PROTECTING THE PUBLIC.

It is pleasant to be told that the Colonist and the government are alive to the necessity of protecting the public from designing, grasping corporations and monopolies. They have secured the able assistance of the patriotic Canadian Pacific Railway Company in repelling the attacks upon the commercial and transportation independence of the country and the inhabitants thereof may rest in confidence in the care of these vigilant watchdogs. This in effect is the information our contemporary emerged from the tomb-like silence on railways matters it has so long been buried in to give the people on Eastern Sunday morning. Incidentally the policy of the government may afford protection to the interests of the railway company which is almost sweating blood at the thought of the terrible fate which may overtake Canada generally and British Columbia particularly if the trusts and combines from the other side of the line once get their tentacles splashing around on this side of the border; but that cannot be tually been informed that they may now avoided. What patriotic citizen would object to submitting to a few inconveniences in order to prevent the Standard Oil Company from gobbling up the one Canadian institution of which we have devoted patriot, Sir William Van Horne, the thorn in whose flesh is that he had sort of explanation. the misfortune to be born in the United States, hesitate very long about selling out if he obtained a satisfactory price for the stock he holds. Nor would the other British, American and Canadian shareholders in the line for that matter. Therefore it seems clear that in one direction the government of British Columbia can afford no protection to either the company or the public against American monopolies and combines, and that nothing it can do will prevent absorption if the desire to absorb becomes strong in the breast of American millionaires. Under the circumstances perhaps it would be just as well for the government to give its entire attention to protecting the interests of the public and let the officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company attend to the affairs of that corporation. In the past Sir William and Mr. Shaughnessy and those under them have given evidence of conspicu ous ability in that direction. It required a state of public opinion very closely approaching to rebellion in one pro with the connivance of the Conservative

We do not say that the government of Mr. Dunsmuir is under the dominasuspicion that it is. It was for no other reason than that the C. P. R. demanded it that the granting of a charter to the Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company was opposed and would have been denied absolutely if the state of public opinion had been such as could have been defied. As it is, it is proposed by the Attorney-General to impose conditions upon the company which are utterly frivolous and nousensical, probably as a justification of his former attitude of antagonism to an undertaking which will not only add greatly to the population of the province but also swell tremendously the revenue which is at pres-

ever did in guarding jealously the rights ment. Properly they are three branches their attention. Australia is said to be of the public. But when it appears of the one service. Enterprising and wealthiest country in the world to-day that regulations are to be imposed, osten- up-to-date as we consider ourselves on per head of population. Its people are that regulations are to be imposed, osten-sibly in the interests of the people, which will have the effect of discouraging en-this continent in some respects, many of the European countries are ahead of us.

There was no coubt a great of the people are almost entirely British or of British or the European countries are ahead of us. There was no coubt a great demand for a servile class there to percompletely in the power of monopoly than ever, then it is time to protest and to inquire whether there are not influence being brought to be reached by a proper combination of the process of the proce welfare of the province at heart. We do not believe attention can be diverted is encouraged and the rates are so much promptly erected barriers that are exput in there to break our journey, and took ed from the evils of a real monopoly which has undertaken to preserve Brit- the habit of watering its stock nor of ish Columbia as a field for its own ex- looking for exorbitant dividends. In

anything but straightforward on this railway question. The calling for tening the mail in the ordinary way. The Kootenay road when the session of the House was far advanced to a certain ex-

WORKING IN THE LOBBIES.

Southern Railway company has agreed to be a part. accept its terms and the members of the British Columbia Legislature have virproceed with the business which the peo-

committee at Ottawa to strangle a the interests of the C. P. R. at the Domnion capital, proved unavailing. The Judge intimated that the committee had

who elected him to represent them.

CABLES AND TELEGRAPHS.

General of Canada that the laying of an Atlantic cable would be the next Great Britain as well as in this country Such a public work would be of great benefit in many ways apart from the necessary an increase of the "school" from our Atlantic coast to Great Britain, good deal of snobbery and not sense must \$200,00%. tax. Now that the government is in it is apparent that the cable would be be cast into the furnace before a prosuch a state of jealousy for the protec- lacking in a link unless the land lines | per adjustment is possible, tion of the interests of the consumers also passed into the possession of the The farmer says he must have cheap of coal, how would it do for it to bestow state. Government ownership of tele- labor in order to clear his land and work are supplied at reasonable prices. That under the new and progressive arrange- competition with them as merchants as would be a striking evidence of good faith and would carry conviction to all convenience of the public, telegraphs and in the neighborhood of Victoria that can present rates charged by Canadian retelephones as well as the postal service compete with the Orientals in the special, finers are not exorbitant. The Times believes as fully now as it should all be carried on by the govern- line of agriculture to which they give more common than it is here, because it more reasonable. The state is not in plotation by attempts to conjure up a some countries clerks are employed for phantom of the Standard Oil Company. some countries clerks are employed for the purpose of writing letters dictated they do not want them, and they do not Received by Emperor William at Berlin The course of the government has been by telephone by people who have been

