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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

TO THE EDITOR :- Mr. Wm. Wilson in a long letter to the Times on Thursday last lic lands. There was therefore no reason to deals with the respective financial condi-suppose that it would not be given to aid. tions of the United States and Canada, and in the extension of the Vancouver Island endeavors to make out that this country is in a very bad state. The desirability of de-crying the country by such methods is at teast questionable: the avowed object sought to be obtained is to damage our Othawa representatives, to whom Mr. Wil-son is politically opposed. However, it defensible position by his action, arising defensible position by his action, arising endeavors to make out that this country is line. He had heard it said by some that

BAILWAY EXTENSION. Members of the Board of Trade Unanimously Endorse Mr. desired information ? Ker's Resolution. The Extension of the E. & N. and What It Means to

Victoria.

A specially convened and largely attended than that the company has satisfactorily completed its entire undertaking under the Trade, yesterday afternoon endorsed unaniaid the extension of the E. & N. railway to

Comox by granting the usual subsidy of \$3,200 per mile. This resolution, is will be ramamhared, was introduced at last Bri. remembered, was introduced at last Fri- Mr. A. J. MoLellan warmly supported. Mr. Ker's remarks, holding that the E. & N. day's adjourned quarterly meeting, when its oompany should receive the grant that they consideration was deferred in order that a were now seeking, as well as the C. P. P. R larger attendance might be had. The wis-dom of this course was yesterday evidenced by to the general benefit to the

by the presence of a gratifyingly large num-ber of the members, and a full expression of Mere than one fortnight and not more than the board by its endorsation was asked to assist. President A. C. Flumerfelt was in the chair, and there were also in attendance Vice President C. E. Renouf, Secretary F. Elworthy, and Messrs. Joseph Loewen, Louis Erb, Simon Leiser, T. S. Futcher, E. E. Wootton, H. Cuthbert, Jacob Sehl, A. J. J. McLellan, T. B. Hall, A. L. Belyea, William Munsie, Richard Hall, C. N. Gowen, Gustav Leiser, E. B. Marvin, H. E.

Connon, Joshua Davies, John Nicholles, Hedley Chapman, Henry Saunders, J. H. Todd, W. Walker, J. Hutcheson, H. F. Heisterman, T. Lubbe, T. J. Burnes, D. R. Ker, W. J. Pendray, Robert Ward, W. H. Ellis, Henry Croft, A. St. G. Flint, Charles Hayward, William Wilson, C. D. Mason, W. E. Losee, J. B. Gordon, R. T. Williams, J. Crawford and N. D. Macaulay.

Introducing the special business of the day, President Flumerfelt explained briefly the steps that had already been taken therein and called upon Mr. D. R. Ker, in whose name the resolution stood.

Mr. Ker entered at once upon his bject. All the members of the ard were, he believed, aware of the stand in connection with the British Pacific. atents and scope of the resolution. There ight, however, be some who did not a line of the source of

rd at such short notice. To these he uld explain that it was only on the Frimorning that he had seen Mr. Dunsir and asked him if he had any objection the resolution being moved. Mr. Duns-

ir had replied in the negative and he therefore brought forward the subject mediately, as the necessity of prompt ac-n was apparent. He hoped and was conced that all members of the board were eed upon the great importance of the ect. The application for the subsidy of

\$3.200 per mile had been sent to the Dominion government on the 22nd instant, and o it was likely that it had now reached Ottawa. This was nothing more than the

customary grant that had been given by the government to the C.P.R. to assist construction through their own as well as pub-

know what assistance the E. & N. company THE SCHOOL QUESTION. had already received, and what rights and powers had been given them under their original charter—also what they were now asking. Perhaps Mr. Ker would give the Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Speech in the Senate on the Issues in Mr. Ker expressed surprise that any member of the board should be uninformed Manitoba. on the very much discussed subject of the E. & N. railway. Every point in connec-tion with the building of this road had been threshed out by the public years ago, and it

