Some of the members of labor organizations in British Columbia hold what may be called "advanced" opinions on social questions, and they contend there was no necessity for calling out the militia to prevent acts of lawlessness during the recent strike of the fishermen on the Fraser river. There are many people who are not members of labor organizations who share their views, but if the unions take the action threatened and obeyed the commands of the constituted authorities they may possibly create misgivings in the minds of the public as to the aims and objects of some of the leaders in these movements. On the whole the influence of labor combinations in the portions of the world where they have taken root and thrived despite the unwise counsels of wayward leaders have been for good not only to the membership, but to a large circle closely connected with it. Surely the unions of to-day have learned from the history of the movement that they, like every other organization, social or political, are subject to and circumscribed in their actions by public opinion. We are convinced that if the labor unions of Vancouver decide to expel all militiamen from their membership it will not be long before they will make the discovery that they have made a great mistake and have materially weakened the cause which they are so anxious to advance. But we of Vancouver will countenance for a the farming interests of British Colum- hood of four hundred and sixty thousand of our sister city are wideawake and en- an, however, all who have fived of trav There are few who will be inclined to yesterday reached Modderfontein, ten sidered in the van in the onward march of humanity, but we think in this instance, if they take the action said to be contemplated, they will discover that they have so far outstripped all. the rest of Canada as to leave themselves in a position of bewildering isolation. The preservation of our country from the menace of an enemy from without and from all anarchical disturbances and outbreaks within is one of the highest duties of citizenship, and although in some cases there may be abuse of the power placed in the hands of the authorities, such mistakes do not absolve the population from one of the most important duties incumbent on alk patriots. The members of the labor unions are perfectly aware of this, a manner of bird life found in such prolarge proportion of the city regiments in fusion in the British Isles, and the only the East being recruited from the ranks chance of failure lies in the presence of of workingmen. We are all so proud a possible superabundance of birds of of the reputation Canada has gained as prey. No doubt those who were the ceipts in the near future and in the esone of the most law-abiding countries in the world that it would be a pity should anything occur to spread rumors to the effect that our labor men had taken a stand that could not be construed as anything but a blow at the institutions no intention of setting themselves up the Toronto World, two of the leading those of our sister provinces that it is against "Queen, Country and Flag and organs of the opposition, have said that necessary for us to do what none of the and that instead of being a menace to taking that when he is called upon to agent in the British metropolis for the convey reported to have the right of way and was scurrying quing the state the unions are among the form a government he will throw aside purpose of proclaiming our merits to been captured at Elands River. strongest bulwarks of true liberty and all the old cabinet material and select capitalists and emigrants. These things

We gather from the Seattle Times that we have perpetrated another great wrong on the American people, A "man who knows from personal observation" assures our contemporary of that the boundary line in the Kettle River country as now recognized between the United States and Canada is nearly three miles south of the forty ninth degree of latitude. In this be true, and it must be true since an American citizen has established its fruth by "personal observation," then the whole of the Kettle River country of any value is in United States territory. Naturally, under the It is perfectly true that the genial circumstances, there is nothing for the life is to circumscribe and put a period trade wherever there is business to be portant a matter to be placed in charge 4th of March, 1901, however, a new era will be inaugurated. Bryan will then be placed in the presidential chair. The first thing he will do will be to take a firm grip of the lion's tail, and in spite of all lashings and growlings that rearward appendage will not be released until all the Canadian territory in the northwest that has been seized by pri-Old Glory reared thereon has been recognized as part of the domain of Uncle Sam. Then will joy be unconfined around Skagway. The mountains shall resound

A COMMENDABLE PROJECT.

general surroundings that it has increased and multiplied at so prodigious and all sorts of expedients have been advocated to accomplish its utter destruction. It is extremely improbable that anything untoward would result from the introduction of British song birds into this country. The Deputy Minister of Agriculture and one of his correspondents calls attention to this matter in to-day's Times and shows that the presence of these songsters is more tion, the government of British Columlikely to be beneficial than dertimental to bia proposes to expend in the neighbor- are pushing on westward." elled in the old land know what an additional charm would be added to the attractions of British Columbia if our forests /resoundedowith the songs of the feathered creation as do the woods of that favored portion of the earth. Instead of laughing and jeering at those who have taken up the project we should sist them in their commendable enterprise, and we do not know but it would, in view of the opinions expressed by the