trusts and combines have been engaging so much of our attention on this con-House was far advanced to a certain extent confirmed the rumors that a bargain had already been made with the C. P. R. and that but for the strong current of public opinion in favor of competition that had been made manifest the deal would have been consummated and the "preserve" made secure. The developments on the whole have suggested that which is more of a necessity than the C. P. R. was to be the chief beneficiary by the railway policy of the government. Possibly when all the facts are laid before the country the course are laid already been made with the C. P. A. Canadian Atlantic cable would also charter that we have fallen behind the sage smowthat.

A Canadian Atlantic cable would also chity. Yet it is compelled by law to sell its products at \$2 per ton free on board cars at the pit mouth. Why is it that the yellow men are an economic necestity in the coal mines of Vancouver Island? Our climate is the finest in the whole have suggested that the yellow men are an economic necestity in the coal mines of Vancouver Island? Our climate is the finest in the Emperor's guests while here.

PALATABLE AS ORBAM.—The D. & L. "Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, for those world which seem the Emperor's guests while here.

Live the Conferce. After the former, with the Order of the Garter. After the former and any cars at the pit mouth. Why is it that the yellow men are an economic necestity in the coal mines of the Emperor's guests while here.

PALATABLE AS ORBAM.—The D. & L. "Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, for those suffering from severe coughs and henochity the properse

of the government will be fully vindicat- suit the appetites of the readers for with Chinese. It is all nonsense ed. In that case the Times will be pre- whom it is intended. American news- say men will not come here to do pared to give it all the credit it papers of the baser sort as well as jour- menial work. What is menial work? deserves. But there is no denying the nals of the higher class have a consider- Men will come here and perform any fact that at the present time the gov- able circulation in all parts of the Do- kind of labor if the wages are better ernment is regarded with general sus- minion. Such food is not the stuff upon and the conditions generally more favpicion, and that its manoeuvres have which to rear healthy Britons. The old orable than they are in other parts of been such as to justify that suspicion. fellows are all right, but the young ones the world. But for the presence of the have neither the experience nor the ties Orientals British Columbia would be the which bind their fathers to the old land. land of promise for all sorts and condi-Give them reliable news from Great tions of people. Its natural wealth is The Toronto Globe sighs for some Britain, Australia and all the colonies such as to enable good wages to be paid. sweet content and leave their case with Carrie Nation to descend upon Ottawa and exclude as effectively as possible Any industry which will only yield such and cut down the lobbyists to the last the lying rubbish which, absurd though returns as will justify the employment man. The Dominion Parliament is ovi- it appears to us, has an influence upon of Chinamen is of little material benefit dently not so easily "worked" as that of the minds of the rising generation of to the community, and might as well be British Columbia. One company seems Canada. Our neighbors are an enter- abandoned anyway. There are thousto control the House here. When it prising people and they have a great ands upon thousands of people living in says "Don't grant that charter until I country, but Canadians have no desire the East and in Great Britain who are give the word that the interests of the to join them now, nor will they ever have making little headway in life because port of the American Bible Society recountry are safe," a sufficient number if they are brought up with a true con- of the keenness of competition. They of the members for its purpose are ception of the resources and might and speechless and helpless. It has issued a a knowledge of the history of the great not conscientiously advise them to do from its agent in China, the Rev. John decree to the effect that the Crow's Nest Empire of which it is their privilege to so. Few of the gentlemen who gave R. Hykes, M. D.:

A "SERVILE" CLASS.

