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THE NEEDS OF KOOTENAY.

This commission ought to be perman- freight charges a sine qua non of any con- content on the part of a lot of people The Rossland, Miner very properly says that one of the most important ently in session and be charged with the tract with a railway company under any who waated a man in Government matters to be considered by the govern- duty of collecting all manner of informa- subsidy act now in force or hereafter to House who would play a political game ment is what shall be done to meet the tion bearing upon commerce. It ought be passed. There is a provision to this for them. There is a very wide chasm requirements of Kootenay in the matter to submit a report to parliament annual- effect in the subsidy act passed last ses- to be bridged in the matter of the senof highways. This is scarcely second in ly, recommending any necessary changes sion giving \$4,000 a mile to certain rail- atorial appointment, and we have seen of highways. This is scarcely second in 19, recommendating any accessity changes bion giving \$2,000 a third to contain the atomic appointment, and we have seen urgency to the matter of railway trans- in the tariff. This is as far as a self- ways, which will ensure adequate gov- some signs that when it comes to filling urgency to the matter of railway trans-portation. We gather from what our contemporary says that there is a very considerable area, not far from Ross-making power is not in keeping with our considerable area, not far from Rossland, to which it is not likely that rail- institutions. Such a commission would, that: way connection will be extended, but in a sense, take the tariff out of politics.

where there are valuable mines that because it would give parliament the would become shippers if highways were opinion of experts to guide it. The govbuilt. This is very interesting, and we ernment of the day would be very glad think it would be well if the Miner, with to be relieved of the responsibility of tarits usual enterprise, would go further iff changes. Of course as so large a prointo details and map out in a general portion of our revenue is from customs way what it thinks ought to be done. dues, it would be necessary for the Fin-

No doubt, when the legislature meets, ance Minister to be always in touch with Messrs. Kellie and Hume will be pre- the commission. We make the above pared to lay before the house a full suggestions as a practical contribustatement of what is needed; but it tion to an interesting discussion, but would help the government to arrive at in so doing make no claim that this an estimate of what is required, and or any other plan that can be suggested hence of what can be done this year, if will wholly remove the tariff from the the Miner would take the course we have political arena. We think that the sug- library should be erected at Winchester, gested commission would measurably suggested. There can be no question as to the have that effect at the very outset, and

desirability of everything possible being as time went on and the people grew ac-should be commemorated in some suit-on the rivers flowing into that part of done to promote mining development customed to regarding tariff questions as able manner will be admitted, and any the Yukon. It thinks that the quartz done to promote mining development around Rossland. We are confident that the government's only desire will or political to iffer mould scen be overcome will be of great value indirectly, be-in the Canadian streams, probably ex-Vale. The Boundary Creek Times wants a new representative for the South East Vale. The argument, which it adduces, Vale. The argument, which it adduces,

We do not care how diligent the mem-RAILWAYS IN SOUTHERN B.C. bers of the administration may be, it is The Grand Forks Miner discusses in impossible for them to see everything that needs to be done. We do not care very temperate fashion the railway situation as it affects the Southern portion by the grace of the calendar the day of how active representatives may be in of the province. It thinks it sees indi- the week on which that issue appeared the interests of their constituencies, they cations that the Canadian Pacific aims was also Saturday. The publisher's nocannot take the place of intelligent to control all the lines of transportation tice said: "The British Colonist will newspaper discussion of such matters. between its main line and the Inter- be published every Saturday at Victoria, Any single individual is likely to be national boundary, and while holding V. I., by A. DeCosmos. Subscription more or less swayed by preconceived this to be a very serious matter, thinks for one year 5 dols., for six months 3 ideas, but when a local improvement is there is no need for great alarm, for dols., for three months 2 dols. Single freely discussed in the local papers, the there is very little difference, in its opinion, copies-twenty-five cents. Advertiseceal merits are likely to be got at. between the control of the traffic of a ments will be inserted at the rate of five We are glad to see the Miner lead in district by a single corporation and its dollars per square of 12 lines per month. demands for Kootenay, and hope its example will be followed in all parts of the control by several corporations acting Terms Cash." The COLONIST of those in combination. There is undoubtedly days consisted of four pages 11 x 14 province. The newspapers should let a good deal in this, but the history of inches. The opening article was headed the government and the people generalother localities shows that there is an ad- "The Fraser Mines Vindicated!" The ly know what the several localities need. vantage in having rival lines. San Fran- chief editorial dealt with Governor In that way some idea can be formed of cisco has undoubtedly suffered because it Douglas in very lively fashion. The how much the legislature ought to be asked to expend in these works next session. We repeat that the COLONIST favors a vigorous, liberal, but, of course, transcontinental lines. It would be dif- dy and J. W. McKay. The latest news judicious expenditure. The province has ficult to convince the business men of from Great Britain was over six weeks eached that stage when its requirements Victoria that it is of no advantage to old and extremely meagre. The princican be ascertained with an approach to them to have a choice of routes to the pal item of Canadian news related to the exactness, and its credit is good enough to get all the money it wants for legiti-

