branch under a contract. Six miles south of Gurney is the Cahaba river, a shallow mountain stream which has a depth at this time of year of only about three or four feet. This river is spanned by an iron bridge, with wooden trestles on each side. Its entire length is 800 feet, and the length in 1864 a half interest in the Thornton of the span where the wreck occurred is 110 feet. The bridge was built only four years ago, and was regarded as a very safe structure.

When the wreck occurred the main span and the span just beyond it, noth iron, gave way and precipitated the entire train into the river. The ragine landed on its side almost at right anvas the only one seized; the others regles with the track. The cars piled up on each other through the main span. The entire wreck took fire soon afterwards and was rapidly burned to the water's edge. Nine persons alone escaped alive from all who went down, equipments, witness valued at \$150. He and several of them will probably die. One of the survivors, Sam Spencer, Dickinson.—He said the escaped alive. He was the colored fire-Thornton had never been wrecked, but man. He jumped from the engine while it was in mid-air and landed in the water some distance from where the engine lets, sent by Mrs. George Crocker, was the Carolena case which is applicable in He left the scene for Blocton on foot apparently crazed with fright. The

railway officials have not yet been able its to see him and get a statement. and that after the wreck they went and character. through the wreckage, robbing the dead ever, had not yet been corroborated, but ments of the press and the country, that Engineer White had shut off the steam and reversed before it went down, indicating that he saw danger ahead as he approached the bridge and tried to stop the train. His charred body was found with his hand on the throttle.

nished the following list of the dead: James Bolling,, of Guthrie, Ky.,

A. P. Connell, of Helena, conductor,

R. Webb, of Birmingham Bruce Phillips, of Blocton.

I. W. Martin, of Bloomwood, Ala. Mrs. Henry Hanbury and two children, of Birmingham. R. H. Blount, of Birmingham (col-

Miss Ada Powers, of Blocton Dr. I. N. Powers, of Blocton Mrs. Emma Powers and two children. Mrs. R. Little, of Blocton. Mr. Gardner, of Blocton. Mrs. Gardner, of Blocton. Miss Gardner, of Blocton. One unidentified body, supposed to be B. Struther, colored porter.

The following are the injured Henry Hundbury of Birmingham, Louisville & Nashville conductor, seri-E. E. Echels, of Helena, slightly. Sam Spencer, fireman.

Andrew Bryson, of Blocton, slightly. Miss Booth, of Blocton, slightly. Mrs. Powers' child, of Blocton, slight-Mrs. Walker, slightly.

"OLD FORT ERIE." Movement on Foot to Make it a Part of Niagara Park.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 29 .- A special dispatch from Fort Erie, Ont., says the memorial presented by Councillor Geo. Tait, of Bridgeburg, for presentation to the premier of Ontario and cabinet and Dominion cabinet, for the preservation

that the same be placed under the control of the commissioners of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, has been Rail Removed from a Railway favorably considered by all the mancipal councils of the county of Welland, including the towns and villages, and by the county councils, and has been signed by the officials thereof. There is little doubt but the prayer of the petition will receive favorable consideration by the provincial and federal governments and before another year passes the historic old fort will have become a part of the

Niagara system.

WITH DUE HONOR. Remains of Kate Field Incinerated at

Odd Fellows' Cemetery San Francisco, Dec. 28-The final obsequies over the remains of the late Kate Field were held in Trinity church on Sunday. The large edifice was crowded to the doors with the most prominent people of the city, who assembled to do honor to the memory of the dead woman. The chancel, in front of which the casket rested, was a mass of plants and beautiful floral pieces sent from people from all parts of the Governor Budd was represented by his staff in full uniform, and a number of foreign consuls, federal officials and the heads of all state and municipal departments were pra

The services were conducted by Rev. George E. Walk, and were according to the ritual of the Episcopal church. H. J. Stewart was the musical director, and the choir sang "Abide With Me," and 'Angels Ever Bright and Fair." he casket was borne from the church Chopin's "Funeral March" was played. After the church ceremonies the body vas taken to the crematory at Odd Fellows' cemetery, where it was inciner ated. The ashes will be sent to H. H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, who will see that they are placed in the Mount Auburn

cemetery, Boston, according to the wish expressed by Miss Field. pall-bearers were Mayor-elect James D Phelan; A. W. Foster, president of the San Francisco & Northern Pacific railway; Attorney Henry E. Highton; W. H. Mills, head of the Southern Pacific land department; W. C. Dement and C. M. Coe, representing the Press Club; Henry James, of the Examiner; W. F. Burke, of the Call; H. D. Scott, of the Chronicle; James P. Booth, of the Report; E. C. Roberts, of the Post; James S. Tyler, of the Bulletin, and Alfred B. Nye, managing

editor of the Oakland Enquirer. The Press Club of San Francisco, assisted by Mrs. Henry Highton, took charge of all the arrangements for the funeral, the expenses of which are paid y Mr. Kohlsaat.