ple elected them to transact. The rail- number of people in and around Vic- that stands in the way. A great many lated. In all 183 Protestants, including way company perceives that its auto- toria who think the presence of a of us would for a time be placed at 60 men, 75 women and 48 children, have cratic attitude has aroused public opin- servile class for the performance of considerable inconvenience if the whole been massacred. With the exception of ion against it to a dangerous point, and menial labor is a necessity in this comit has instructed one of its servants in manity. Some say and others open would be a blassing for the companying in which 11 persons were killed, Canadian institution of which we have the state of the community of the co man by the name of "Anti Monopoly" the House to incorporate a farcical ently think, that the nobler portion as a whole. There would be such an indeath and at Hong Chee, in Hunan, and of the man by the name of "Anti Monopoly" the House to incorporate a farcical ently think, that the nobler portion as a whole. pointed out the duty of the government clause in the bill purporting to bind the of humanity here, like the patricians of flux of whites as would immediately vinces. very clearly in the Colonist on Sunday Crow's Nest company to give the Can- Greece and Rome in ancient times, are place wages on the same standard as in morning. To be sure Rockefeller, if the adian smelters the precedence in supplies enabled to more effectively attend to the Washington and other western points. whim to possess the Canadian railway of coal and coke. Even the legislature is higher duties of life, to think .loftier whim to possess the Canadian ranks, of the compelled to justify the actions of the thoughts and to soar to sublimer heights A correspondent calls attention to the of any well informed person in China. Columbia government much of a stumb- C. P. R. The former attitude of the generally, when they have serfs, slaves shooting of hooting grouse around Shaw- The movement was undoubtedly against Columbia government much of a stuffer of the councillary of the counci culous if it had withdrawn without some tend to the wants of their lower nature. try near Victoria. He desires to be Christianity of course included. Despite the alleged elevating effects of informed if there is no game law on the It may not be out of place to point out absence of care about the "grovelling" statute books, and if there be, are there two ministers of the foreign office, would to the agents of this autocratic, patriotic duties of life, the devil got into the no officers to enforce it. There is a literated the order to "painfully extirto the agents of this autocratic, patriotic minds of the Greeks and the Romans, game law, but in regard to the maproceedings they are arousing a feeling they fell from their high estate, and to-chinery for its enforcement we know to read "protect all foreigners," of antagonism and resentment towards day they are not by any means the salt nothing. Perhaps some of our sporting then they sent it flying over the wires of antagonism and resentment towards of the earth from a physical, moral or friends can enlighten him. One thing is to the remotest provinces. their company that may be found diffi-cult to allay when the time comes, as it cult to allay when the time comes, as it bistory do not teach us that it is well for cult to allay when the time comes, as it surely will, when the goodwill of the history do not teach us that it is well for sent conditions and there will be no act of heroism. country will be considered of some value. any nation or community to have a race An attempt was made in the railway committee at Ottawa to strangle a of water for the "higher classes."

Capt. Wolley is as sound on the game scheme of Mackenzie & Mann in Mani- We do not agree with the cynic who tcba that the C. P. R. did not approve of it a large white population in British Co-But the committee did approve of it and all the eloquence of Judge Clarke, lumbia would be an increased consumption of whisky. There are always a cortain for working the population in British Co-lumbia would be an increased consumption of whisky. There are always a cortain for working the property in the foreign settlecertain few people in the world who have reprint and circulate it among the members to being the property in the foreign settlenothing but contempt for their own kind. Perhaps it is deserved. The lives from a disinterested point of view, be- fanatics that not a vestige was left to of men in general, we suppose, are not ing a derelict now, but at one time a mark the site, even foundations were dug departed in an extraordinary manner of men in general, we suppose, are not altogether lovely. What we cannot unighty hunter. We are not so sure, the destruction of missionary property in from precedent, and a member from the derstand is the dogmatic assertion that though. We shrewdly suspect he will the provinces of Shensi, Honona, Hu-Northwest intimated that it was a Chinese are a necessity in British Co- lay many a swiftly ducking "willow" nan, Hupeh, Kiang, Chekiang and healthy sign for the country that such lumbia. The captain of a ship says he low yet, and sincerely hope he may many Twang Tung. was the case. Formerly all the C. P. R. cannot obtain a white cook that will times be an unsuccessful Tory candihad to do was to ask for anything it give him satisfaction, and that is taken date. wanted. Mr. Blair, the Minister of Rail- as proof that the services of the servile vince to shake off the shackles in which, ways, informed the Judge that the inter-coolies are indispensable. It does not ests of the people were fully as worthy seem to have occurred to any one that He Must First Obtain th Surrender of government of that day, the people had of consideration as those of any railway the captain may have been a trifle unreasonable in his requirements. White The day may come when the voice of men, it gives us pleasure to state, are Manila, April 10.-Lieut. Mapes, the charmer who sings his alluring song self-respecting as a general thing. the 23rd Infantry, has captured \$40,000 gold dollars, including the necessary extion of the C. P. R. But its actions in the lobbies will no longer be heard Therein lies their superiority to the of the insurgent funds, and has taken pense of getting workers to places of have given reasonable ground for the and the chief business of the legislator colored races and the secret of their will be to protect the interests of these dominance of the world to-day. Even Gaille's staff near Manila. ministers of religion sometimes forget be re-established in Manila, the privi- many noble and devoted native workthat the injunction to do unto others, leges of conducting them being granted ers. They were warned of the risk they etc., applies to the treatment of those to the widow of Captain Lara whom they hire to wait upon them as commanded the native police of the city. noble band of eighteen flinched. Their well as to those in their own "station in Formerly the municipal revenue derived reply was: "We go on a colportage tour. well as to those in their own "station in from cock fighting amounted to \$60,000 God's will be done." life," and it is not to be wondered at annually.