MESSRS PRIOR AND EARLE

timber of younger and more vigorous are attended to at the office of the High ministrations were representative of the brains and ability of the party. There the state of affairs here, we must protest is no doubt of the fact that the proprietor of the Star has great influence with Sir Charles, and if his counsels are accepted it may be Sir Hibbert Tupper, who will have to be provided with a seat in any event, who will be the representative in the cabinet of British Columbia. But that is an aspect of the matter that is not worthy of serious consideration; the chances of the Conservatives being returned to power are so remote that it is in the provision of a luxurious berth mere waste of time to consider Col. and pension for any superannuated poli-Prior's chances of becoming a cabinet tician. minister.

Colonel said a great deal at the last ses-Canadian officiols, whose only aim in sion of parliament, and that he faithfully forwarded all his remarks and his interto the sacred rights of Americans to rogations to the Colonist for publication. These were the only reports of the pardone, but to pack up and take liamentary proceedings that were pubthemselves off to their northern lished by that paper, and it is hardly fair fastnesses. Our Seattle contem- for it to presume that because there porary does not think there would was nothing in the reports furnished be much use in calling the attention of by Col. Prior of what the other members President McKinley or of Secretary Hay said that he was the only man who said to his discovery, as the one is under the or did anything for the advancement of domination of Lord Salisbury and the the interests of his constituents. The other is to all intents and purposes a present government has done more for British subject. The glamor of the British Columbia during the few years Court of St. James and the influence of it has been in power than the Conservathe British aristocracy were too much tives did in ten, and it was not through for poor Hay. All his republican sim- the inquiries of Col, Prior for campaign plicity is said to have vanished and now material that the duty on mining mahe takes a bath every morning and as- chinery was abolished or steps taken for tonishes the natives in Washington al- the improvement of our communications most as greatly as the three Englanders with the North. The most imperative in Paris did Svengali. It is too im- need of British Columbia at the present time is an all-Canadian route to the of these effeminate statesmen. On the North, and the Colonist says it is one of its strongest advocates; that it has done more for its advancement than all the other papers in British Columbia combined. Yet this great triumvirate. these men who have done so much to advance the interests of the people of British Columbia, gave the Conservatives all the assistance in their power to kill a scheme proposed by the governvate citizens of the United States and ment some years ago to give us the very thing which we find to-day we are so much in need of to preserve to us the is, should men whose pernicious political trade that is threatened with asphyxia- proclivities are so highly eulogised this tion by the American interests at Skag- morning be given the oportunity to again way. Mr. Earle voted against the Mac- sacrifice the interests of their constitu-

stunted little firs shall clap their hands. paired against it, and Senator Macdonald In those days the citizens of the repub- was made the tool of the Tory senators lic in the north shall cease from troub- to move the six months hoist, which ling and the crooked boundary lines shall sealed the fate of a project which we be made straight. In the meantime the now know better than ever was of such day of Bryan has not yet arrived, and vital importance to the West. Do not the British interlopers will strive to these facts prove that the men, whose make a living from what has been left abilities and labors for their constituents to us through the generosity of McKin- were so fulsomely extolled this morning, are so extremely partisan that where the interests of constituents and party conflict their duty to the former is a second-In some cases it has proved disastrous ary consideration? There is a strong to upset the balance which nature has probability that if Senator Macdonald set up in the distribution of animal life had upheld and announced his intention in the universe. In Jamaica the mon- of voting for the bill providing for the goose was introduced for the purpose of construction of the Canadian road to the abating the snake pest, and it accom- Ynkon country Sir Mackenzie Bowell plished its purpose, we believe, but the and the Tory senators would have seen Methuen Is in Touch With Reartrouble was that it was not satisfied it would be dangerous to attempt to with the extermination of life that was thwart the will of the House of Comobjectionable, but extended its operations mons, and the construction of the line to all forms of useful domestic animals, would have been assured. But with the The rabbit was taken to Australia for encouragement of members representing sentimental and sporting reasons, and it the section of the country chiefly conwas so pleased with the climate and the cerned the senate decided that it would never do to allow a measure to pass which would do so much to make the Liberal a rate as to become a veritable pest government popular in the West, and business men of British Columbia absodamn Messrs. Prior and Earle politically

