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## THE SEMI-WEERLY COLONIST

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#### MR. BORDEN'S POSITION

A certain section of the Conservabeen no formal announcement; but and force of reasoning or in political the papers referred to are sure it must be wrong because it has the approval are dragging into politics something tics, and some of them are disposed be before condemning it? to assail Mr. Borden because he roes not enter a protest against an undeclared policy. The Colonist has all through the discussion of this question held Mr. Borden's course to be admirable. It has been dignified, patriotic and reserved. He has never exhibited the qualities of true statesmanship and of successful leadership better than in his course on this question, which is of such a momentous character that upon its satisfactory solution the relation of the component parts of the Empire in the future will very largely depend.

We note that one prominent eastern solution of this question the first so much as it looks at first sight. The solution of this question the first place, after the duty of bearing our share in Imperial defence has been solved as the cords must be preserved. After they share in Imperial defence has been solved the extra cords must be preserved. After they cords must be preserved. After they cords must be preserved. conceded, must be given to the main-tenance of the principles of Colonial for general circulation are not a very self-government. The man or the serious matter. newspaper which thinks the Conser- The St. John Telegraph says "New vative party can hope to carry Canada upon a platform which does not of the West." Perhaps it does. But interests of Newfoundland and its peo ada upon a platform which the full these principles is did our contemporary ever stop to pie.

With reference to Premier Morrison by the might? under a complete delusion. The re- think where the West got its spirit? lations of the self-governing Domin- If it did, it would find that most of it had of Mr. Ward's letter was when it ions and the Mother Country are in a process of somewhat rapid evolution. British peoples are engaged in working out a new problem in nature of the Eastern provinces. There's a big moral in this somewhat rapid evolution. British peoples are engaged in where, we fancy; but we shall not company intended to answer the Government's communication and offered try to think it out today. tional development; in which independence within the Empire is an essential feature, and this must find expression in any permanent system of Imperial defence. The people of Canperial defence. The people of Canperial defence of the principle of the thing is that the principle of the thing is that the principle of the same. ada will not be content to play the principle of the thing is that the part of tributaries. The partnership swing does not move, but the house in must, as Viscount Milner said, be between equals. Fortunately for the contemporaries we are reminded of Conservative party of Canada, the this contrivance. They think the greater portion of which is composed whole world has got out of gear. of men holding this view, Mr. R. L. Borden has not been and is not likely ing still and the rest of us are moving. to be missed into the error, into which some of the Concervative papers have fallen. He may be trusted to keep wounded, is a striking comment upon the imputation of the party free from the imputation that Conservatives are disposed to turn the wheels of the clock backward and abandon the result of years of experience and many important precedents in the development of inter-Imperial nationality. He is following the best traditions of the party, as they were exemplithe reputation of the party free from the failure of the law, as it is now fied in the career of Sir John Macdonald, who, while as strunch a believer in British connection as any man could be, and ready to make any sacrifice for the maintenance of the than any other political leader Can- he alleges among other things, that stroyed. The buildings were ada has ever known to develop the constitutional principle involved in

### THE VIEW OF THE TIMES.

inter-Imperial independence.

We referred a few days ago to the fact that the London Times had changed its position in regard to the it is abyssmal indeed. Budget. This was stated in a tele-We are now able to give that

or three weeks the political situation has undergone a change.

For a much longer period observers who were not misled by their desire may have felt that the fate of the Finance Bill was balanced as on a razor edge. When the consideration of the bill was postponed for a fortnight it was recognized that so far as proress was concerned the government ere in an impasse. The interval has afforded an oppor-

tunity not only for an amendment of as it found an exponent in Mr. minion the rules of the house, but for the Gladstone, and there were not lacking gating. consideration of reports from the country, and of the effect on opinion of the more recent by-elections. More turned upon the High Peak election than all perhaps were aware during the contest.

That the government feel themselves to be in a stronger position to-day than two months ago is plainly indicated by the confidence which Ministrate which it conversation on the ters exhibit in conversation on the subject. It is also indicated by the trend of gossip, and by that curious sense of change which may be felt by those sensitive to impressions, a change comparable only to the turn of the tide upon an estuary when the moored boats swing slowly around ..