This morning the following telegram was received from Washington: "Washington, Dec. 27.-The Club, San Francisco: The president will he very glad to avail himself of your kindness to have a floral offering placed on the bier of Kate Field for him. "HENRY F. THURBER,

"Private Secretary." The Press Club accordingly caused a large bunch of white roses to be placwas the only one of the train crew who ed on the easket in compliance with the wish of President Cleveland. On the casket, which was completely covered with a pall of California vio-

His only injury was a broken arm. placed a small bunch of eidleweiss, which had been sent to Mrs. Highton by almost immediately after the wreck, a laborer on the water front, accomnanied by the "San Francisco, Dec. 27-Mrs. Henry Highton: As a friend of her who is Dr. Ray, a Blocton physician, who, remembered after death in the love of attended Gardner, one of the injured friends, will you please put these little survivors, telegraphed Sunday night the eidieweiss flowers on her coffin to-day Sayward as Mr. Anderson wished to go statement made by Gardner as to the They were nurtured in their everlastcause of the wreck. Gardner says that ing mantle of snow high up in the when he felt the cars leave the track he Swiss Alps, by the breath of liberty, Capt. Warren continued his evidence saw three men rushing from a hiding and are a tribute from a workman on place down towards the water's edge, the docks, who admired her writings

Very respectfully, "ALBERT JOHNSON." Among other floral offerings were a They did their work quickly, large urn covered with white chrysanthe way of rescuing the imprisoned and from Mr. Kohlsaat, with the inscrip-22 30-100 tons. Mr. Boscowitz paid the injured passengers. This story, how-tion: "She represented the best eleother facts tend to show that the dis- and an urn similar in shape, covered aster was due to the work of wreckers. with smilax and roses from the Chicago An examination of the engine shows Times-Herald staff; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. De Young sent a cross of blue corn flowers, twined with lilies of the valley; Mrs. E. Highton, an ivy cross, from which hung a wreath of roses; Governor Budd, wreath of orchids; the Press Club, a laurel wreath; the Examiner staff, a wreath of evergreen; Miss Mar-The railroad company last night fur- ian Y. Bunner, for Current Literature, an armful of violets; Miss Lillian Whiting, of Boston, a basket of white roses; Southern express messenger. Mrs. Sol Smith, a laurel wreath; Mrs. Frank White, of Birmingham Ala., F. Boyd, a cluster of lilies of the valley. Elewers were also sent by Mayor Sutro, Acting Mayor Phelan, the wo-George Carney, of Birmingham, flag- mer. newspaper workers of San Francisco and many others. The California Wine Growers sent a wreath, with the

inscription: "Thy spirit strong and free of thought Has championed our cause in fearless strife: Eternal rest supplants the battle so well

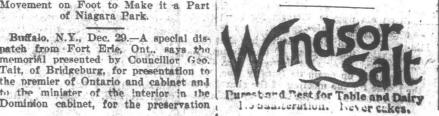
fought. And gratitude sunshines the memory of thy life.' Miss Field had frequently visited San Francisco, and had many friends here. She had employed her talents in writing and lecturing on California and its products, and the people of this state

her as a friend.

admired her brilliant gifts, and valued

Of the great sales attained and great cures accomplished by Hood's Sarsa-parilla is quickly told. It purifies and erts agreed with Mr. Stevens that the enriches the blood, tones the stomach and gives strength and vigor, Disease rich, red blood which comes by taking ment had no desire to take from farmers' Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HOOD'S PILLS, cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists. 25c.



Cédar Hill Electors Discuss Method of Assessing Property in , District.

They Pass a Resolution Protesting appeal. Small helders often negl

The boisterousness of the weather probably accounted for the small attendance at the meeting held in the Cedar Hill school house last evening for the purpose of discussing the rate of assessment levied on property through out the Victoria electoral district. of South Victoria should form There were not more than a score of electors present. Mr. Munro Muller was voted to the chair and Mr. Sears was

ing because he would refuse to far receive some good suggestions. They of revision did not redress all a

As no one appeared anxious to address the meeting Hon. D. M. Eberts The farmers were placed at a dis suggested that as Mr. Stevens and others who addressed the meeting at Royal Ook wer present they might be given the opportunity to speak and ne would be afterwards pleased to give his views.