Obligations. The speech of Sir Mackenzie Bowell in

completed its entire undertaking under the contract. Nor was it now asking anything the Senate on the 22nd instant was the most I do not think it at all necessary to do so. Trade, yesterday afternoon endorsed unani-mously the resolution offered by Mr. D. R. twonch this extension was not by any means the Premier not having hesitated to declare the day's proceedings, the premier not having hesitated to declare the day's proceedings. The government took the strictly constitu-tional course in reference to the Manitoba himself in unmistakable terms. The follow-ing report is taken from the Mail Empire:-Sir Mackenzie Bowell:-I sincerely regret with the main environment of the transmission of transmission of the transmission of the transmission of the transmission of the transmission of transmission of the transmission of the transmission of transmissing transmiss the tone, although very mildly uttered, in in support of the contention of the province Box 3 which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Scott) alluded in regard to the Jesuits' estates act. I be- 28 Yates street; owner, G. Ordano; occu. Mr. Ker's remarks, holding that the E. & N. company should receive the grant that they were now seeking, as well as the C. P. P. R. or any other road. He referred brief-ly to the general benefit to the province that the extension of the line to Comox would produce, and hoped that every member of the board and avery member of ance to the sentiments which pervaded his whole speech. The five years which have rolled around since this question came before they chose to dispose of those moneys. They consequently refused to support the motion seeking to condemn the government for not displaying the legislation of the province in building, \$200; contents, \$50; loss on adthe Nanaimo board-would support this resolution, expressing the opinion that the promoters of the line to Comox were fully rolled around since this question came before seeking to content the government for not building, \$200; contents, \$50; loss on ad-the public had been occupied in going through disallowing the legislation of the province in joining building, \$29; insurance on two the public had been occupied in going through the courts from one appeal to another, and when he tells us that there should have been no difference of opinion as to the powers and authority of the Province of Mani-toba, he forgets, or if he did not forget the failed to give expression to the fact that entitled to the usual subsidy of the Do-Mr. William Wilson also heartily supported the resolution. The Mainland, he said, had had three similar grants lately and when the fact was taken into considerafailed to give expression to the fact, that Count of Canada The count devided that The barrene Pembroke streets; owner and occupant, T tion that half the exports of the province these differences of opinion existed in the Court of Canada. That court decided that Roberts; cause, sparks. Loss, \$5; no in are from Vancouver Island, it certainly highest courts of the land; and he should the school act of the province was ultra vires. surance. highest courts of the land; and he should balso have told us that when this question was first looming up his great leader, the Hon. Edward Blake, in the House of Com-mons, introduced a resolution to remove the neart, there was a considerable diversity of the the school act of the province was ultra vires. The hon, the leader of the opposition says that everybody knew that, or that if they did not know it they did not understand the mat-ter. Notwithstanding this statement on his part, there was a considerable diversity of the school act of the province was ultra vires. April 17—Telephone alarm, fire at one. April 16 (1900) for the province alarm, fire at one. April 17—Telephone alarm, fire at one. April 19—Telephone alarm, fire at one. looked as though the residents of this part of the country had been backward in asking for their rights. Giving attention to the amount of Vancouver Island's contribution annually to the federal revenue, the members of the board should be a unit in de and take it out of the power of anyone to opinion on the point, and we find that \$500; no insurance. Total loss, \$1,500. manding this subsidy from the Dominion government-and in obtaining it this year. of the minority in any province should be On one point he would like information dealt with by the administration. His reso-Perhaps some legal gentleman present could lution, so clear and distinct in its character. say whether or not it would be necessary for the railway company to obtain special was accepted by the different leaders the of the opposition, and Sir John Macdonald and all parties be-lieved that this question of sentiment at Ottawa before receiving the Dominion subsidy. He said that Mr. McPhillips had taken this He so he presumed it might apply also to the E. decide. He is not in accord either with the sentiments expressed so often by the hon. unanimous vote of the members of the board Scarcely a speech has that hon. gentleman made in which he has not affirmed strongly Mr. Robert Ward pointed out that the his belief in what are termed provincial E & N. Co. already possessed the power under their charter to extend to Comox, and rights. He says, and I fully concur with held that the Dominion government had him in the sentiment, that it is with the greatest reluctance, and not only with retherefore but to pass an order-in-council agreeing to the desired vote. No anxiety need be felt on that score. It would cerluotance, but with great regret, that a gov-ernment should interfere with any of the

lation or interference. That again went to would have been removed from the political the courts in Canada, and our Supreme arena altogether and left to the courts to court decided that the minority had no leader of the opposition in the lower house. perial Privy Council, who declared that only the chimney afire and there was no

