

admitting that after all the province had some business in the matter, and on that recantation fruitlessly attempting to regain that lost grant. The public have read the correspondence in that dispute with Hon. Mr. Tarte, so humiliating to this province through the overbearing demeanor and discourtesy of Hon. Mr. Turner, The public have also "ead the correspondence in the Songhees reserve matter, and they know what they have taken. to thank the Turner ministry for-the continued presence of the reserve in the city. It is in very had taste for the chamber, and there could be no better city. It is in very bad taste for the Turner government after so many expensive mistakes to try to make sport of pensive mistakes to try to make sport of the Songhees reserve question; the citi-zens think it serious enough, quite as zens think it serious enough, quite as serious as they think the confessed ignorance of public business on the part of the premier-finance minister.

YUKON RAILWAY. Among the merchants of Victoria there

s a growing feeling of impatience at the Yale, who have elected me for sixteen unaccountable delay on the part of the 'successive years to serve them, then I government in pushing forward the Yu- must ask them to vote want of confiden kon railway matter. The dissatisfaction in me. A man who will tell a lie will usually swear to it; and affidavits, any with the government's action in this affair is quite pardonable. The time for action is now, not some time in the future; and why the opportunity of doing ponents who are putting up the fight against me in this contest. something to save the Yukon trade for our merchants is not being seized and body, more or less, employ Chinamen on improved by the government is a mystheir farms, and that I never employed tery. Can it be a political dodge; some subtle phase of their peculiar policy which is going to sacrifice the higher interests of the province for mere party gain? The suspicion is certainly growduring my absence from home, and I at once discharged him on my return. I stated at the time that a man ought to ing that the government has something of this nature "up its sleeve.". It is only practice what he preaches. In referring, to the matter in the house, I did say voicing a very general sentiment to protest in the strongest terms against this place was better than any Canadian, or inaction and to call for explanation. Englishman, either, for that matter, This, like several other important matever had in my employ for the work in ters recently before the public, is not a party affair; it affects everybody in this fact to show my position on the Chines province, but more especially the merchants. They will benefit most directly from the completion of railway communication with the Yukon; they will suffer who had worked on my farm-because he was a Chinaman, rather than preach most severely if the project, through the one thing and practice another. inactivity and dilatoriness of the government, prove a failure. But all classes in British Columbia will suffer in some shows degree if the Yukon railway is not put how far they will go to injure me pol forward without delay. What is the cally. It is absurd to imagine me say ing publicly that I preferred a Chinaman matter with the government? What is to a Canadian, or that a Chinaman was better than a Canadian, and for that reason I think it is wholly unnecessary the cause of the delay? Are the Americans to be allowed to beat us on our own ground ? These are questo take the trouble you suggest. I would tions that call for answer from the government at the earliest possible moment. THE PLEBISCITE Broadly speaking the plebiscite bill is the government of Can-ada asking the people of Canada: "Do you wish us to pass laws be, very sincerely yours. (Signed) GEO. B. MARTIN. absolutely prohibiting the manufacture, (Signed) sale or importation of intoxicating li-quors, or do you not?" The question is one that means a great deal to Canadians, and it is not too much to say graphy, backed by the sworn statements that upon the answer to that question of respectable citizens. Hon. Mr. Mar depends to a very large extent the future prosperity, or otherwise of the Do-minion. Doughty temperance men like not be procured for love gr, money." Principal Grant have emphatically de Hon. Mr. Martin's deliverance upon the elared their intentions in this matter; subject of affidavits isnat least amusing they regard prohibition as practically co, and his willingness to "back his reputa ercion, an unwarrantable invasion of tion for veracity against that of his op the liberty of the subject, and as quite ponents who are putting up the figh ineffectual; they will not give their sup- against him in this contest" must share port to any measure that will Russianize the same comment; it proves nothing Canada. Prohibition, it has been freely The explanation of how the wonderfu alleged, has not been the success it was Chinaman praised by Mr. Martin came expected to prove in the States of the to be employed on his farm, is at least in neighboring Union where it has been genious, but is it not a little late in ar tried. Statistics have been compiled to riving? Is it at all likely that anyone show that more strong drink was con- left in charge of Mr. Martin's farm sumed in these States after prohibition would not know of his alleged antipathy was adopted than before, and that all to the Chinese? Surely anyone with au the Manor required would be obtained thority enough to hire servants and fix without difficulty. It may be that those statistics, like many other ustatistics, were made to tell a story to stilt a purstatements as these: pose. But the main question is whether prohibition is just, is wise of is of any practical benefit. Most assunedly pro-Hibition throughout the Dominion would lead to some very, remarkable develop-ments, and it is to be doubted whether if would make the Dominion the earthly ardise our prohibition friends depicts all

