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THE "GLOBE" AND THE ROUTES.

The Toronto Globe does wrong to make light of what has been said in regard to its championship of the route from Edmonton to the Yukon.

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WHO IS TO BLAME?

The Colonist is informed that the Chief of Police lays the blame of his inaction in the matter of the social evil upon the City Council, and also that in the case of one of the subjects mentioned by Rev. J. C. Spear in his first sermon on this subject, he took occasion to severely censure the informant.

It has been frequently and openly said that the evil complained of is beyond remedy. That is nonsense. Those whose conduct is complained of are living under conditions that makes them liable to prosecution at any time, and they know it.

ment referred to is allowed to make itself a very conspicuous feature of the community. The Colonist has been told that there is no use trying to bring about a change in this respect.

Our position on this question is this: There will always be in this or any other community an element of the kind referred to, but it should be kept as inconspicuous as possible. The evil effect produced by permitting richly dressed women of ill-repute to exhibit themselves in the most conspicuous positions is incalculable.

There is considerable discussion in the Eastern papers over the proposal to purchase the Canada Eastern railway. This railway extends from Chatham, N.B., to Fredericton in the same province, crossing the Intercolonial railway. It has at least one branch line. In all the mileage is 136 miles. The important saw-mill and cotton mill town of Marysville is on the line.

There does not appear to be anything to say against the proposed purchase from a business point of view; but a question arises, and it must be faced at once, as to whether the policy of extending the Intercolonial system by the acquisition of branch lines is to prevail. It was the policy of Sir John Macdonald to grant bonuses to railways that, when constructed, would become feeders to the Intercolonial.

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Persons going to Yukon must have mining licenses, and as these can only be obtained from the inspectors of Mounted Police and Gold Commissioners in the Yukon country, it will follow that most people will wish to secure them before going North, so as to avoid delay or the necessity of going out of their way to find these officers.

It is better that the Yukon should be administered by the federal government rather than by the executive of the Northwest.

The abolition of miners' licenses was before the legislature last winter, it was well known that the government were ready, if the house wished, to exempt workmen in mines from the operation of the law; but it was represented by persons well able to speak for those particularly interested that the tax was not unreasonable in the conditions then existing in Kootenay, because the amount of the licenses was all that the great majority of workmen paid into the revenue of the province, and it was reasonable that they should pay something. It is an open secret that if there had been any strong pressure from the working miners themselves last winter for the removal of the tax the government would have cheerfully met it; but no such demand was forthcoming and the tax was allowed to remain for the time being.

There is great complaint as to the manner in which Seattle people are using those who have been deluded into going to that city to outfit. If there were a case of killing the goose that laid the golden egg, Seattle is affording it.

It appears that the Colonist was wrong in saying that its holiday number was the largest paper ever issued in the province, and that the World issued a larger paper in June, 1896. We offer the amende honorable.

The refusal of the British government to reopen the sealing question is very proper. There is no use in making agreements if they are to be upset at pleasure by one or the other of the parties to them.

The Colonist received any intimation as yet from its masters as to whether or not they will permit the government of British Columbia to abolish the tax upon the working miner during the coming session of the local legislature? It is certainly incongruous if any miner should be compelled to pay a yearly tax to the government, while the coal cutter goes scot-free.

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The reported illness of Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone will evoke much sympathy. Differ as people may as to the wisdom of the policy championed by the venerable statesman during late years, no one will withhold from him credit for being one of the greatest men of the century.

The necessity for the early construction of the Pacific cable grows more apparent every day. We are unable to understand the apparent apathy of the Dominion government in this matter. Steps ought to be taken at the earliest date to place this question beyond the domain of speculation.

A GUARANTEE of interest on \$2,000 a mile for 1,500 miles of railway from Edmonton to Dawson is asked. There would be no use in granting it. The money could not be raised on such a guarantee, for it would be impossible to show that such a line could compete with those from the Coast.

If one may judge from newspaper letters, the only man in Victoria who does not know how to lay out the Parliament grounds is the man who is doing the work. This is said, but it is sadder yet to think that no two of the critics agree as to what he ought to do.