rights and privileges given to a province act had infringed upon the special privil portion of the country to have the work go Mr. Blake, when he moved the resolution eges conceded to the minority by the pro THUNDER HILL CASE. vincial legislature in 1871, and that there to which I refer, had the one object fore the minority had a constitutional right benefit in causing the circulation of money sire to embarrass the Government of Mr. Justice Drake yesterday delivered of appeal to the privy council of Canada during the road building and in opening up a the day, but, seeing the difficulties ing the parties interested on either side to judgment in the Thunder Hill Mining Company, Limited, case, in favor of the company which were arising in Manitoba upon this appear before the committee of the privy and against the holders of stock. The judgment, which is an exhaustive review of the very school question, he attempted, as a council of Canada, there to argue the ques very school question, he attempted, as a tion in its various aspects pro and con. It of nolitics. This was in 1890, the very year was not a week afterwards before the case and of the law bearing upon it, recites the circumstances under which the company was formed and the original stock of \$50,000 that this act was passed. Mr. Blake saw remedial order was issued, asking the legisthat this act was passed. Mr. Blake saw the difficulties arising, saw the political ani-mosity that would be engendered by the discussion of a question of this kind—for no matter what our religious views may be, whether we are Roman Catholics or Proof the resolution at the office of the registestants, the moment you touch a question and throughout the country, it was stated in Irar of joint at affecting a man's conscience, you rouse the the debate on the address in the oth her house firmation of the resolution at a subsequent very worst passion in his nature, though it is a question of religion. Desiring to re. extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the company called for that purpose. It was political arena, to take from the Ad. claimed by counsel for the shareholders that order to the province of Manitoba. The the non-compliance with these formalities opinions of those who are in opposition to ministration the power to deal with it, he moved a resolution to that effect. the government on this question are as direndered the stock issue invalid, as without them it was ultra vires for the directors to Mr. Soott-I spoke for myself. I think Mr. Blake would admit now, in the light of versified as the colors of the chameleon. Mr. Power-As diversified as the opinions His Lordship heid that in view of the fact increase the capital stock. On this point subsequent events, that he made a mistake of those who are supporting the governthat the shareholders in the original comwhen he proposed that resolution. I think ment. pany had accepted the new issue of stock in the experience of the last five years would Sir Mackenzie Bowell-My remark lieu of their old stock, they must be taken Sir Mackenzie Bowell-I shall not vouch for the statility of Mr. Blake's opinion any more than I would for that of the hon. gen-were condemned for not going far of the stock was remedied by lapse of time of the stock was remedied by lapse of time and acquiescence. His Lordship accordingly tleman. We are all apt to change to a enough. We were assailed greater or less extent. It is only a question cheres on the ground that we had done nothordered the names of the shareholders to of time as to how it may affect us. Now, that is precisely the course that was follow-hand, we have it on the authority of a genremain upon the list of contributories. Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., and Mr. C. Dubois ed by the administration on this question. tleman intimately associated with the Lib-Mason for the liquidator; Messrs. Chas. I might quote from Mr. Blake's remarks, eral party, speaking in the constituency of Wilson, Q.C., E V. Bodwell, A. L. Belyes, in which he proved beyond a doubt Haldimand, that the remedial order was is what his intentions were, and his great desire to prevent the introduction of those where you turn, no matter to what section an appeal will be taken. shareholders. As the amount involved is their being dealt with by the executive for the time being. My hon. friend says that in A SONNET. 1871, when the separate school act was to do is to ascertain the views which are enacted by the Province of Manitoba, they held by the majority in that particular (Written by W, Edgar Buck from a conval-escent chamber window.) then understood what they were doing. I section, and you will learn that these quite agree with the hon. gentleman, and it are the views which are being taken Foliage springing forth green grown On the gnarled oaks' steins, grey-brov Fluttering birdlings all day long quine agree with the non, gentleman, and it are the views which are being taken is a matter of satisfaction to me to knew up by the members of the opposition that the Conservative party in 1871 were in power in Manitoba, and that they were of the party—which is leading them on (as ns, grey-brown Fluttering birdlings all day long Hearts' love pouring forth in song; Birds with humming in the wing Ides of summer gladly bring; Children playing, free from wiles. Glad'ning older hearts, with smiles. lesirous of maintaining intact the obliga- my hon. friend opposite hopes) to victory, tions into which they had entered when that when we shall be cast into the cold shades province came into the confederation ; and opposition, and he shall be triumphantly it may also be a satisfaction to the hon. genseated on this side of the house, directing Far away in life's long year tleman to know that it was his party that the