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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

There is a strong feeling, which the government would fain prevent from gaining general currency, that the legislature will conclude its labors during within sound of the mighty billows of the present week. The Premier has been terribly badgered by deputations and other disturbing factors, asking for favors and concessions, and from been called into use by Conservative papers to point a moral or adorn a office. Hence the business of the session, or such of it as is absolutely necessary, is being rushed along at expansion. press speed. There will be a great slaughter of innocent measures towards the end. Probably the guillotine ter in the interests of the public had they never seen the light, But party this provincial government, are of labor and the absolute exclusion of vastly more importance, from a partizan point of view, than giving expreszan point of view, than giving expreszan point of view, than giving expreszan and was published broadsion to popular demands which may come into conflict with private interadministration at time when it is in need of all the strength it can muster. Victoria's request for justice will, of course, come up at the usual timenaturally anticipate. We suppose it would be too much to expect the government to keep the House in session for a few days longer than has been fixed by programme in order to transact the public business in an efficient manner. That is what we pay our government and legislators for doing, but it is a responsibility which was cun- his British Columbia contingent. ningly dodged last year and will be just as adroitly avoided this year. Our city representatives will be given an opportunity to pose as valiant chamshall be just as we were. We ask the any wonder that those Conservatives who esteem honesty as the best policy, fair answer—that all the resources of shudder at the consequences of shudder at the consequences. fully the proceedings of the House during the present week, and to ponder the things over in their hearts against a coming day of reckoning.

"OUT, D-D SPOT!"

no doubt that all Canada is talking cration.' about this city as the place in which the most daring and outrageous political crime of our own times was committed. It is the leading topic of disof Commons. It is the subject of discussion in the halls of our provincial legislature. Resolutions denouncing it and calling for judicial investigation cincts of churches and caused animated on behalf of the utterer of it, the

If the people of Victoria are becoming tired of the matter, they are differently constituted from the majority the Empire paraded through the ests have succeeded in balking the alof the people of the Dominion, who streets yesterday previous to taking most unanimous desire of the citizens have not the personal interest in it part in drumhead devotional exercises of Victoria in this case of pressing that we naturally have, as the very at the drill hall. The parade could not public necessity-that the evident obcentre of the sensation. Writing to be considered either inspiring or im- ject of these individuals, playing a them forward will be heard and the his newspaper in regard to the con- pressive in respect of its proportions. fession made to His Lordship Bishop Yet it was both inspiring and impres- barricade what cannot be achieved can, as business men, to assist them. Perrin, the Ottawa correspondent of sive, principally for three reasons. It directly-to deliver the citizens absothe Toronto News, a gentleman of very illustrated the solidarity and the har- lutely into the hands of the Esquimalt pronounced Conservative political opin- monious unity of the Empire by the Water Works Company, forcing us to ions, generally giving expression to presence in the parade and at the serreferring to the absolution given by and the volunteer forces, by the par-His Lordship the Bishop:

"This is the information which Mr. laid before the House. It is to be observed that this hardly leaves the mata clergyman as a means of concealing misguided partisans-to adopt an imeuphemism for unprincipled posed to the obliquy of publicity." Collier's Weekly describes the ut-

ened to trail its dignity in the dust. Twice in a year has the Colonist come a cropper, falling hard, however, and with great majesty, like Lucifer. The back on. The second mischance oc-curred last October, in the Dominion terest in matters pertaining to defena telegram which Leader Borden has Borden was in favor of total exclusion of Asiatics from British Columbia. With the regiment's importance. These are neither Leader Borden's views nor his words, and the Colonist has been obliged to eat the telegram. Of course, no one believes that the Colonist was wantonly deceitful. Credulousness is its worst fault. Some day somebody will sell it a piece of headcheese as a Dutch impressionist landscape.

the Atlantic, thus expresses itself:

Borden that carried British Columbia work that could be attempted.

voice of a great party, and yet held his peace. Not until faced by the telegram in the House, did the member province ultimately the sum we have the Okanagan; J. Kidston, Vernon; W. mentioned the esteemed representative C. Ricardo, Vernon; R. H. Agur, Sumpunded by his booty in the shear of

gist can republish, is made so sweep-

Victoria has got a considerable series throughout the country generation amount of advertising out of that ally, Canadians may well stand aghast amount of advertising out of that ally, Canadians may well stand aghast at the perpetrations of a great party of the state, to obtain possession of paign of publicity has been entirely to the Dominion's treasury and to govern hear this question of the position of the position. Exceptional advantages had