an Atlantic cable would be the next great project that would engage the attention of the Dominion government has aroused a great deal of attention in a part of the surrender of Gen. The control of the control of the surrender of Gen. The control of the surrender of Gen. The control of the con northern as well as on the southern commercial features which naturally apportion of th's continent all men are Toronto, April 10.-The citizens' Vicpear most prominently on the surface. and their cooks) as regards their re- ed plans for a memorial hall which parts of China, Chinese colporteurs ent found so inadequate as to render With wires from here to Australia and lationship to their fellows, and that a provides for the erection of a large

Public School Inspector Jas. I. behind the times in the matter of edu- a heroism worthy of the best age of the cation. a modicum of attention upon the condigraphs is surely coming, and when that economically that which he already has ciation has passed a resolution urging the Scriptures published is 37,700 less day dawns the service would be far from cleared. Probably the tailors and the the Dominion government to appoint a than the previous year, the number of export to foreign countries of Island coal complete unless the telephone system of shoemakers said the same until the Chiuntil such time as all the local demands the country should also be incorporated ness became ambitious and entered into tion in Canada. It passed a resolution ber of pages printed in 1899 was 76,-

AGUINALDO'S RELEASE.

General Tino.

TORONTO TOPICS.

game to preserve.

CAPT. CHESTER AMUSED.

(Associated Press.) ences being brought to bear such as are Writers inform us that in Europe the development of Australia, but the white Kentucky, he said: "I was amused when I years. This fairly indicates the growth to be dreaded by all who have the real practice of telephoning messages is far men had sufficient foresight to perceive heard that my ship called at Smyrna to of the native church during this period, men had sufficient foresight to perceive collect the claim of the United States for it is from native Christians that the what the ultimate result would be and against the Sultan of Turkey. We simply demand for these Bibles comes.

ceedingly difficult to scale. In the the opportunity of going to Constanti-

United States with its seventy millions nople.

of a population there should be abund-

ance of room for a servile class. Bpt

appear to have suffered in any way from

BRITISH MISSION To-Day.

no more prosperous than the state of Berlin, April 9.—At the reception to-day infinitely greater. Why is it that our progress is not more rapid? The Crow's (Associated Press.)

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, April 9.—At the reception to-day if on, you will never be without them They in the death of Queen Victoria and the ascension of King Edward Emparate Victoria progress is not more rapid? The Crow's sion of King Edward, Emperor William wore a British Admiral's uniform, with the Order of the Garter. After the formal

Massacres

More Than Forty Thousand Native Converts Were Killed in China.

A Deep Laid Plot, Under Imperial Sanction, to Extirpate Christianity.

New York, April 10.-The annual relative to the situation in China will conwould come here, but their friends can- tain the following interesting statement

evidence before the Chinese Commission There was a deep and cunningly laid plot under Imperial sanction to extirpate which has just finished its labor but admitted that it would be well for Christianity, expel all foreigners and the province as a whole if the Oriental destroy all foreign interests. No one element could be eliminated gradually, divined the full extent of the iniquity There are evidently a considerable Personal selfishness is the only obstacle which has been deliberately contemp-

> as to whether the Boxers' uprising was anti-foreign or anti-missionary in its directed against everything foreign,

The fact that every missionary escaped

from fourteen out of the eighteen pro vinces would indicate that the crusade bers. The Captain claims to speak demolition of property by these mad the destruction of missionary property-in The native Christians have been the

worst sufferers. Those who escaped general slaughter in the Leithern province lose absolutely everything, many of them are perishing from cold and starvation

But the Scriptures destroyed will aggregate not less than 100,000 volumes, and the actual loss to the society will prisoner three officers belonging to Gen. safety and back again to their stations. All of our fereign superintendents were Under the old regulations cockpits will saved. We have to mourn the loss of who were running, but not a man of the