affairs of the country in the course in Faded memories oft appear; Voices lost in death's dark night, was in power in 1890, when they violated their agreement into which they had enter. Faces diamed from out our sight; Faces diamed from out our sight; Loved ones soattered far and wide Fighting bravely gainst the tide. Onward I Press thy feet again-Win the battle! Yield! And then f ed when Manitoba became a province of the the members of the Conservative govern confederation. So it has been from the be- ment are, how terribly wicked they have ginning with that party. If the minority been in even suggesting to the people of in any province expects to have its rights Children still 'mid daisies playing ; Erstwhile, through the woodlands straying ; Flow'rets, leafiets, still are growing ; Woodland streamiets, still are flowing ; Manitoba that they should do justice to the minority. Talk of unity—the Liberal party is an admirable specimen of unity, Imust say. preserved, whether that minority be Roman Catholic or Protestant, it will have to look to the Conservative body, which has con-trolled Canada since Confederation, with the mouthpiece of this party. Mr. Scott-The organ you mention is not Manly heart gives forth love's token To the blushing maid, outspoken Type of the eternal joy trolled Canada since Confederation, with the exception of five years. Minorities will have to look to the Conservative party to maintain those rights. Although I am not and I am quite sure that anyone who is con-True hearts reap, without alloy. Oak Lodge, April 24. an advocate of nor am I in favor per se of sistent in his opinions and who desires t SHIPS AND SHIPPING. separate schools, yet I hold that the word of see this country governed properly will always repudiate that organ, but it is althe sovereign when pledged, no matter if it Another Siwash sealer, the Labrador, arare flocking in great numbers. Of the new is in accord with my particular sentiments or discoveries on the Yukon Mr. Gerstle not, should be held inviolate in the govern-speaks most favorably but he does not ing of the country. The hon. gentleman rerived in port on Monday with but fifty one skins, her total coast catch. She was one tion come from an hon. gentleman of the party to which it ostensibly belongs, seeing of the San Juan wind-bound fleet and conferred to the debate which took place that they will look to it for inspiration whe sequently brings no news. Some half dozen in 1871, and he stated quite correctly the the proper time comes. I am aware that it has been claimed that a certain hon. gentle-Indian cances also came in from the West Coast yesterday, each with a small number bhe House of Commons. I remember the man who formerly belonged to the Con-discussion very well, and I took the same servative party, and who has been active in of sealskins. ON THE EAST COAST BOUTE. position that I take to-day, and the same position that I maintained in 1863, when I was defeated in my own county. I stated to my constituents that if the ques-tion mean mathematical statematical st It is probable the C.P.N. steamer Rainow, which has been idle for some months, will soon be running regularly. A route among the islands on the East coast is what tion was whether we should establish separ. very strange if the proper course to in view for her. She will, however, ate schools in this country or not I should pursue to maintain one's position with vote against them, but, the separate schools a political party is to adopt the opinundergo some minor repairs before again entering service. having been established, I would not be a party to depriving the minority of the rights might be unparliamentary and consequently We should quietly hear both sides .that they had acquired under the constitu- I will not use the word)-to adopt all the tion which governed them. I expected that the hon. gentleman would do as Mr. Mo-Carthy did when he argued the question be Goethe. He scatters enjoyment who enjoys much. the company in regard to treight charges. He had been informed that there was at present disorimination in rates to the dis-advantage of many in Victoria who desired will only be able to make the routh there was at by the ball of the able to make the routh there was at advantage of many in Victoria who desired will only be able to make the routh there was at by the ball of the able to make the routh there will the ball of the act with that the ball of the act with that the passing of the act with that the ball of the act with that the people of Manitoba may see Lavater. Life has no blessing like a prudent friend. -Euripides, advantage of many in victoria who desired to get coal down from the mines. While this might be all right for a private road it be run regularly. They will go 2,000 miles The recent exhibition of fine art at White-chapel, in the slums of London, was at-tended during its three weeks term by over 72,000 people. On this basis, taking into the aid of public funds. Before endorsing the side in this case he thought the the river to a place known as Fort Sel-kirk, one object of their long run being to the same line, and it proves to my which will devolve upon them otherwise. It Love looks not with the eyes, but with he mind. -Shakespeare. Present fears are less than horrible imagnings.-Shakespeare. He who has health has hope, and he who the same line, and it proves to my which will devolve upon them otherwise. It has hope has everything. - Arabian. mind, and it must prove to every reader is a very serious matter for the government of that debate, this important fact: of the Dominion to undertake to deal with a owning company intended to pursue in regard to the marketing of the coal reached by the extended line. Mr. T. S. Futcher sought further informa-tion of another kind. He was anxious to