SOUND IMPERIALISM

It is fashionable in these latter days cussion in the newspapers from one to contemn the spirit of militarism. end of Canada to the other. It is But, after all, is not militarism, proptalked of in the lobbies of the House erly differentiated from mere jingoism, an outward and reasonable manifesta-British Empire to-day is a structure have been passed in religious assem- which, unquestionably, can only be blies and in quasi-religious gatherings. maintained by a cultivation of a prop-It has forced its way within the pre- er spirit of patriotism, whatever the private discources. If the Times were think of the foundation upon which and that their presence within the in a position to print all the letters the original edifice was reared. The chamber itself should only be tolerated that have been received concerning it Chinese Empire, on the other hand, up to a certain number. The resentand the mysterious personage who has may be taken as an example of the ul- ment of this correspondent has been offered himself as a vicarious sacrifice timate condition of any people lacking aroused by observing the treatment to what may reasonably be regarded as which Victoria has been subjected from There may be weak spots in our sysusual space allotted to news would be a spirit of proper pride in the history circumscribed to very small propor- and traditions of the race which be- ing an abundant source of water supgat it.

Borden has received and which he has in the column of the cadet corps of the of events. several schools of the city. The latter perpetrator of what was a scoundrelly of the Empire rests should the day against enemies who would humble its pride and make its glory but a memory or a record in history. The Times rascals—his name should be made is not, and never has been, a jingo mown, and he should at least be ex- newspaper; but there are facts in con-

which Major Hodgins afterward went sible footing. It is good to see the been emphasized in the experience of election, when the Colonist published sive organizations such as the Fifth found it necessary to repudiate in the House of Commons. The telegram was doctored so as to read that Leader physically. The pity is that the interest taken is no degree commensurate

> ANNUAL ATTEMPT TO COERCE VICTORIA.

The new Palace of Justice at Vancouver, when completed, will be a splendid monument in later days to The North Sydney Herald, published the memory of that eminent jurist of repute, W. J. Bowser, K. C., M. P. P., FRUIT GROWERS MEET etc. We must not be understood as since deceased, that 'Elections are not saying that a court house which will won by prayers, has not infrequently probably cost one million dollars is not necessary to the transaction of Conference Being Held at Ofthese he would like to take refuge in tale, when they wanted to pifch into legal business in the city of Vancouthe innermost recesses of his public Liberals, over some self-invented yarn. Ver in conformity with the importance prayers.' The forged telegram of Mr. it must be obvious to members of the profession of the law, and it will ocwarus the char. The control of the law, and it will ocwill be exercised upon some more
will forever stand out in our political
annals as the biggest piece of thug
worky of life than many it were betit is an extraordinary thing that a "This telegram reading as follows: province so sparsely settled as the The Conservative party stands for a province of British Columbia, with a of having the growers express their exigencies, under the circumstances of white Canada, the protection of white population much smaller than some cast next day-a few hours before poll- any such institution in this country ing-in every Tory paper and at every and excelled by few on this continent. ests that are a tower of strength to the cross-roads in the Pacific province.

Looking at the matter from a purely "But heinous as this offence of the disinterested and non-sectional point" Conservative leader was and will al-Conservative leader was and will always be held to be, the fact that this of view, we can reach no other con- Dominion Express Company. The foltelegram was 'sorted' for the occasion clusion than that the Vancouver court lowing accredited delegates were presby culprit hands to do duty over the house is designed as a monument to ent, besides a number of interested just on the eve of prorogation-and it | Conservative leader's name, who never the commanding genius for the diswill meet with the treatment to which will never be driven from the memories of Canadians so long as Mr. Bories of Canadians so long as Mr. Borden holds place in parliament. Mr. him the greatest amount of political cairn, Kelowna Board of Trade; J. S. Borden permitted this telegram, now claimed to be false, to be sent north, south, east and west as the deliberate Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General

rounded by his booty in the shape of tive of Victoria has plainly told us "It is an exhibition that could find a that nothing can be done for this duplicate only in those days when city by the government for the prose-Walpole had suppressed in England all cution of what appear to be necesmoral standards in public life, and was sary public works. When a request Farmers' Exchange; W. H. Hayward, unashamed of any and every act which was preferred for consideration the Duncans; Fred Adle, Waneta; Maxwell tion of a leader whose overthrow, acconstruction of roads, trails and Nelson; Thomas Wanless, Vernon. companied by a course which no apolo-bridges and such other works of ne- Hon. R. G. Tatlow, in taking the chair, cessity as would have the effect of de- announced the reason of the meetcessity as would have the effect of deing and final.

