

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1894. MALIGNANT MISREPRESENTATION.

For audacious statements and for wanton and malicious lying a letter that appears in Wednesday's Vancouver News-Advertiser cannot be surpassed. The subject of the letter is "The Davis Relief Expedition."

Do the public know that one lot of practical relief has yet to be made by the Government to the sufferers in the recent floods? Do they know that for every dollar's worth of provender and seed that has been distributed by the agents of this corrupt institution the most ample security has been required?

When the Government, long before the flood had subsided, chartered steamboats and sent to the suffering settlers fodder for their stock and food for themselves, did they not afford those settlers partial relief?

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The sturdiness of the letter writer is only equalled by his unscrupulousness, for what object could the government have in dealing harshly with the victims of the Fraser River flood? If that desire was to make political capital and to gain temporary popularity, a course the very opposite of that which they pursued, would have been the one most likely to accomplish their object.

The News-Advertiser's malicious and untruthful correspondent endeavors to create the impression that the money given by private persons for the relief of the sufferers was placed in the hands of the Government. He surely must have known that this was not the case.

fully dispensed. "One of the subscribers" will not have to go further than Westminster, where the secretary of the Relief Committee resides, to find out what has been done with every cent of the money subscribed for the relief of the sufferers.

A LITTLE TOO PREVIOUS.

It is amusing to see how readily many newspapers, both in the United States and the Dominion, jump at conclusions. Whenever a cause meets with the least success its advocates in the press are ready to declare that its day of triumph is at hand.

It is very seldom indeed that a public man or a public question becomes discredited in a day or a year, and a new idea or an untried theory hardly ever recommends itself to the public with a rush. The descent is nearly always gradual, and the ascent slow and intermittent.

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What do you think a victory of the Liberal party in Canada would mean to us? It means that this province, which for years has been denied fair play, would receive it. Not many years ago all the great leaders of the Liberal party met together at the Quebec conference.

At the Quebec conference convened by Premier Mercier when in the height of his power, resolutions were passed looking to a readjustment of the subsidies paid to the provinces. This readjustment, according to the Toronto Mail, would add to the burdens to be borne by the people of the whole Dominion some \$1,500,000 annually.

Columbia really cannot afford to pay as much as it does to the Dominion treasury. Its people need every dollar it pays over the average per head annually for local purposes, and in strict justice that sum ought to be refunded to its Government to be used in developing its resources.

A FEASIBLE PROJECT.

The project of a Pacific cable is to many on this side of the continent of North America exceedingly attractive, but they are afraid that, like a great many other attractive things, it is out of the reach of the men of this generation.

Mr. Siemens' figures are reproduced and favorably commented upon in The Telegraph Age, a magazine published in New York. The Age evidently believes that the Governments of Great Britain, Canada and the Australian Colonies would do well to give this magnificent project their support and assistance.

Mr. Siemens calculates that it will require \$2,000,000 to put the Pacific Cable in proper working order. Here are the items: 7,840 nautical miles cable. \$1,720,000. Steamers. 300,000. Buildings, etc. 30,000. Working capital. 50,000.

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NOT A POLITICAL SUBJECT.

The organs of the Opposition are, it appears, determined to do all that lies in their power to make political capital out of the distress that is alleged to exist among the settlers in the valley of the Fraser River. They blame the Government for having given expression to the opinion, which was general at the time, that the reports of the injury done and the distress that the people were suffering were mischievously exaggerated by sensational newsmongers, and that there was no distress that could not be alleviated by means within the Province.

The following is the resolution that was unanimously passed at that meeting: "That in the opinion of this meeting a committee be formed to gather information as to what relief may be found necessary, and that when such information is gathered an appeal be made to the people of British Columbia for funds as may be necessary to provide the same, and that such appeal shall be of a provincial character only."

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report.



SEALERS' CLAIMS.

United States Offer Less Than the Direct Loss, Not Counting Interest.

No Official Intimation Yet Received From Ottawa—A Speedy Settlement Hoped For.

Sealing men of course took considerable interest in the dispatch published in the Colonist yesterday morning from Ottawa in regard to the offer by the United States to pay \$425,000 voted at next session of congress in payment of the damages found against the United States by the Paris Tribunal, for the seizure of Canadian sealers.

There is no doubt distress in the valley of the Fraser at the present moment, but no attempt has been made to prove that it is so great as to be beyond the power of the people of the Province to relieve them from immediate want. General statements, it is well known, do not make any great impression on the public mind.

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