letter, that all may learn his side of the case. The letter is as follows: Mr. Gerrard consented toglift the cable Victoria, April 29, 1898. My Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter with reference to the affidavits, which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have been using across the Gulf of Georgia and relay it across the Straits

one made by Mr. Renwick, of the Vic toria Times, to the effect that I state of San Juan de Fuca; and this is the work which is now occupying the attenhouse that Chinamen were better tion of Mr. Gerrard and his assistants. than Canadians. I am not going to say that these gentlemen are deliberately stating under oath what they know to We trust this explanation will make the matter quite clear to our readers, all of be untrue. They are simply grossly mis whom, especially at this time of war and rumor of war, and rapidly increasing There has been a great deal said about

business, must feel a deep interest in all that pertains to our telegraphic communiproof of its defectiveness in this respec cation with the Mainland. Once the than that they should imagine they heard work now being carried out is completed where, anything by way of comparison between Chinamen and white men, which by any possible construction could be taken to mean what the affidavits allege.

I utterly deny and repudiate it. You suggest that I should procure counter affidavits. I shall do nothing of the kind. If my word is not sufficient

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and the lines are in working order, we are assured that the service will be uninterrupted. There have been so Imany disappointments in the past over alleged improvements made to the telegraph lines and cables that the public are somewhat being made will give Victoria a first-class miums in the various classes. The service. THE GOVERNMENT'S QUANDARY. Hon. Mr. Turner will not surely have the hardihood to go to the country, with Hon. Mr. Martin as a member of his invitation is extended to the farmers of cabinet. Such a course, it must seem Vancouver Island, and it is to be hoped to everyone who has studied the matter, they will enter into the spirit of the thing would be suicidal; simply courting a and lend their influence to make the crushing defeat. The merchants in the exhibition in every way worthy of the The fact that in a district where everycoast 'cities realize perfectly well othat province. their interests are suffering through the Chinaman in my life, should be suf presence of Hon. Mr. Martin in that minicient to show my convictions on that istry, and the wish is very strong, and subject. The Chinaman I referred to in course of my remarks was employed an early opportunity of dropping chim. The Vancouver World, in a spate of truly Worldly invective, denounc-s, the Fimes for even suggesting that a rumor that the only Chinaman I had on my couver, was to supersede Hon. Mr. Martin was afloat. In spite of the World's extremely polite negative, the fact rewhich he was engaged, namely, gardening and irrigation. I simply stated that but, of course, if Mayor Garden denies lestion generally, namely, that I had discharged a Chinaman—notwithstanding that he was one of the best farm laborers Socially, Hon. Mr. Martin is known to ing such things, exhibitions and sports, like for his free and unaffected ways, sion the Royal City will surpass even its but it is difficult to imagine any praction own excellent record as an amusement The use that my opponents are making this perversion of my language only cal business man approving of Hon. Mr. what straits they are in. There is a world of oroniance in the picturaliof a young girl reading her weatheart's love-letters. te In a multitude of cases, if her future not insult the intelligence of my friends also be by supposing they could think me capable ured, the picture of seriously uttering or entertaining such sentiments. I am pleased to know from world of pathos. you that the convention on Saturday was such a great success. I thank my friends To the healthy, robust woman, most cordially and sincerely for their remarriage means newed expression of goodwill and conhappiness, the supreme joy of motherhood and idence towards myself. Believe me to the promise of a healthy life Hon. Mr. Martin is not the first min-Gof helpfulness S with the man o ster who has attempted in this manner her choice. To to break down the evidence of steno the woman who suffers from disease or weakness of the delicate and important organs concerned in wifehood and motherhood wedlack means suffering and mater nity death. Dr. R. V. Pierce is an eminent and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical, Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. During that time, with the assistance of a staff of able physicians, he has prescribe for thousands of women. The institute of which he is the head is one of the greatest in the world. He is a regularly graduated in the world. He is a regularly graduated physician and has practiced right in one place for thirty years. The esteem in which he is held by his neighbors is shown by the fact that they chose him for their represent-tion of the former of the representative in the National Congress. The regard in which he is held by those whom he has treated is shown by the thousands of letters printed in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medcal Adviser, telling of the benefits derived from his treatment. Dr. Pierce is the discoveret of a wonder-ful medicine for women, known as Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures all weakness and disease of the feminine or-te allows inflammation heals ulferra. gans. It allays inflammation, heals ulceratheir wages would know that. But what on and soothes pain. It tones the nerves. are we to make out of such contradictory Taken during the interesting period, it banishes the usual discomforts and makes oanishes the usual discomforts and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. Thousands of women have testified to its marvelous merits. An honest druggist won't advise a substitute. " (1.) The fact that in a district when The profit side of life is health. The balance is written in the rich, red, pure blood of health. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and make the blood rich; and They never gripe. By druggistan tion