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

bia. Apart altegether from the utilitari- dollars more than the estimated revenue. carp at the increases in the salaries of government employees. The people do not expect their servants to work for less than is paid by mercantile establishments for services of the same character. The proposed expenditure on trails, roads and bridges is very large, but no doubt the members are acquainted with the needs of their constituencies, know what is required for the development of the potentialities of the province, and have correspondent in our columns to-day, be convinced the government that their deustifiable for the government to lend mands are not at all unreasonable. But them some assistance towards an under- there is a limit to all things, even to the taking which promises such beneficial credit of British Columbia. Some dayresults to our agricultural interests. The and it cannot be so far off now-we shall climate of a great part of this province have to establish an equilibrium between should prove perfectly congenial to all revenue and expenditure. If the money we are borrowing now so lavishly be wisely and economically laid. Oout but? should result in largely increased revi original promoters of the agitation have tablishment of something mere, nearly and are satisfied that the chances of approaching a balance than we have success are sufficiently great to justify been in sight of fer a long time. There are many items in the estimates that will received by the militia department from meet with severe criticism, notably that of \$10,000 for the re-establishment of an It is said that our present remerenta-, agency-general in London. British Coagent there with special knowledge of -and we think the electors of the profor a discarded provincial politician. The unloading of Mr. Vernon on them was God speed and to testify to the gratitude ment which the people never forgave, and with the present discrepancy between revenue and expenditure, British Columbians are not likely to meekly acquiesce

> now shut down on Sundays and the employees have the benefit of the day of ings of the Scriptures and the churches, it has been demonstrated by the great inpowers of man, so that those who deny altogether the teachings of the one cannot ignore the lessons conveyed by the other. Even the Chinamen in our midst seem to comprehend the wisdom of this provision, and many of them now cease to labor on the first day of the week, ate and restore the exhausted forces.

The Colonist hints that negotiations are proceeding between the Provincial to a fair division of the cost of building an all-Canadian railway line into the Yukon country. All British Columbians of the treason bill is now insured. will be delighted to know that that is the case, but their satisfaction will be mingled with indignation when they are told how much such a work will cost and Macdonald and their Tory coadjutors we might have had such a line long ago without the cost of a cent to the Provincial or Dominion treasuries. The question for the people to consider with the paeons of rejoicing and all the kenzie & Mann railway, Col. Prior was ents on the altar of party exigencies?

Prisoner

British Soldiers Say Ex-President Is Confined in Dewet's Camp. Under Surveillance.

Boer Leader Forced to Abandon Ammunition and a Number of Horses.

Guard of the Retreating Enemy.

(Associated Press.) London, Aug. 14.-Lord Roberts re-

ports to the war office under the date of Pretoria, August 13th: . "Kitchener reports from Schoolplaats,

eight miles east of Ventersdorp, that so the great opportunity to place the Dewet blew up three of his own wagons. "Six British prisoners who escaped lutely beyond the hostility of their un-scrupulous rivals passed away. That confined in the camp under surveillance; one act alone, we take it, is sufficient to that Dewet was forced to abandon his ammunition and 30 horses, and they confirm the report that Methuen captured one of Dewet's guns and shelled the main convoy effectively.

"Ian Hamilton telegraphed that he Notwithstanding the increased taxa- hopes to be at Blaauwhand to-day with his main body. Mahon's mounted troops

Another report from Reberts of the same date says: "Methuen and Kitchmiles east of Ventersdorp. Methuen is in touch with Dewet's rear guard. "Smith-Dorrien reports that the Shrop

shires recently marched 43 miles in 23 hours, and the City of London Imperial Volunteers thirty miles in ten hours, hoping to prevent Dewet crossing the Drugersdorp-Potchsteroom river. "Buller's occupation of Ermelo is hav-

ing a good effect. A field cornet and mando surrendered yesterday to Clery. Welcomed to London 23 32 52

London, Aug. 14.—One hundred Canadians who had been invalided from Al-ray subject to be recalled rica and had been recaperating at Shorn-integrated Assembled Press.) cliffe arrived in London this merging and the first took train for Liverpool, whence they from Grand Rapids says a passenger column for home. They were they from Grand Rapids says a passenger column for home. They were they from Grand Rapids says a passenger column for home. They were they from Grand Rapids says a passenger column for home. They were they form occurred on the G. R. & I. railway increased activity among the insurgents and soft London, residents turned out to at Pierson, 30 miles north of there, in which many their arrival and which nine lives were lost and many. welcome them monttheir arriva and which nine lives were lost and many gave them a tremendous send off as they person injured. marched through the city.