the Roman Catholics of Manitoba that had they desire to continue flinging firebrands seen granted to the minority in Quebec and among the electorate of this country (who I am sure are desirous of living in peace and

schools. It was for that reason, believing harmony) they will reject all overtures and that we were conceding to that province what they did not then have, that I recordact upon the suggestions of those who are what they did not then have, that I record-ed my vote as I then did, and I trust the day will never arrive when the party with He Expects the Province to Live Up to Its Constitutional government, the people of Canada will find that the present administration are quite prepared to assume the responsibility which their wishes at that particular time should may fall upon not forget that this country has to be gov. sults may be. may fall upon them, no matter what the reerned by the majority and in the interests of the whole, and not in the interests of the

APRIL FIRES.

Chief Deasy's record of fires for the month shows that there have been seven fires in course in reference to the Manitoba April with a loss of \$4,624. The following

question altogether from the political arena part, there was a considerable diversity of \$1,200; insurance, \$800; loss on contents, declare that interference with the rights when the case came before the Lords of the April 21-Box |31, incendiary fire at one. when the case came before the Lords of the Privy Council in England they decided that the school act was intra vires, that the legislature of Manitoba had a perfect right to legislate as they had done. Then arcsee the question of the right to appeal to the Start of Council in England they decided that the school act was intra vires, that the legislature of Manitoba had a perfect right to legislate as they had done. Then arcsee the question of the right to appeal to the Start of Council in England they decided that the question of the right to appeal to the start of Council in England they decided that the question of the right to appeal to the Start of Council in England they decided that the question of the right to appeal to the start of Council in England they decided that the question of the right to appeal to the start of Council in England they decided that the question of the right to appeal to the start of the question of the right to appeal to the Privy Council of Canada for remedial legis. April 30-Box 14, chimney fir April 30-Box 14, chimney fire ; no loss. Fires during month, 7 ; loss, \$4,624

> The fire department were called out yes. right to appeal. Then the matter was laid terday morning to 60. Johnson street, a before the judicial committee of the Im- small fruit store kept by John Silva. It was while the act which had been passed by the damage. Silva was summoned for neglect. legislature of Manitoba in 1890 was within ing to have the chimney cleaned. This was he powers of that legislature, the people of not all his misfortunes, for Assistant Chief Manitoba belonging to the Roman Conlin, while going over the premises, dis-Catholic faith having no rights either covered a number of boxes of apples and by law or practice in respect to separate schools at the time of the admission of Man-therefore. in his capacity of sanitary in therefore, in his capacity of sanitary in itoba into the confederation in 1870, that spector, confiscated them.

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from his resolution at the Board of Trade (which being thoroughly antagonistic to the views of its members he withdrew), he now rould sidetrack the discussion into a laby. from his resolution at the Board of Trade velopment until opened up by railway enwould sidetrack the discussion into a laby-rinth of statistics immaterial to the main serving of support, as its construction would man another sixty mile link in what all

The question was: "Should the Board of Trade pass a certain resolution in connection a great transcontinental line of railway. with the British Pacific railway, in opposi-The work of surveying and all other pretion to the wishes of liminaries had already been completed by moters of that enterprise? The board the gentlemen now applying for the Do-practically unanimously said No! and minion grant; they did not, however, feel Mr. Wilson withdrew his resolution. that they would be justified at the present the pro Mr. Wilson has been pleased, when referring to my last letter, to state : "My vanity was unless the Dominion grant were Mr. Wilson has been pleased, when referring to my last letter, to state: "My vanity was not increased by Onlocker's letter, which initiated at once. Was it not therefore initiated at once. Was it not therefore The remarks made by me were merely a rehighly desirable that the board, formed to cital of the facts, together with reasonable promote the business and general prosperity logical deductions given therefrom. I unof the province, should do all in its power dertook to prove, and think I succeeded in toward securing the subsidy and the conseproving, that in animadverting upon the quent inauguration of this important devel-Board of Trade he showed bad taste, and opment work? A telegram, he might say, that in animadverting upon the quent inauguration of this important develthat certain arguments advanced by him had just been received from one of the city' showed bad judgment. representatives now at Ottawa, stating that