tempted in the province; and the central the Printer says: "Excuses but not jusobject of the plan is to make the exhibi- | tification may be found for the governtion in the widest sense provincial, and ment's extraordinary feat of granting a not, as heretofore, mainly representative million dollars to two men without comof the Fraser Valley and the districts petition." The Printer placed its finger immediately adjoining New Westminster. on the sore spot when it mentioned To 'meet the needs of so extensive a "occult influence"; that seems to be the scheme, the fine exhibition buildings at whole story concerning the Turner gov-Queen's Park, New Westminster, have errment, and well may our contemporary been enlarged to twice their former size; ask that pointed question. Granting that a large, area of fresh ground has been Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann are capable taken in, so as to give ample room for of carrying the work through more quickthe increased number of exhibits in the ly and satisfactorily than any other concattle, horse and other live stock tractors in Canada, the fact remains that sections, as well as for implements the provincial government have no busiand machinery, whilst many improved ness to exercise arbitrary authority in ments, based upon past experience and such matters. The Turner ministry may, borrowed from the experience of larger of course, have been guilty of nothing places have been incorporated in those more than slavish imitation of the Fedarrangements and enlargements. More eral government in thus selecting conimportant than all, perhaps, is the fact tractors; but the Federal government that the financial support is secure and had justification and good reasons for

sceptical in the matter: but this time of proportions sufficient to enable the such selection, which the Turner governthere can be little doubt the changes management to offer very generous pre- ment certainly had not. No doubt the 'occult influence" will appear some day

A bill to increase the pay allowances of the major-general commanding to \$6, 000 was discussed in the commons this afternoon. Sir Charles Tupper said would cordially support the measure if no portion was for General Gascoigne, and he would cheerfally vote a sum to get that officer out of Canada. Gascoigne, he added, had disgi Ge degraded the office he held. Sir Wilfri Laurier and Dr. Borden defended th general, and expressed regret the Charles Tupper should have atta

would cost \$30,000.000.

officer not in a position to reply. Mr. McDougall asked a question garding Mr. Charles Russell's letter Cardinal Rampolla, in which he said the had returned to Rome at the urg request of the Catholic members of government and parliament of Canada in connection with the school question. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that the government never had any knoweldge of this letter and does not know of its existence r of its genuineness. Mr. McNeill again pressed for early

song: "Have just arrived her consideration of his imperial preferential trade resolution, which, he said, was one cutter McCulloch, with American triumph at Ma

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farmers of the whole province are now soon, and then the public can judge for cordially invited to take part in this themselves whether the Turner governexhibition, and by entering their stock ment have been faithful in their stewand products in competition assist a ardship, or guilty of practices worthy of most worthy enterprise. A very warm Tammany. Of course British Columbia has milliens to give away; we have unlimited credit; and we have the freeman's glorious privilege of borrowing, ad libitum. The furtive apprehension that sometimes finds expression that this kind of