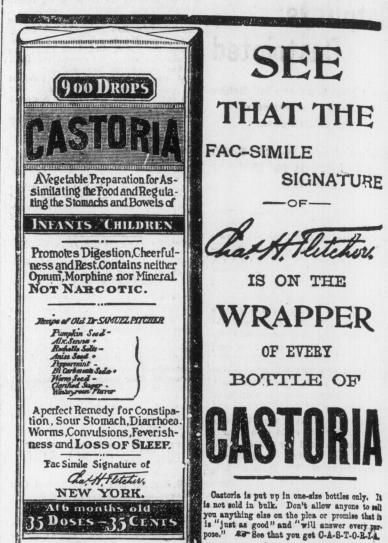
privations, and managed to get back to Pekin after it was captured by the allied army. Of the colporteurs under missionary supervision I have not toria memorial committee have complet- heard of one who escaped. In some dured terrible persecution, and some of amphitheatre, estimated to cost about | them are only now venturing out of

More than 40,000 native converts, in Hughes says Ontario is about 30 years cluding Roman Catholics, met death with

also to the effect that it would be a 932,200, this year it was about three-mistake for the government to reduce quarters of a million more. This is the give some idea of the proportions which the work had grown when, in common with all other forms of Chris by the events of the past year.

BURGLARIES BY EX-CONVICTS

(Associated Press.) Kingston, Out., April 9 .- Ex-convicts, re ently released from the penitentiary, are burglarizing stores and private residences





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The Royal Commissio

Two Witnesses Were Examined This Morning's Session-Far mer's Standpoint.

Effort Will Be Made to Conclu Sittings in Victoria To-morrow.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Royal commission sat this me ig as usual in the court house, and ple of witnesses were examin on Beanlands and Edward M grave, of Cowichan. It is altoget robable that the session in Victoria concluded to-morrow.

Canon Beanlands, the first witness t orning, said that he had employed Ch e domestic servants ever since he ca re, and found them cleanly, honest lustrious. Their length of empl ent with him averaged about th ars. They usually left for places wh cher wages were obtained. In regard na, the witness explained that instances it was an act of fi He mentioned a case in which g Chinaman forwarded a consid enty-one years of age.

They were keenly interested in l g at night school, but he did not thing learned for the sake of knowled more with an object of increa eir advantages for gain.

ong the Chinese here could learn to guage sufficiently to teach them Chi He did not think that the p ce of the Chinese here would form tral point from which Christian ould go out to them as a race. The as a far greater possibility of the co rsion of Chinese by sending missio

The Chinese who came here ware vile class-

Below the Lowest White Immigrant ne latter came to occupy a different ion and did not enter into comp on with the Chinese. There was ferent civilization, the Chinese being abject class, because all whom he ha en laboring occupied positions sub te to white employers. He had ne en Chinese employing white labor, T te immigrant who came here occu tion of a better class requiring

During his sixteen years' residen e, he had never seen real competit een Chinese and white people. l had no personal experience of ries, lumber mills or mines, ar quently could not speak for ther acluded every kind of labor that he ne under his notice-bricklaying f There were bricklayers her ut no white bricklayers' assistants, and here was no class of white labor he ciently inferior for that capacit ve bricklaying would have gone the cost of erecting brick building as as cheap here as in other places, ight have been possible for other lab that of Chinese to be employed. The labor market here, like that icted, and it was impossible to arket working under such econ tions, where a reasonable bala een supply and demand could cted. Such could not be expect tish Columbia.

If the Chinese labor was to be ge to the country, it must be e class. It had been found to be uterests of the country at cert; ods of its developments to have

British Columbia laboring class e more free in their own estimationse of their being alongside a servi

Europe the

Existence of a Servile Class

e time had a tendency to elevate rvile population. Take Greece, for ance, where a large proportion weres. The great work of Greece wa lished by people whose freedo mphasized by the presence of slave performance of menial duties. did not think the presence of th e would prevent white immigra If a man had no skilled occup British Columbia was not the place me to. If British Columbia wa ed with labor at \$2, this rate would on be reduced. He did not thin inese labor displaced white labor her did he think the present capital tax interfered with their immigra but it would rather influence the who imported them. He would them a little harder from thei igs to recoup him for his \$100. did not think the Chinese would ate, and hoped that such would r be the case. Unless they were used servile class they were useless here the present state in the develop tof this country, he thought it to its rest to have a servile class here. He wed such would be the case if they inued to come in. He was not in of further restriction on Chinese ation, as he believed the financia on was purely a matter between inaman and his employer. He be-it highly expedient to exclude all classes-not the Chinese mo any other. If he was a legislator might perhaps propose a check to a tax-it was a question of revenue could not see that any restriction utility unless it was total, and de did not favor. If other Chinese restricted from coming the wage reased. If Chinese inmigrawas further prevented, the thing to would be to exclude those al-ere. If all Chinese were excludand all white men were put on the le wage earning capacity it would be

cial to the country.

teply to Commissioner Foley, he he thought a white man in Victoria ancouver earned more than a