This is a very notable statement, especially as it followed Lord Lansdowne's much talked-of threat by a week or two. What is said in the extract is only what every disinterested observer of events might have anticipated. Perhaps even more significant is the language of the Morning Post, which thinks there has been too much made of the land tax, "There is some

reason to fear," the Post says, "that | those, who thought they saw in the the campaign against the Budget has exceptional course taken by him at the concerned itself too much with the time of the funeral of that great statescase of the large owners of land, and man, an intention to show how hightoo little with the smaller owners and ly he regarded him. Queen Victoria's occupiers—those representatives of the personal predilections in the matter of thrifty, hardworking middle-class who politics were well known. She was will be hardly hit even with the £500 staunchly Conservative. She never concession, of which the Chancellor of outgrew the views, which were inthe Exchequer and his friends have culcated in the early part of her life made so much. It is thought, too, by Baron Stockmar, who was the polmany members and politicians that the litical tutor of herself and the Prince special organization formed to fight Consort. the Finance Bill has not sufficiently kept before its audience the only alternative to a Socialistic Budgetternative to a Socialistic Budget— world that "the whole of Canada, ex-Tariff Reform." The truth of the cept the region near the Coast of matter is that the Conservatives have British Columbia, is favored with tive press is courting another disas- made light of their opponents. They ter for its party. It has suited the have told each other so often that the Great Britain, Germany, Holland, or purpose of some editorial writers to Asquith ministry is "a Cabinet of Northern France." The Toronto assail in advance the policy of mediocrities" that they have come to Board of Trade should come out to naval defence, which has been agreed believe it, whereas in point of fact Victoria and see what the sun looks upon between the representatives of there are not on the Conservative side the Dominion government and the men who can hope to equal Mr. As-British ministry. No one knows just quith, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Winston what that policy is, because there has Churchill or Mr. Haldane in subtlety acumen.

of their political opponents. They "the weak-kneed naval policy of Can-like. Come out and see. ada." How would it do to wait and that ought to have no place in poli- find out what the policy is going to

New York justice of the peace is going to fine aeroplanists if they exceed the speed limit. For an exhibiways safe in going to a United States Special to The Evening Post.

London, Aug. 24.—General Manager tion of original asininity you are al-

Canadian government wastes a lot of with their telegraph system. If Conservative paper denies that in the money in printing blue books. Not the Gevernment the Anglo-American

which it is does. When we read some

able men could have settled in half

Herbert Branston Gray, D. D., headmaster of Bradford College, England, is organizing an emigration and during that time there will be no land, is organizing an emigration messages. The manager cannot approperly scheme, and in his preliminary circular that "England is in abyssmal ignorance," The origin of the fire is a mystery so regarding the opportunities presented by other countries. If the ignorance of Canada on the part of the other

The London correspondent of the New York Times says that the King's its "Political Notes." We quote:

There are subtle indications at St. Stephens' and also indications that are not subtle, that within the last two or three weeks the political situation has undergone a change a change of the last in the discharge of his numbers. in the least in the discharge of his numbers. duties, nor would he allow them to be known in order to influence the course of events. He was a model in this respect as Prince of Wales, when there might have been some excuse for his destroyed by the bush fire. letting his views be known. But long ago it was pretty well understood that he was in sympathy with Liberalism as it found an exponent in Mr. minion secret service police are investi-

What's this libel we hear? The Toronto Board of Trade is telling the more sunshine than any portion of like when it shines. Back in that out in the summer it is so hot that people wish they could do, as Sydney Smith wanted to, " take off their flesh and sit in their bones." Here-but An Eastern contemporary speaks of there is no use in telling what it's

### INVITED TO BREAK UP OLD MONOPOLY

General Manager of Commercial Cable Company Gives Views on Situ-ation in Newfoundland.

J. P.

Premier Morris, of Newfoundland, thinks the Defence Conference a wonthinks the Defence Conference a wonderful success. "Every British Colony was anxious to share the burden and bear the responsibilities of Empire." That has a good sound.