It may be mentioned that a special thing is dangerous and will certainly infeature of the exhibition will be the divolve the province in most serious finanviding of the whole into sections to be cial troubles, must be sternly repressed. general that Hon. Mr. Turner will take known by the names of the various dis- Those who talk that nonsense are traittricts; such as, for instance, Cowichan, ors. All sensible men know quite well Somenos, Richmond, Surrey, Saanich, that the right thing in these flush and Chilliwack, and so on, while at the same merry times is to borrow and spend, and time all can compete in the general ex- spend and borrow. Give the government to the effect that Mayor Garden, of Wan- hibition. This arrangement seems cer- a free hand and let things go; posterity will have to hear the burden. So chuck tain to commend itself to the farmers. In addition to the great show there another million or so into the lap of some fresh monopoly; give the land-grabwill be a fine programme of sports, land mains that such a rumor was extant; and aquatic, including many special ber and the charter-monger of our best courtesy, and the free run of the provinitems of interest. New Westminster the report, there's an end to the matter. bears an enviable reputation for manag- cial larder; let us sow the wind; those who come after will have to reap the be a jovial person, whom most people well, and, no doubt, on the coming occa- whirlwind. Under the excellent steering of the Turner government this province seems to be careering apace to an incaterer. This is one reason, why the evitable smash-up and hopeless bankfarmers and other likely participants may | ruptcy.

feel confident that there is no danger of A provincial deficit of four millions has those 'annoyances' and losses which 'so often, attend exhibitions managed by a grand sound, and provokes a compariamateurs. The New Westminster gentleson with the imperial national debt, of mention charge of the arrangements are which our Tory friends are so proud. thoroughly seasoned in the business But British Columbia will become, at through years of experience and close this rate, a somewhat luxurious place to observation; they have always given a live in for most people. The finances good account of themselves at those an- of this province are in bad hands.

to do so on this special occasion. In conclusion, we might point out that New Westminster is admirably adapted for the purposes of a great provincial exhibition; it is, to begin with, the natural capital of the largest agricultural district in the province, the great fertile region comprehended in the title Fraser rier River Valley; it is easily reached from land; gate. 59,433-F. Edmundston; track fastening device. 59,450-Elie Benoit, St., Cesaire, P.Q.; chine for giving form to material. 59,482-John Muir, Brantford Ont. flig pole. 59,531 J. H. Richards, Sydney, Aus tralia; sash fastening device. 59,562-Benjamin Heon, St. Gregoire, P. Q.; lifting jack. 59,579–J. R. Lavigueua, Montreal; door stop and catch combined . 59,580-M. Guttman, Victoria, B. C. provision bag. 59,582-J. A. Dion, Montreal; folding prove that 'British Columbia's agricul-

ish Columbia and thence across to the Atlantic coast on Canadian soil.^{1,P} But not knowing that it contained an option of nurchase. Hon. Joseph Martin for ap-pellant and E. P. Davis, Q.C., contraperhaps that is too practical as a suggesor smill bland

of the most important subject whole range of higher politics. After discussion the debate was fixed for May 18

The plebiscite bill was read a second time. Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to say whether the government would accept time. a majority of those voting on the tion as warrant for the introduction a prohibition bill, or whether a majority of the registered voters would be requir ed. The vote will be taken some time in the fall.

The Beaver line steamer Lake Ontario will not be sold to the United States government, the minister of justice hav ing warned the company that they would render themselves liable to serious pen-alties for infraction of the neutrality laws if the vessel were sold to a belliger ent power.

The Canadian Pacific has made a com-promise with Mr. Douglass on the bill regarding the transit of grain, and will aid the farmers to fight the elevator

The Lake Bennett & Klondike Railway Company are now seeking power to con-struct a 16-foot wagon road on their side of the Miles Canyon. The bill has been sent back to the railway committee to permit of this change. The May term of the supreme court opened yesterday. The British Columbia appeal for the release from imprisonment

of a Chinaman named Sud Sing Kaw was postponed until the Ontario list is disposed of. The bill to incorporate the Edmonton

& Peace River railway was withdrawn to-day, as there is indisposition to grant a charter in vew of the existing one held by Col. Domville's company.

Sir Louis Davies announced that he hopes to induce his colleagues to consent to securing a second government vessel for service in British Columbia waters. He also stated that a training ship for youths to be drafted for the government protection service will be established.

CEINFUGOS BOMBARDED.

Batteries Silenced and Town Shelled by the Marblehead.