"With the undeniable evidence of
stuffed voters' lists in Manitoba, of
this Oriental thuggery in British Columbia and the 'Duty of the Hour'
series throughout the country generseries throughout the country generlegituation of the department. He said the C. P. R.

had assisted in Peason of the Ingert ing being called together and referred to it as one of the most important
gatherings ever held in the offices of
the department. He said the C. P. R.
had assisted in calling the meeting towealth. Does a million dollar court our advantage is not a question that our advantage is not a question that our advantage is not a question that on the shoulders of methods the memory of which will not be lost for a genought that all Canada is talking this country after an ascent to power on the shoulders of methods the memory of which will not be lost for a genought that all Canada is talking this country after an ascent to power the legal profession and the institutions it maintains discussed in such a pany and its assistance in the advantages had the legal profession and the institutions it maintains discussed in such a pany and its assistance in the advantages had the legal profession and the institutions it maintains discussed in such a way as would lead him to believe that wancement of the horticulture indusa great body of public opinion is being formed which may culminate in material curtailment of the priviterested. leges of that profession. An indignant citizen of Victoria who has been said he and Mr. Marpole had been appaying particular attention to the proached by the parties in British proceedings of the legislature, and especially to the proceedings before some of the committees of that legislature, asked for certain alterations in rates. tion of the spirit of patriotism? The writes us a few sentences which if They had all been asked to attend printed might have the effect of mak- several meetings on the matter in ing the ears of this learned profession tingle. His idea, expressed in choice but forcible language, is that lawyers should be disbarred from pracadvocates of peace at any price may tising before committees of the House year to year in the matter of procurply. His contention is, and it appears The various forces of His Majesty to be well founded, that paid advomaintained in this remote portion of cates of certain companies and intermercenary part, is to accomplish by traffic officers will go as far as they

pay the price that company demands little to add, as Mr. Peters had covthem in a very offensive way, says, vice of the various units of the regular for its works. That is the opinion of ered the field. He had felt in the our correspondent, and it is all but calling of the meeting that it should ticipation of veterans now on the re- the unanimous opinion of citizens who the parties were mutual. The freight tired list, and by the notable feature are disinterested observers of the trend rates he said are of great importance Finally our correspondent urges his and if anything is wrong with ter in a satisfactory position. The are the elements upon which the future fellow-citizens to stand firm and refuse rates the convention should benefit by to be the victims of any system of ever come withen it must be defended legal or legislative coercion. He does had been able to agree, while others not believe that under any circum- had not, so that the idea to bring stances should the people of Victoria all together was carried out in order sanction any scheme which would have to look for an equitable basis that can the effect of committing them to the and the growers interested. tender mercies of a private company nection with the career of the British by purchasing water from it at any Express company, said: "As far as the Empire which must always be kept in price per thousand gallons. And we express company is concerned, the built up without making enomies. It respect. We have already read some apply to the situation regarding my "The Victoria Colonist is a serious is upon terms of the utmost cordiality subtle arguments, also from a merorgan of opinion which takes great with all the world to-day, a condition cenary source, respecting the benefits pleasure in lecturing others how to do which all right-minded people pray we should derive from such an eminmay long continue. And yet, to some ently fair and reasonable "business

nations which would not grieve very will not be misled by any sophistries seriously, which might even be tempt- of that kind. Experience has taught ed to administer a parting kick, should the people the absolutely necessity of signs of crumbling become manifest. maintaining in their own hands such Therefore the defensive forces should a necessary service as supplying water be maintained upon the strongest pos- to consumers. This necessity has toria would be making a great mistake if they took such a step backregiment. Military drill and discipline ward. They want water as cheaply as abundance as possible. Neither of these desiderata is possible if a private company be permitted to make a profit out of the business.

## WILL DISCUSS FREIGHT RATES

OFFICIALS OF C. P. R.

fices of Agricultural Department.