The London Free Press thinks the Commercial has been invited by the Newfoundland Government to connect with the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercian Government creates a monopoly. Mr. Ward declares it is for the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercial Covernment creates a monopoly. Mr. Ward declares it is for the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercial Covernment creates a monopoly. Mr. Ward declares it is for the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercial contract with the Newfoundland Government creates a monopoly. Mr. Ward declares it is for the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercial contract with the Newfoundland Government creates a monopoly. Mr. Ward declares it is for the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercial contract with the Newfoundland Government creates a monopoly. Mr. Ward declares it is for the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercial contract with the Newfoundland Government creates a monopoly. Mr. Ward declares it is for the purpose of breaking up the Anglo-American Telegrahp statement that the Commercian Telegrahp statement th Commercial servered its connection wit

Over in Seattle on the A. Y. P. him a copy of the proposed reply when Premier Morris declined to read. Mr ward adds that the Commercial company made a seattle commercial commerci

#### FOUND IN GRAVEL PIT AFTER DEATH

When the fact is that they are stand-ing still and the rest of us are moving.

Body of Man Caught in Cave-in Found Hours After Fatal Accident, Standing Erect.

Marconi's Heavy Loss.

Glace Bay, N. S., Aug. 23.—It will take months to replace the delicate apparatus which was destroyed in the burning of

of Canada on the part of the other
42,697,851 residents of the United Kingdom is half as "abyssmal" as Dr.
Gray's seems to be, judging from the
way he proposes to settle the country,
it is abyssmal indeed.

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> Small Damage By Fire Nelson, Aug. 24.—A C. P. R. ico were the only structures at Rosebery

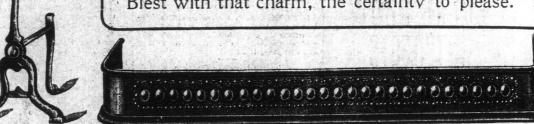
Counterfeit Coins. Toronto, Aug. 23.—Counterfeit 25-cent pieces are in circulation and the Do-

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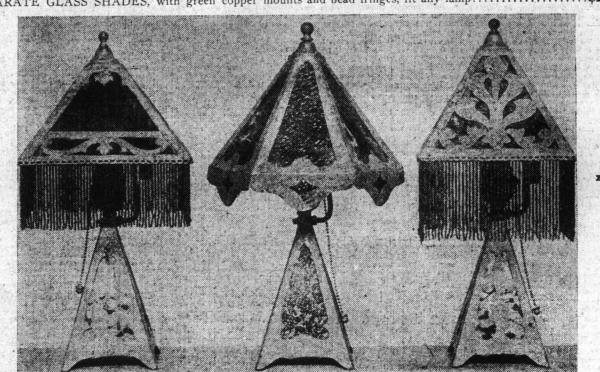
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# PROVINCIAL NEW

The district board of the l Mine Workers have organized tematic relief for the victims or recent disastrous fire at Coal Cre

Touching the gross exaggeratio the forest fire conditions in the Kc nays, the following appears in current issue of the Fernie Dis Ledger: "The clouds of sn hanging over the Lizard raths had the effect of stirup all sorts of rumors to the close proximity by fire. Chief McDougall made an exhaus inspection of the vicinity of Morrand stated to the Ledger that repabout the fire within eight miles the town and he considered Fernie faring remarkably well this summ

"Canada," a magazine published London, Eng., in its isue of July fills one page with two fine half-trengravings. The one is a cut of city of Nelson, B.C., and the other vices at the title "Packing apples city of Nelson, B.C., and the other v has as its title, "Packing apples Nelson, B.C." Strange to say, this I ter is a view of a Peachland orch in which two packers are engaged wrapping and packing peaches peach crates. On the end of each t may, by the aid of a magnifying gla be read "Peachland Trading Co., a Peachland Peaches," and now Peach land protests pertinently. land protests pertinently.

