

Twice-a-Week Times

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A RELATED DISCOVERY.

After thirteen years of wandering, more or less aimless, in the wilderness of opposition as punishment for its sins, the Conservative party of Canada is about to be reorganized. That is to say, reorganization will take place if Mr. Borden has his way. We are told that there is nothing to prove the unsatisfactory state of the party and the determination of its leader save an unsupported rumor from Ottawa.

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FOOLISH TACTICS.

The Parliamentary investigation into the Lumsden charges in connection with the construction of the government section of the National Transcontinental Railway is described in an Ottawa dispatch to an opposition organ as an absolute farce. If that is true the farce has been produced by the action of the Tory members of the committee in withdrawing from the investigation. They withdrew beyond question because they found out that no political capital could be made out of the affair.

designated because he differed from some of the other engineers in regard to classification of the work done by contractors. He also admitted responsibility for the dismissal of Mr. Hodgins, whose charges of wrongful classification were proved to be another mere difference of opinion as to classification. When disputes of that kind arise, the fullest provision has been made for their settlement by a committee of professional representatives of the railway which is to operate and pay interest on the cost of the road and of the government which is meeting the original cost. That arrangement, as any fair-minded person will admit, eliminates all possibility of connivance between interested parties to profit by wrongful or excessive classification. Mr. Lumsden's evidence deprived the opposition members of the committee of inquiry of the opportunity to prove that there had been fraudulent classification. They perceived that all the loud clamor they had raised must eventually culminate in the usual cry of "wolf, wolf!" They realized that their latest scandal was about to recoil upon their own heads.

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of the people in both countries, especially those along the borders, where intercourse is close and where relations are the most intimate and most pleasant.

The people of Canada are of identical stock with our own. The people of British Columbia are in many ways more closely in touch with the people of the Pacific coast states, more intimate with them socially, have closer trade relations and more points of common-interest than in some respects is the case between the people of this coast and those of the Atlantic seaboard of the United States.

The forms of government are so nearly identical on both sides of the line that the emigrant from either country finds himself perfectly at home in the other. Hundreds of thousands of Canadians are domiciled in the United States and hundreds of thousands of people born on this side of the line are now domiciled in Canada, assimilated so completely that the question of their nativity is never thought of by anyone.

The New York Times, which has continually espoused the case of Canada of late, says: "The country will receive with great relief the news that a settlement of their dispute with Canada has been practically assured. Whatever may be the terms which will be announced on Wednesday, the fact of an agreement is the main thing."

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REALTY MARKET VERY ACTIVE

Real estate is selling very rapidly in and around Victoria. There is marked activity, there being more inquiry than there has been since the opening of the movement some months ago. The great feature of the present activity is the presence of outside buyers. A great many people from Vancouver are investing and according to advices received from that city everyone is talking about Victoria and of the opportunities for investment which offer here.

VANCOUVER INVESTORS PURCHASING PROPERTY

At Esquimalt there has been some movement, a number of sales having been made. Several blocks have been purchased for subdivision purposes and waterfront lots have been in demand. Besides the future commercial importance of Esquimalt there is no part of the district which offers more advantages from a residential point of view.

PERMIT ISSUED FOR A THREE-STORY BUILDING ON PANDORA AVENUE

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Paris Has Contributed Most Liberally to Our Display of Spring Millinery

Hundreds of beautiful hats, direct importations from Paris, are to be seen here, as well as a liberal contribution from our own workrooms. The whole front of the second floor beckons to the woman who is hunting a hat—something that is out of the ordinary—something different. Nowhere else are there such assortments—not in any other store will you find such a wide diversity of styles at every price—delightful and becoming visions of what Dame Fashion has declared for in both medium and large hats.