A conference between representatives of fruit growers and boards of trade, officials of the C. P. R., was commenced this morning in the offices of the agricultural department, for the purposes wishes in regard to freight rates and transportation, and of allowing the growers to hear the C. P. R. officials on their side of the case. There were agriculture, in the chair; R. M. Palmer, deputy minister, who acted as secreof the C. P. R., and W. F. Stout, of the vince: M. Megan, Vernon Board of Fruit Growers' Association; R. H. Rogers, Associated Boards of Trade for merland; T. W. Stirling, Kelowna; T. W. Ritchie, Peachland; J. J. Campbell, Nelson: Jas. Rooke, Grand Forks: L

accord of all growers and others in-

He then called on Mr. Peters, who Columbia who are interested in the fruit growing industry. Mr. Lannigan had many interviews with parties who various parts of the province. Then the second vice-president and the president had been approached on the said he had communicated with the provincial government and the confer-

ence was arranged. "The C. P. R. did not take the po sition that it was perfect," said Mr. Peters. "We have been trying to get the rates on a fair and equitable ba sis, and the same with the service. tem, and if there are we want to them. If the other conditions are in order in regard to marketing you will find the C. P. R. will not be behindhand. Mr. Stout, of the Do minion Express company, is here and will doubtless be heard on these matters, and Mr. Lannigan will speak later for the C. P. R. on freight rates. Anyone with good and reasonable grounds for complaint who will put We cannot afford to retard the development and growth of the fruit industry of the province in any way at all."
Mr. Lannigan said there was but to the growers and to the C. P. R., examining them. He had requests

be agreed on between the company Is the Navy," and other patriotic airs, Mr. Stout, manager of the Dominion terer of the forgery as a "Guileless mind. The British Empire was not cordially endorse his opinion in that remarks of the two former speakers legiate school assembled at the drill wark in being steadfast in all work and of the head shot away. A rifle lay near

success. After W. C. Ricardo, of Vernon; T. cause, an abomination. Such being its peoples of the present day. There are quarter. But we believe the public adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Stylish New Skirts for Spring

STYLISH SKIRT, made of striped Panama in plain colors, the coat is full flare with plain panel in front, a six-inch fold of self with strapping of navy blue silk runs from front to back with four buttons on 

HANDSOME SKIRT, made of invisible striped Venetian in plain colors. This skirt is the new polonaise effect and is finished with fold of self, trimmed with covered buttons and straps of brown satin, a very stylish and somewhat different model. \$12.50 The price .....

HANDSOME SKIRT, made of rich black voile. This skirt is pleated style and has eight rows of black taffeta silk strapping, making a dressy and handsome skirt. The price ..... \$20.00

SMART SKIRT, made of black voile, a pleated style, finished with rows of black satin strapping, front and back has row of large buttons running from top to bottom. This skirt is very dressy and smart. The price ...... \$17.50

PRETTY SKIRT, made of good quality Panama in different colors. This skirt has plain panel down front with row of covered buttons running from top to bottom on either side, six-inch fold of self runs from front to back. This skirt is exceptional value. The price. \$6.75

STRIKING SKIRT, made of fine Panama in different colors, plain front with nine-inchfold, trimmed with six rows of satin and strapped with self, a decidedly smart

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TAILORED WAISTS made of fine soft linen, open front with row of pearl buttons and stripes of different colored linen, rows of wide tucks on either side, plain back, long sleeves with stiff cuffs, strapped with material to match front. stiff collar to match. Price ...

TAILORED WAISTS, made of soft pique in a small, neat design. Open front with pearl buttons, rows of tucks made the entire front, plain back, long sleeves with soit cutts, stiff linen collar. Price ..... \$4.75 soft cuffs, stiff linen

TAILORED WAISTS, made of nice quality linen, laundered open front with row of pearl buttons, and rows of fine tucks down each side, plain back with wide tucks over shoulder, long sleeves with stiff cuffs, stiff Price ..... \$5.00 linen collar, embroidered.

TAILORED WAISTS, made of fine mercerized vesting in a striped design. Open front with pleat down centre and pearl buttons, rows of tucks on either side, plain back, long sleeves with soft back, long sleeves with soft cuffs, stiff linen collar. Price... \$4.75

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Yesterday morning there was not was the memorial service for the Victorians who fell in South Africa, Capt. Blanchard, Sergt. W. J. Scott, Privates branch of the service here was represented and in addition the Imperial Campaigners Association and the various school cadets took their places in the parade, making up a body of about

The campaigners, who were justly entitled to a prominent part in the day's proceedings, assembled early at their club room or Government street, and marched to the drill hall headed by the Pipers' band. In the ranks might be promulgated and draw them were naval and military men who had away from their old established faith seen service in the various wars since the time of the Crimean. Wearing the be steadfast. If it had not been for the badges, which symbolized service on the field, there marched those who had have been possible for Canada to have seen service over fifty years ago in the taken the part she did in South Africa. Crimea, and those who looked to be scarcely out of their teens, who had engaged in the latest of Britain's wars, that in South Africa.