Ottawa Aug. 14.-A letter has been Canadian contingent in South Africa. In reference to complaints in parliament

Otter's Explanation

London Aug. 14.—The Daily News

great enthusiasm by the London crowds, the fog. growth; in a word, that few if any of Commissioner; and while it might per had another ovation at Liverpool, where A telephone message from Pierson the members of former Conservative ad- haps be expedient to have an auxiliary the Lord Mayor of that city addressed says the engineers and firemen of both them. He referred to the fact that one trains were killed, as well as five other of the Canadians had eleven bullet persons. The express train was made wounds.

Referring to the lack of an official vince will sustain as in our objections- farewell to the returning Canadians, the Grand Rapids coach, a day coach, sevto the providing of a sinecure in London Daily Mail says: "They left without a eral sleepers from Cincinnati, and the note of music to cheer them on their south and buffet breakfast car and bagway, and without a voice to bid them | gage cars. through the metropolis in vans, for all the world as if they were so many 'returned empties.' The war office is to blame. Is red tape eternal? Can nothing be done to wither up and destroy forever this bane of our Empire?"

Chartered Company Offer.

London, Aug. 15 .- Dealing with the Many of the mines of Kootenay are British South Africa Chartered Company's offer of free farms in Rhodesia to colonial volunteers, the Morning Post rest. Apart altogether from the teach- maintains that, although it is well meant, it is a breach of courtesy to persuade Canadians and Australians to desert their own country in favor of South structor, Nature, that one day in seven Africa. "In the immediate past," says of cessation from toil is absolutely neces- the Post, "we have so often slighted sary for the highest development of the these great but sensitive English-speaking nations that it would be well to avoid even the appearance of such discourtesy.'

Cape Parliament.

Capetown, Aug. 14.-In the Cape House of Assembly to-day, by a vote of 46 against 38, the motion of Mr. J. W. Sauer, former commissioner of public giving Nature an opportunity to recuper- works, that the House appoint a select committee to inquire into the administration of martial law in the colony, was rejected. Mr. Schreiner. former premier, and Mr. Solomon, attorneygeneral in the Schreiner cabinet, voted and Dominion governments for the pur- with the government against the motion. pose of arriving at an agreement looking This was the first crucial division, and resulted in a larger majority for the government of Sir John Gordon Sprigge than had been expected. The passage

> Prinsloo, who surrendered to Gen. Hungusted with Kruger.'

> consul-general, has returned here. Only en Boers were in the party which attacked his train. The remainder of the commando was composed of foreigners. Mr. Stowe says the majority of Boers desire a cessation of hostilities.

for the West Coast.

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Later Details.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 15 .- The worst wreck in the history of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad occurred sons, shooting into the towns during the about five a.m. to-day at Pierson, twenty-nine miles north of Grand Rapids, ing, and then retreating upon the larger The north bound Northland express, which left the city at 4:05, collided, head on, with passenger train number 2, due here at six a.m. Nine lives were lost siderable degree. that he did not report the condition of and many passengers we're injured, some va The Americans have garrisoned three for the preservation of the peace. It will probably be found that the man who has been giving his opinions so freely publication was merely expressing of government Victoria would be reported and the baggage towns on Samar Island, two of which sick and woulded as frequently as some some of government victoria would be report the continual singular that he did not report that the did not his own views; that the members of the cabinet representation. We are not so but we south of Pierson, at 4:53. No. 2 was correspondent at Pretoria wiring yester- evidently late and was trying to make the traditions of British Patriotism," Sir Charles Tupper must give an under-others have done-support an advertising day, announces the safe your Col. Houre's the siding. The Northland express had lat nearly full speed. Either the en-The invalided Canadians who sailed for gineers blundered in their orders or were home to-day and were received with unable to see the signals on account of

> up largely of Pullman cars. It was the finest train on the road and carried the Has Caused Many Deaths in Toronto-

The killed, as far as known, are: W. one of the offences of a former govern- of the Old Country. They were bundled H. Fish, engineer on southbound train; Sunday, 154 deaths occurred, a large Gustave Grootveldt, engineer on north- proportion of which were due to heat. bound train; M. Letts, conductor of No. 5, and Levan, baggagemaster of No. 5. of the Ontario Liberal Association was The firemen of both engines are sup-held here yesterday afternoon, J. K.