and Tacoma. THE TARIFF AND POLITICS. The Miner thinks that the nature of Southgate & Mitchell, Hibben & Co., the greater part of the ores of British Curtis & Co., Webster & Co., Selim There is some discussion in the East-Columbia is such that, unless any rail. Franklin & Co., Samuel Price & Co., ern provinces over a proposition to make way corporation controlling the traffic is Thomas Moloney, and John Little & Co.

the present tariff a fixture for ten years prepared to grant reasonable freight and to adopt a settled policy of only rates, no business will be developed. making tariff changes every decade. We Most of the ore must be treated near at leaders of the Liberal party in this provdo not think much of such a plan, and home, and will not stand high freight ince are not very happy just now. There for two reasons. One is that it would charges even on short hauls. For these is a good deal of feeling over the subject bind no one, for the same parliament reasons our contemporary thinks that of patronage. A number of good things that agreed to it could the next day alter any company, even if it enjoys a mono- have come in the way of distribution, it. In the next place, if it could poly of transportation, will give rea- and the manner in which they have be done, it would be unwise to sonable rates. Theoretically, this seems been distributed has not given unalloyed

tie the hands of parliament in such all right, but we know that in pleasure. The appointment of Lieutena manner. If the tariff is to be taken out of politics, the way to do it might be to appoint a permanent tariff board of, will bear." For our part we think that say, three men, who shall hold office un- it is the duty of both the federal and the ceived very well on the surface; but til removed for cause, as the judges do. local governments to make the control of there is a profound substratum of dis-

The railway traffic in this section will not be in the hauling away of the raw ores for treatment, but in the more profitable trade peculiar to a rich and populous mining country, having within it-self all the natural resources to assure success, and which there is every indica-tion will soon be utilized to the fullest

> AN ALFRED MILLENARIUM. A proposal has been made for the cel-

ebration of the millenarium of Alfred the Great in 1902, when a thousand years will have elapsed since his death. It is suggested that a museum, art gallery, or gold where it flows through Alaska. Its Alfred's capital. That the life and very satisfactory reports have been re-

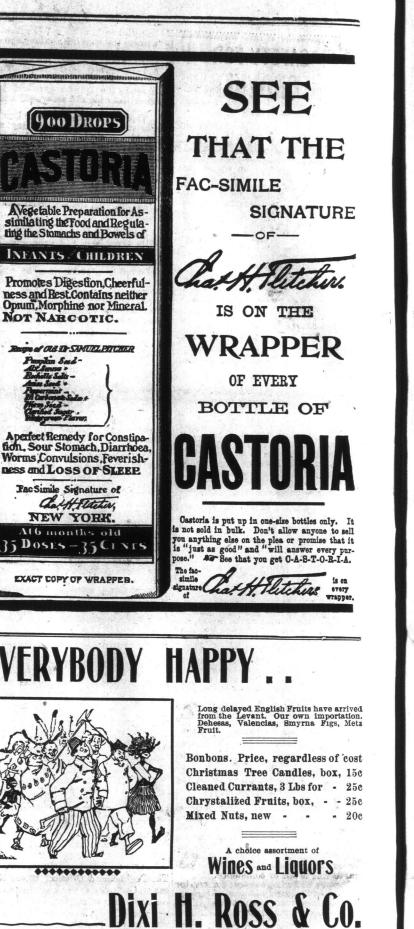
work of this distinguished sovereign ceived from prospectors who have been