Following closely the veterans came the naval section from H. M. S. Egeria and the forces from Work Point. These came in by special tram cars the social custom of the time that too charles Hinchen, three men, H. Mcpand at the corner of Yates and Government. Marching to the tune of "It anti-drinking league in which those his cabin on Wednesday at noon. They the regular forces were enthusiasti- be true to one another were formed it proceeded far when they heard the cally greeted along the line of march. would be a great outcome of this mem-The cadet corps from the High orial service. He pointed to the fact found Butterfield's body lying on the school, University school and the Colhall early also. The Fifth Regiment, save advice along that line. company. We desire to co-operate in C. G. A., upon the arrival of the other

After W. C. Ricardo, of Vernon; T.

W. Stirling, of Kelowna; J. J. Campbell, of Nelson, and Mr. Lannigan, of who then marched in and took up their

The regulars and cadets entered the hall between the lines of the veterans, who is your chance to get a plant was in the lead, followed by Col. Holmes.

D. O. C., and Capt. Parry, R. N., and who then marched in and took up their the district staff. The other bodies following the district staff. The other bodies following the district staff. must be made with a long face or they don't count. Humor is blasphemy in don't count. Humor is blasphemy in don't count. Humor is blasphemy in the minds of many more amanating from the same long face or they don't count. Humor is blasphemy in the minds of many more amanating from the same long face or they don't count. Humor is blasphemy in the forces occupied very closely by the forces occupied very closely the 45 men, permanent corps at Work At an elevation of 2,000 feet the Alpine whole of the floor space of the drill Point, including Garrison artillery, En- air in Switzerland is free from microses.

hall, leaving little room for the visit- gineers and other branches of the ser-ors. The band of the Fifth Regiment vice, to the number of 120, under the

The memorial tablet on the wall of the hall had been decorated with flow- | 120, and the Veterans, numbering 40. ers for the occasion. An impressive service was conduct-

by Rev. Archdeacon Scriven. The bishop preached from the text "Be Ye Steadfast." In opening, he said: "This awaited the permanent forces. is our message to you this morning.' He recalled the day when the troops had left Victoria for South Africa Some one had said to him then that it was all a parade, that the men would never see fire. It was altogether different, however, said the bishop. The Canadians took part in what was to be the very turning point of the war. The Canadians had taken their part wanting evidence that Victoria is a manfully in that and had an honorable garrison city, or that the martial spirit share in the war. On the 18th of Febdoes not run high here. The occasion ruary, at 6 o'clock in the morning, the Canadians had started immediately for the fight and for nine days they were

He read from the official report sent Todd, Somers and Maundrell. Every to the government relative to the part the Canadians took in it, and the tribute that was paid to them

"Five out of the twenty-five who went from Victoria died," said the Bishop. "They laid down their lives for their queen and their country."
With respect to the text he said the message was not that they should mourn those who had departed. It was that they be steadfast. He warned his hearers against doctrines which The citizen soldiery he admonished to citizen soldiery in Canada it would not The cadets he admonished to be steadfast in school and in everything. At the present time there was too a young man, named Herbert Buttergreat a tendency to make light of sin. field, had been shot in the head at his He could conceive no greater degreda- ranch in the upper valley. The affair tion than that a man in the King's occurred on Wednesday last. Accorduniform should become drunk. It was ing to the information brought by often ruined men. Against these tend- Keen, Mail Carrier Madden and Jimmy concerned would pledge themselves to left shortly after 1 o'clock, but had not

On the conclusion of the service all every way and make the industry a branches, had their parade already those taking part marched through the city. The Fifth regiment band was

nnett; Fifth regi square, and led in the musical part of ment, C. G. A., under the command of the service.

Lt. Col. Hall, with 170 men; Cadet corps of the schools to the number of

ters the band halted and the district ed by Bishop Perrin, who was assisted | staff also until the Veterans had been dismissed. The remainder of the parade passed to where the special cars cadets also left the parade at that point. The Fifth regiment then marched back to the drill hall.

A couple of members of the Fifth unwillingly accompanied the regiment to the drill hall after the men from Esquimalt and Work Point had been escorted to the corner of Yates and Government streets. The two members of the regiment were seen standing at the corner of the street, having failed to attend the parade. They were placed under arrest by a guard and taken to the drill hall, where they were reprimanded by Lt. Col. Hall. The Fifth regiment, it is safe to say,

never looked better on parade than yesterday. There have been occasions when the numbers were greater, but the marching of the regim ent was the subject of comment on all hands.

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RANCHER SHOT.

Police Are Investigating Mysterious Death of Herbert Butterfield.

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