posed to be dead. Six bodies have been taken from the cabinet was represented by Sir R. Cartwreck and it is believed that the bodies wright, Hon. Wm. Mulock and Hon. J. of several others are still buried in the Sutherland. The attendance was one of mass of broken iron and wood. Eight the largest in the history of the council. persons, thought to be fatally injured, A number of matters in connection with were taken to the hotel at Pierson. Men are at work endeavoring to reach the dead and injured who are still imprisoned. Several physicians accompanied the is made that William McGregor, M.P.

A CONFESSED MURDERER.

Interviewed in a Prison Cell by His Fiancee. (Associated Press.)

Columbus, O., Aug. 14.-Roslyn H. Ferrell, the confessed murderer of Express Messenger Lane in Friday night's Penna railway robbery, was removed of the city held a demonstration here to-day to Marysville for preliminary yesterday to commemorate the relief of hearing. At 2 o'clock this morning the anguish of Miss Costlow, Ferrell's fiancee, became unbearable, and, after a Howe Island, in the St. Lawrence river, long struggle with her pride, she begged are greatly exercised over the annual apher father to be taken to Ferrell's cell for a last interview. The visit was conducted with the utmost secrecy.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Utica, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Collis P. Hunt- to cross the river here in a boat half ington, president of the Southern Paci- full of water. When nearly across the Capetown, Aug. 15.—Commandant near Durant, on Racquette Lake, in the to swim ashore, was drowned. fic railway, died at Pine Knot camp, boat capsized and Grant, who attempted Adirondacks, at 12 o'clock last night. told how much such a work will cost ler on says he is tired of war and welcomes the them and then reflect upon the fact that prospect of peace. The commandant Lake is that Mr. Huntington's death was sudden and was due to heart due to heart disease.

STRIKE POSTPONED.

(Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 14.—Secretary Goldstein, of the Vest makers' Union, to-day of the government commander in the redeclared that the shirt-waist agitation cent battle at Panama says the rebel had so seriously affected the trade of casualties were 600, and those of the waistcoat making that the proposed government 100. The commander inti-Moses McGregor, of Port Hughes, was strike for higher wages, which was to mates that the consuls favored the reba passenger last evening by the Willapa have taken place this week, had been els, and that their intervention was

Harassing

Americans

Express, Running at Nearly Full Filipinos indict Severe Losses on Troops in the Visayas Islands.

Ambushed-Insurgents Use Smokeless Powder.

can losses in the Island of Panay last month were greater than in any month since January last. Gen. Mojica in Leyte and Gen. Lue-

ban in Samar are harassing the garrinight and ambushing small parties, fir-

The rebels possess an ample supply of ammunition and are creanized to a con-

Gen. Lueban punishes the islanders who have any relations with the Americans. Cebu is likewise disturbed

The Philippine commission, it is now announced, will make all future civil service appointments. Several minor engagements occurred last week in Luzon. The rebels used

smokeless powder, which they must have obtained from filibusterers. Benguit province is tranquil.

HOT WEATHER

Sea Serpent in the St. Lawrence. (Associated Press.)

Toronto, Aug. 14.—During the week of the hot spell, which was broken on An adjourned meeting of the council Kerr, Q.C., presiding. The Dominion the organization of the party were dis-

Windsor, Aug. 14.-The announcement for North Essex, will again be the Liberal candidate at the next general elec-

tions. London, Aug. 14.-Charlotte Seaton, 21 years of age, of Oil Springs, Ont., committed suicide at Victoria hospital vesterday afternoon, where she had been confined awaiting transfer to an insane asylum, suffering from nervous troubles. Belleville, Aug. 14.—The Prentice Boys

Kingston, Aug. 14.-Residents of pearance in waters contiguous thereto of what is considered a sea serpent. The animal has been seen twice this season. Bracebridge, Aug. 14.—Daniel Grant, about twenty-three years of age, last night attempted, together with a friend

Stratford, Aug. 14.-Mathew Hyde, 66

REBEL LOSSES AT PANAMA.

(Associated Press.) Panama, Aug. 14.—The official report indefinitely postponed. "dangerous and pernicious."

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