THE CANADIAN PRESS. THE NORTH YALE SEAT. Our opinion is, however, that Mr. Martin has held the best end of the stick at present.—Vernon News.

Will outfit here. Victoria Possesses Advantages That Men Returned From Dawson Are Quick to Understand.

The news brought by Mr. Joe Fox from Skagway on Monday that in view of the mutual arrangements between the United States and Canada for bonding goods, the American authorities have done away with the necessity of an inspector to accompany goods over the trail, should set at rest any lingering doubts that the troublesome business is ended.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Cost of Study.—"Seems to me it costs you a good deal to study," said the father, as he handed his son money to buy books with. "I don't understand it, but I don't study very hard, either."—Harvard Lampoon.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Milk Feeds Advance—The Flour Market Shows a Little Weakness. In volume, business is growing gradually, the outfitting of sealers and the Yukon, and the supplying of the biggest naval fleet ever in sequimult being factors of trade that have been greatly and beneficially felt during the last few weeks.

The current city retail prices are as follows: Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl \$6.50. Lake of the Woods (Hungarian) ... 6.50.

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NEWS OF VANCOUVER

Outlook for the Golden Deal with Pre-McKinnon. Harrison Lake Stamp M-Up-Civic Committee This Year.

Vancouver, Jan. 21.—(Sp) couper got a taste of Klondyke long dog train parading the park sleigh being on wheels. At the meeting of the city night the following committee: Finance, Aid, Painter, McGuigan, Brown, and would be possible at the water and market. Aid, Briley, Neelands, McGuigan, To Queen, Foreman and Brudey, Foreman and lights, Aid, Painter, Neelands, Foreman, fire and police, Aid, McMokey, McQueen, McPhaiden.

The annual meeting of the Cache Company took place there was a good attendance very important questions of est were discussed, but justice given to them under seven and a half minutes. The report of the officers was read and approved. The price of a ticket covering the accommodations above mentioned is \$200, one-half of which must be paid into the Bank of Montreal at the time of signing the contract for transportation, the balance to be paid before the sailing of the steamer from Victoria.

FRUIT GROWERS. Annual Meeting of the Provincial Fruit Growers' Association for this year was held at the Hotel Vancouver on Wednesday evening, Jan. 19th. The meeting was attended by an address, referring to the vast wealth of the province, but she thought it properly looked as was a Klondike in the province of British Columbia. The occasion to thank the C.P.R. for its unfailing courtesy to the association. He thought the association operate with the Farmers' Inst acknowledged that they were to put their feet on the map, a good condition as the fruit of the South, and suggested expert from California to teach the association had cash \$43,49, the expenditure being \$1,000, leaving a surplus of \$42,49. The election of directors for the coming year was then proceeded with in the following being: T. A. Sharpe, Agassiz; H. Kim G. Wells, Chilliwack; A. P. T. Dawdney; T. McNeely and E. son, Ladner; T. G. Earl, Lytic Kidd, M.P.P., and James Mc Island; L. Fortune, Enderby Henry; and P. Lazenby, H. Fortuque and R. Currie, Kam Campbell, D. Stevens, F. L. Ohlson, M. Baker, R. M. Paley Anderson, W. C. Grant, C. E. D. R. Ker, Victoria; G. H. A. Robinson, G. O. Webster, case; A. Evans, Chilliwack Henry, J. M. Browning, T. ham, Vancouver; Captain Ian Lulu Island; A. W. Smith, M. loet; J. Brethour, W. Thompson, G. H. Fortuque, C. B. Hart Arm; D. Graham, M.P.P., cheen; Price Ellison, Vernon Norris, Midway; J. L. Pridham Sterling, Kelowna; N. Butel Moody; J. W. M. Hector, Port Haney; W. J. McGeorge, mere; T. K. Pearson, Geo. M. Armstrong, T. Lewis, J. B. M.P.P., Peter Latham, New step; S. M. Robins, Nanaimo, Esau, Salt Spring Island. The board of directors submitted and elected the following President, Mr. G. H. Hadwen, 1st Vice-President, Mr. W. J. M. Hector; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. G. H. Hadwen; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. G. H. Hadwen; Secretary, Mr. T. R. P. A. Westminister.