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Especially interesting assortments of authoritative Spring models of Tailored Suits have been assembled here at these prices, at the Spencer Store. Careful buying by us gives you a superb assortment from which to make your selection. Every suit shown is direct from the heart of Eastern style centres, and are characterized by uniform excellence in design, fit and tailoring. The new models are decidedly mannish, rich in harmonious colors and unique designing. The recent additions include suits of plain and diagonal serges, shepherd plaid suitings, novelty tweeds and invisible stripe worsteds. These models have coats in semi-fitting styles, from 32 to 36 inches long, many being strictly tailored and others fastening at side with two or three buttons. The skirts are in full-kilted and cluster-pleated effects, being decidedly smart, while the quality could not be better.



High Grade Spring Clothes That Are Correct for Men

You can with absolute reliance look to us for the best Ready-to-Wear Suits in the city for the price—and naturally we are ready for you as usual with the finest collection of suits that we have ever had.

"Correct," as far as good clothes are concerned, means that the designs reflect the latest developments of style, fabric and cut. They contain variations that rarely appear in the ready-to-wear line. They have that tailored "bench-made" appearance—coats with graceful, trim lines that appeal to tasty dressers, and trousers cut and finished up-to-the-minute.

Our great volume of business secures for us many advantages in buying. It enables us to offer you high-class garments and exclusive styles at most moderate prices.

These suits show their worth—fabric, tailoring and pattern are all of genuine quality. Our ability to fit you and please you can be thoroughly depended upon.

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FRENCH AVIATOR INSTANT

Dashed on Rocks V of Airship Br Down

San Sebastian, Spain, other French aviator h while making a flight in M. Hubert LeBlon, who taking up aeroplaning, w (tomobillist, was killed w exhibition flight here Sat at a height of 140 feet v broke down. He atten back to the shed, but t against the rocks. The crushed like a shell.

Madame LeBlon witne dent, and when the bod towards the ambulance was being carried. She upon the lifeless form, peatedly, and refusing t as the weather was plon's flight was unexp a few persons assembl start. After the accid enormous crowd quickl followed the body to t pital. There an examina but the doctors were o that death must have taneous.

M. Hubert LeBlon himself as an aeroplan the record for five killo Cairo meeting last Feb covered the distance in two seconds. As an took part in the Vand over the Long Island and was sixth when ca called. In 1901 he ente Berlin race, the first national, won by Fourt seventh. He took part of big automobile eve usually well up at the

GAMBLING ON

San Francisco, Cal., prominent Easterners on the steam which reached here fr have attached their n test deprecating alleg bling conducted by Chai say was indulged in o the first cabin. The bers, the document re \$2,000 to \$4,000, and the losers on the trip Filipino who gambled s savings and landed i States practically pen

ODD FELLOWS' F FORMALLY

Lodge Office it Ceremonies couver

Vancouver, April 2.— tiful and capacious ma the doors, the Odd Fe the corner of Pender streets; was formally o the order of the grand now been for three ye the dedication was rat red, it came at a fitti coincided almost exact ing of age of Weste under whose auspices and it happened also i a past grand of that the position of grand order for the province umbia.

Grand Master Walfac and was assisted in which were largely r choir of St. Andrew's orchestra under the dir H. Bewell. Prominent flors were State of V Bro. Fred Davey, M.P general secretary of both believed encour Among the other speak were Rev. Bro. H Brothers T. F. Ne W. W. Hogg, F. G. M Grand Master Law accomplished by the order generally, and Br with pride to the gro lowship in Vancouver, numbered nearly a bers, and two or three were in prospect of spoke with particular that the lodges had i city over \$60,000 in rel

SEGURA CHA

Nessel Is to Bring Ca This Co

Ship Segura has be Robert Ward & Co., lring a cargo of 3,000 e this coast, divided a cities. She will sail o this month, an tie of the autumn.

Most of the cargo comes by steamer, the windjammer chartered. Capt. Captain Davies.

INCREASE IN

Bethlehem, Pa., Steel Company, amov in wages among hund giving them an advan hour, making the ra four. This is believ summer of a series of wade in the future, w understood, includ for overtime and Sun

DR. A. W. CHAS CATARRH POW is sent direct to improved stops, cle permanent treatment. Accept no o of Edinburg.