## A TRAGEDY OF ERRORS. Erroneous Announcement of De Brings Two Women Close to the Grave.

A tragedy of errors is reported connection with the illness respectly of Mrs. Robinson of Vancouver Mrs. Jeffries, her mother, of Nama Both ladies are very ill, and thresome regretable mischance the Advertiser on Sunday appropried. some regretable mischance the Ne Advertiser on Sunday announced death of Mrs. Robinson, and that funeral would take place on Mond at 2 o'clock. This intimation is caused such a shock to the mot that she is now in a very serious of ditton, while knowledge of mother's dangerous illness has great reduced Mrs. Robinson's chances of covery.

VERNON FIRE CONSPIRACY Evidence at the coroner's inquest the Okanagan 'Hotel fire at Verr tends to show that others than Alex der Smith were implicated in the crit Before he disappeared, Smith wra letter to a friend in Chilliwack saing that his body would be found a swamp at Swan lake. He borrow witted from a triend hefore leavity a swamp at Swan lake. He borrow a pistol from a friend before leavi and told him that he was not guil but that he knew who had set fire the hotel. He said it was a m worth forty-five thousand dollars, a that he would never divulge his nan he would take the rope first.

The country is being scoured Smith, as it is not thought that committed suicide, it being known the took a pair of blankets with hand that he told the boy who gave it the gun that he intended to stea

the gun that he intended to ste horse and get across the line.

A sensational statement was m at the inquest by A. Sigalet, one of hotel proprietors, who hinted that suspected his partner, Albers, of be guilty of the orime. He said that the state of the partner of his partners.

guilty of the orime. He said t shortly after they started business bers said to him that if things did turn out satisfactory, all they had do was to touch a match to the buing. Albers did not stop in the he and did not go to bed the night of fire, sleeping with his boots and treers on, on the lounge in his house explained this by saying he was fering from diarrhoea.

It transpired at the inquest there was only one fire escape on building and no ropes in the bedroe as required by law. The proprie testified that the building had no

been inspected for fire escapes. As fire brigade is a volunteer or ization, the act places the duty of let ing after the enforcement of the escape law upon the city police. The reason that the jury adjour was that they hoped Smith whe secured during the week, and must be induced to turn King's evidence. When volunteer helpers went to move the horses at Alex. Smith's bles, they found that they had alrohen taken out, although the fire not then advanced dangerously.

## ALBERNI'S TIMBER WEALT Eight Hundred and Forty-Five lion Feet of Standing Timber 21,120 Acres

Eight hundred and forty-five lion feet is an estimate of the am of merchantable timber that ca logged off 21,120 acres of timber its in the Alberni district, account to the Pioneer News. The fighave just been compiled by George Jalley a cruiser who is well kn Jalley, a cruiser who is well kn in this and other districts of Br Columbia. The timber was m staked by S. H. Toy, of Alberni, W. B. Garrard, of Victoria, whom were associated C. F. Lay A. G. H. Potts, of this city. It sold, in January last, to James Nare and F. I. Skenns of Vanco Nare and E. J. Skeans, of Vanco for whom Mr. Jalley has been mating. It is located around Sp Great Central and Nahmint lake

## ALBERNI HAS A GRIEVANO Claims Discrimination By Steam Company in the Handling of Lumber.

Company in the Handling of Lumber.

The new Alberni Board of Trad a meeting Monday, shaped a griev to be laid before the C. P. R. fre department. C. F. Blandy, on beha the two lumber mills of the town, ted that lumber billed for West C points was frequently left on the w for several weeks before being shi owing to the refusal of the steam officers to load it at the first on tunity. The excuse usually made that the ship already had a full load, but this excuse could not justly used on the following trip of steamer as the lumber billed at Alberni ought then to have priover later consignments from Vict This action was injurious to the interests as it was forcing consut to order from Victoria, because could not stand the delays experie on orders placed at New Alberni, eral members spoke, condemning attitude of the steamship company numerous cases of delay were it was also stated that lumber sometimes left behind when there ample room for it on the deck of the steamship competed was instructed to send data the adquarters of the steamship com in Victoria. quarters of the steamship con