OUR FORTIETH BIRTHDAY. We reprint a letter sent to Public Opinion by Mr. Fred. L. Wilmer of Dun-Thirty-nine years ago to-day the first can's, and commend its strong common number of the COLONIST was issued, and sense. It is time that some attention was paid to those people who contem plate starting from Great Britain and other points with insufficient capital. A lot of people started for Dawson City from Boston the other day. They had put \$300 each into the venture. Fancy starting from Boston for Dawson City with only \$300! A man might as well start for Mars, No man should think of going North without providing for his return, or at least for the purchase of provisions to keep him through the winter, in case he decides to remain in the country. Up by the Arctic circle is a poor place for any one to take chances with an empty pocket. A man starting cisco has undoubtedly suffered because it boughts in very artery from the East ought to have at least has been in the hands of a single railway legislature was in session, the members \$1,000. He could possibly get along corporation, while Portland, Tacoma present being Hon. Speaker Helmcken, with less. Many will. They take great James Yates, T. J. Skinner, Dr. Kennechances though; and we repeat that the Golden North is a poor place for that sort of thing if one has no money in his purse. Those who want to go mining East, as they have by reason of their proposals for an intercolonial railway, in this province, which can be reached connections by steamer with Seattle and with it was associated the name of with less expense and out of which a Dr. Tupper. The advertisers were man can get without any very serious difficulty. There is plenty of good ground in British Columbia to be prospected.

THERE will be much difference of opinion as to the propriety of permitting cormen who have assumed the position of poral punishment in schools. The great question is: Does it do any good to the child and to the whole school? There is no question about the prospect of a sound thrashing being a very good promoter of discipline, and a good many of as will testify that our personal dignity did not suffer very much because we got a touch of the rod occasionally. At the same time there is a great deal of doubt as to the wisdom of using corporal punishment in any except extreme cases. We are inclined to think that it should be employed only as the right to punish for contempt is exercised by courts of limited jurisdiction-that is only in cases where without it the discipline of the school could not be maintained. Truancy seems a matter for the parent to attend to rather than the teacher.

WE note that the Tacoma Ledger confines its agitation along commercial lines as to the charm of being government to the trade of Alaska. This is the reasonable plan. Klondyke is not in supporters. They find themselves un-Alaska. Has our contemporary thought able to do anything for themselves or out the question of transportation into their friends. There is no evidence Alaska? Obviously it will be futile to available that they have yet tried to do anything for the province. British Col- expect the Yukon route to meet the reumbia needs many things, and has quirements of the territory. The Copclaims that ought to be urged upon the per river route in is an unknown quantity. All other routes are through Can-Dominion government, but on these things our representatives supporting ada. Will the Ledger approve of the suggestion that Canada shall exact as the price of transit of United States "A sea of stagnant idleness Blind, bilious, mute and motionless." goods across her own territory, the right to ship Canadian goods into Alaska THE Post-Intelligencer thinks that the bed of the Yukon is likely to be rich in is the sort of demand that has been made without duty being paid on them? This upon Canada in regard to the right of reason for this opinion is that as yet no transit over a narrow strip of land in possession of the United States, but the

title to which has not been settled.



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OTTAWA, Dec. 9.reached here that the has dropped Col. Strat dinate commandant of Scots, from his person Dr. McEachran, chi spector for the departm here, is putting a num inary surgeons through on the tuberculin test. Havcock brothers, of vented a thawer and ers which they claim w what now takes 20 da Klondyke. The attention of the ment having been calle in which newspapers from the offices of pu postage to persons not ers in the sense inter department proceeds subscriber is. The Supreme court m teen judgments were h being cases appealed f Quebec courts. Sir Richard Cartwrig from Mount Clements, has been drinking the has been drinking the v two weeks. No confirmation is ob the reports from Brus has asked the Vatican t to Ottawa. A minister quite possible a delegat Ottawa, but he will not cel authority. cal authority. During the ten days office the Minister of a posed of 80 convict case consideration. CANADIAN ! A Cheerful Report Fro Weekly Re TORONTO, Dec. 9.-R. weekly statement of says: Wholesale trade tinues much the same. wis larger than usual at t but for the next two we iness is likely to slacker is engaging the attentio merchants, and until th it will be pretty general dry goods, furs, etc., are Groceries are fairly at fruits selling freely. Pri firm and prements firm, and payments a Sugars are a fraction hi Sugars are a fraction hi ber of failures was en eral feeling is one of co There is still a large e grain, chiefly wheat an are very busy and the little let up to cable or in good demand but un of our banks are emple of our banks are employed plus funds in large Unit where the demand for Prime commercial pape Toronto at six per cent

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