An imaginative friend whom I have conthe endorsement of the board would sulted says that perhaps Mr. Wilson conthe greatest assistance to them. He (Mr. strues as personal my remark that he Ker) felt confident that the board would pocketed his resolution when withdrawing take pleasure in thus strengthening the it at the Board of Trade "with an air of hands of Victoria's members, nor did he suphumility that would have been becoming in pose that the other boards of the province the most penitent sinner," and my friend would withhold their support. The says (but I think he is joking) that Mr. Wilcation was certainly more deserving of favorson might possibly think that I mean to say able consideration than if it had come from that he is a penitent sinner. I mean the promoters of a new line, for the owners nothing of the kind, and am glad to make of the E. & N. had practically demonstrated the explanation. In the present lengthy their confidence in Vancouver Island, and discussion personalities have been happily by the constant improvement of their line refrained from, and it is hoped this course from Victoria to Wellington had shown that will be continued. they intend it ultimately to be something In the COLONIST of this date I observe

more than a local road. He had pleasure, your editorial "Upjust or Insincere," and therefore, in moving, seconded by Mr. Wilnote that you prove that those who have liam Wilson, that "Whereas the Esquimalt & Nanaimo R.R.C. are prepared to at once proceed with the con-struction of an extension of the E. & N. railway from Wellington to Comox, provided the usual Dominion subsidy of \$3,200 per mile is granted in aid thereof; And whereas the extension of such railway would largely aid in the develop-ment of the natural weath of British Columbia, and in the settlement of mean the constitution

blamed Messrs. Earle and Prior for their attitude on Mr. Wilson's resolution are entitled to one or both of these strictures. Inasmuch as Mr. Wilson is the chief exponent of the parties who would attack Messrs. Earle and Prior in this matter, you might

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of the English national debt. JAMES ANGUS. The recent exhibition of fine art at White-

consideration the comparative culture of the two localities, how many people ought to attend the spring exhibition at San Fran-

Fear nothing so much as sin and your moral heroism is complete. -C. Simmons.

Victorians hoped to see ultimately become and consequently no further legislation would be necessary to enable the company to obtain the subsidy. The true interests of Victoria lying in the development of the northern portion of Vancouver Island, this extension of the E. & N. should receive the

tainly greatly increase confidence in this

of the new line would be of incalculable

rich and valuable section of country. Reply-

were obtained and the E. & N. line extended

to Comox, he thought there would be no

fear of differential rates being made. He

certainly commended the modesty of the

promoters of the new road in not seeking

ing to Mr. Walker, if the desired assistance

hearty support of Victorians as materially assisting in that development. The discussion here terminating, the resolution passed unanimously and with applause, and on motion of Mr. Robert Ward and Mr. Simon Leiser it was ordered to be telegraphed to the Minister of Railways and also to Victoria's representatives in the House of Commons.

At the same time the sister boards of trade of the province will be asked to endorse the spirit of the resolution.

AN IMPORTANT TRANSFER.

William Le Gerstle, one of the directors of the Alaska Commercial Company, is visit-ing Victoria on business which he believes will be of importance to the city. He is staying at the Driard, but will return in appli few days to San Francisco, expecting to visit Victoria again about the middle of May. In future, Mr. Gerstle says, his company will purchase in Victoria the supplies for those of their stores on the Yukon river which are in British Columbia. This trade, which amounts to about \$100,000 a year, has up till now been given to San Francisco but the enforcement of British laws heretofore dormant in the far North makes the change advantageous to

the company. There is really no British customs house on the Yukon river but the duty on foreign goods passing into Canadian territory will be collected, it is understood, by the Ottawa government. Mr. Gerstle, though just arrived from San Francisco, has only recently come down from Alaska, the Yukon in particular, where he says people are flocking in great numbers. Of the new consider that the mining prospects for many peeple will be at all bright. They are the wrong class of people to be prosperous, they being mechanics of every imaginable trade not accustomed to hardsupport as it has been accustomed to give. Discussion of the resolution being invited by the Chair, Mr. Wm. Walker thought the present the now building-the Beaver and Alice-for mostly reaching the Pacific Coast, which are proper time te ascertain the intentions of the Alaska Commercial Company, to ply on he company in regard to freight charges. the Yukon river. They will be put together

The blossom cannot tell what becomes