Chairman Miller then read a letter from Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken in which he regretted his inability to be present on account of illness.

in their own interests farmers remained self and none in the general interests. If farmers would unite their grievances would soon be reduced. As all were dependent on the farmers, they should be treated properly. He could not under failed to understand why the property higher than the lands of surrounding divide the resolution. The complaint districts. Their lands were no richer, was that the lands were not assess nor did they get better prices for their products. The lands here could not now be sold for half what they were assessed for. He believed that lands should the resolution was all right exce

terest to Mr. Stevens' address, but he had not stated the whole question. Mr. Eberts did not know whether the people Victoria district were overtaxed as Mr. Stevens had stated. The assessment was not a mater controlled by the government. It was the work of the assessor, an officer appointed by cial legislature. The assessor did his taxpayer felt he was being assessed too high he could seek redress in the court of appeal. If the judge of the court of this machinery was not easy for the farmer, but the government have not the XXX.... authority to dictate to the assessor how he should assess properties in this dis- Premier (Enderby) trict or that. In so far as South Vic- Three Star (Enderby) toria is concerned the district had little Strong Baker's (O.K.).... to complain about excepting high taxation. It had good roads and had always been well treated by the government. Last year the amount paid in by the district was about \$16,000 and the amount paid out by the government was over \$23,000. More than the whole of the money secured from the district was therefore spent in the district. If man's taxes were too high they should both ways. If the rate was low the assessment must be high, and vice as first class, second class and third been passed and the present government

any more than was right. He would always advocate what was in the interof the electors of the district.
r. J. A. Grant was the next speakHe considered that the discussion

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To to ests of the electors of the district. Mr. J. A. Grant was the next speak-ances redressed. The farmers' property should be taxed according to what it The farmers should be en ouraged. If the government were hard up and must raise money, they should raise it some where else besides from the farmers, Mr. Grant also be-

EWEEK IN EUROPE

Papers Criticize Great Britn's Foreign Policy During Year Just Closed.

Maclaren Gives His Impress. is of the United States and Her Public Men.

Mild Weather in England - Sir enry living Not Likely to Act for some Time.

lon, Jan. 2.-Most newspapers reng the events of 1896, criticize the go-lucky optimism of Great Briforeign policy evinced by the litfort produced during the numerous ing storms that marked the year. eite the Venezuela trouble, folquickly by the Transvaal disand then came the insult from ror William, his dispatch to Presi-Kruger and the isolation of Great n in the eastern question. The apers, therefore, insist that the policy of Great Britain is behe times and the government re-

to take existing facts considermore into account or expect inte repetitions of the loss of presbrought about by taking up which it was later compelled to on owing to misealculation as to Britain's means of asserting her ance in opposition to other powers. St. James's Gazette makes specrence to Venezuela, and says is right now to arbitrate on terms ed by the United States it was to do so a year and a-half ago. Lord Salisbury emphatically re-Secretary Olney's demand." Con the St. James's Gazette re "With no aggressive or ambit igns upon our part we have been measureable distance, in a single to war with Russia, German ca, and the Transvaal. With additional warships and cruiser thousands more trained seame stokers and an army capable of ng three corps, by railway an ort. sav to Canada or Consta we could face such a combin s that with better confidence.

Times in its New Year editoria ng the foreign relations of Great sava: "It is peculiarly appro that the year which is to ne dis shed by the celebration of the diajubilee of the Queen, should also irked by the conclusion of a treat; bitration with the other grant of our race." It adds: hope or desire to change our with other states in this which seems natural allied by blood with ourselves. g the last two months Sir Don nith, Canadian High Commisbegan an exhaustive enquiry in

places of origin of the stream of th emigrants who go to America. view of diverting as many as le desirable ones to Canada. In to assist such a movement be ow arranged that more effective

city be given intending emigrants advantage of Canada. Charles Tupper, former premier x-High Commissioner, will return hada on January 7th.

Maclaren," Rev. John Watson, who has just returned from his to the United States, is loud in of Yale university, which renim of the English universities. ays the Yale professors are most orly and cultivated, and adds that tudents are bright, making a splen-Dr. Watson was also udience. impressed with the important potaken by the Scotch in the civic America and says American wotake a deal less part in public life in England. In addition the Scotch is favorably impressed with Am-home life, "because all essential res resemble English life." Dr. son is further quoted as stating the rich class in America aim at imitation of English country house In an interview the popular her-nuthor described his luncheon White House, where he said lent Cleveland impressed him "as able and honest man." sion left on his mind regarding tary Olney was that he has "a s, powerful intellect." Both Presi-Cleveland and Secretary Olney

from the interview with Dr. on, to have expressed satisfaction fact that the difficulty between nited States and Great Britain has settled. The patriotism of Ams generally and the "attachment e central government" and other Fars es much impressed "Ian Macduring his sejourn in the Unitring the past fifteen months nearly

nersons became converts to the gold and being in the diocese of Westminschief feature of the estate market er of noblemen selling. The Duke evonshire sold his fine estate of

acres in West Cork, including own of Bandon, to Sir John Arfor £250,000. Lord Ashdisposed of his Wiltshire of 10,000 acres; Lord Church ld his magnificent Cornbury park. mry, Oxfordshire, consisting of acres with the historical mansion, formerly the hunting lodge enry II; and the Marquis of

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