New York, May 6 .- A special from Key

West says: Not only did the Marblehead silene the batteries of the town on the after-noon of April 39, but shelled the town playing havoc with the buildings and driving thousands of the inhabitants into the interior.

The shooting at the forts was at 4,000 sards. As soon as the forts were disabled Capt. McCalla, ordered that the 5 nch guns be given an elevation to reach 8,000 yards.

COULD NOT PASS BLOCKADE.

New York, May 6 .- The British steamer Ardanmohr, Captain Dunn, which sail-ed from Guanana, Venezuela, April 22, for Havana, with a cargo of cattle, an rived in this port las night, having been to reach her destination, to the blockade of Cuban ports by Unite States warships. The ship, when Matanzas on April 27, at 8:30 p.m., boarded by a boat's crew from the cru Cincinnati, and her captain was told that owing to the blockade his vessel could not enter Havana harbor.

OLIVETTE SUDDENLY SAILED.

Tampa, May 5.-The steamer Olivette, which has been lying at Fort Tampa with banked fires' for several days, sailed sud-denly to-day for Key West. On board were Lieut.-Col : Lawton; of General Shafter's staff, inspector-general/ of the southwestern division, and Commo Watson. It is supposed that Lawton's trip is for the purpose of gathering formation as to the movement Spanish fleet and the disposition Smanish forces in Cuba.

American loss is none k wounded. Not one of th were injured." Washington, May 7 .ment has received a Hongkong announcing of the revenue cutter I The anno incement ca

department in a cabl the simple word "McC signed by Brown, the mander of the vessel. Washington, May 7 navy department has expected cablegram Dewey. It is dated cipher. The navigatio ciphering it. The cal public as soon as transl 10:30.-Secretary Lo lowing to the newspape dispatch: "Manila, May 1.-The at Manila at daybreal

immediately engaged t stroyed the following Reina Christina, Cas de Cuba, General Loz Velasco, Vindanao, one water battery at Cavit uninjured, and only a wounded. The only m ing is to the American kong. I shall commun " (Signed) Washington, May 7

tary Vanderlip has rec from a friend who was during the great nav Manila, which says: "The Spanish fleet was destroyed totally. an American ship wa Americans injured." Another cablegram Vanderlip from the McCulloch at Hongl Chief Engineer E. B.

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tions. Washington, May cided to send a transp supplies to Commodor The City of Pekin purpose and be esc Charleston.

Spanish Wars

London, May -A s Fort de France, capi Martinique, French says that a few wars Spanish vessels, wer ing bound in a north ed for Porto Rico. . U. St Crui Havana, May 7 .-to-day has been near time. At half-past f The Playactiva batt which fell short. A above the vessel, which at full speed. A this boat. Other shots treated

nual gatherings, and they will not fail NEW INVENTIONS. Below will be found the list of patents granted this week to Canadian inventors through Messrs. Marion & Marion, Monreal 59,285-Harrison, Marion & Seitz, Washington and Montreal; luggage car-59,36-William Dunn, London, Eng-

all parts by road, rail or river; it is, taking all things into consideration, central, affording all likely exhibitors almost equal transportation facilities, for, no doubt, the railway and steamboat companies will be prepared to offer such indr cements as will enable the Vancouver Island farmers to send their exhibits to the show on terms almost as favorable as those enjoyed by the Mainland competitors. New Westminster is to be commended for its enterprise, and deserves to succeed in so laudable an endeavor to

tural and industrial possibilities are not a whit less important that its mineral, timber, fisheries and other resources.

59.629-J. Turcotte, Quebec, P. Q. necktie fastener. 59.647-William J. Curry, Nanaimo, B. Rt. Hon, Joseph Chamberlain, colonial C.; grater. secretary, in reply to a question in the

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE. The Full court is sitting again to-day. In Canessa X., Nicol the plaintiff is ap-pealing from a judgment of Mr. Justice

Drake, The dispute is over an agree ent under which the defendants get an ontion on some stone quarry lands of th laintiff at the rate of \$10 per acre. "The plaintiff says he signed the agreement

house of commons the other evening, said that St. Paul and Amsterdam islands. midway between the Cape of Good Hope and Tasmania, proposed to be used for the projected Cape Australian cable, are the property of France, That iveable should be laid from Queensland to Brit-