DEPARTURE OF THE TROOPS.

The time having come when Canada has, as in duty bound, undertaken the responsibility of the defence of her own territory, we will in the course of a site of ten thousand acres to a comfew weeks witness the departure from Work Point barracks of the last corps of Imperial troops stationed in Canada. Thus one phase of the relations between the Mother Country and Canada will terminate. The relation has continued for more than a century, and the change is one of unusual historic interest. Those who imagine that matter drop until the government rethe absence of Imperial troops from Canada will in any sense weaken the tie which binds the Dominion to the transgressions or iniquities. To the dollars, have been compelled to return Empire little understand the true sentiment of Canadians. The tie will be all the stronger because of the new responsibilities assumed by the Canadian could have been no objection whatever. government. But of these things more | The company had no reason to expect may be said by and bye. At present | more than that. There was no obligatwo matters call for consideration, namely, how we shall speed the parting troops and welcome their successors, and just now principally the former. To-night a meeting is to be held in the City Hall for the purpose of discussing this, and the invitation of the Mayor is to ladies as well as to

ADVANCING VICTORIA.

There was a gratifyingly large attendance at the meeting called last night to consider ways and means of maintaining and promoting the interests of the city of Victoria. The spirit pervading the assembly may also be said to be premonitory of the accomplishment of good work. There was some divergency of view, it is true, as a meeting called primarily for organization purposes. It was not within the province of the promoters of the movement to prepare a programme and submit it to the company. All that could reasonably be expected was a general expression of opinion respecting the lines to be followed, leaving to a committee the arrangement of details.

What was especially encouraging in the preliminary meeting was the very large number of able and energetic citzens, young men who have not hitherto taken an active part in the public affairs of the city, who were present and participated in the discussion. Now that they have place I their hands the plow, let us express the hope that they will not turn back, but will continue to take a prominent part in the conduct of municipal matters, for which duties their talents and their energies evidently qualify them.

As to the lines on which the proposed organization shall work, that is a matter which must be left to the windom of the citizens of Victoria in the aggregate. There is a broad field before us, and it is practically in a virgin state. The Tourist Association has accomplished a great deal, but its work has necessarily been confined to the purposes its name suggests. If it has accomplished something which we believe to be of even greater value than the promotion of the tourist trade, such as the inducement of men who have made fortunes in the broad fields of the Northwest to come in and take up their permanent abode in this neighborhood of unsurpassed and unrivalled climatic attractions, that was accomplishment of still greater things along parallel lines. Douotless what has already been done in that way will be urged as a reason why there should be active co-operation between the old association and that which is to be means for the support of the work of the Tourist Association, and to ask them to practically double their subscriptions might be regarded as an imposition, possibly endangering a deservedly gained, much commenda-

There are other lines, apart entirely from those followed by the Tourist Association, to which the proposed club or organization could apply its energies, such, for example, as the promotion of a proper spirit of civic pride and of loyalty to local institutions. This is said to be the one thing lacking in the average Victorian. He can see no beauty or comeliness in the place in which he has cast his lot-until he goes to some other place and discovers there are black spots on the resplendent orb which excited his admiration from afar. That is the pirit which should be extirpated. At the same time it must be remembered that wherever the means of earning a livelihood can be found is the spot at which the population will gather. We must have industries as well as attractions before we can hope to retain a population after we have attracted it. And we must also have educational institutions of the very best class. This is a point we have often urged against the arguments of the belated citizen who so regularly inveighs against the cost of education and the burden of erecting school buildings in harmony with the tendencies of the times. They are points to which we invite the attention of the organizers of the promotion association.

"PROTECTING" THE PUBLIC.

minds of the people of the eastern selves minds of the members of the govern-

of the public domain of great potential | the farmers, has its guild or its union value for the relief of the heavily Again, it is asked, why should whole-burdened taxpayers of British Colum-sale grocers or retail grocers or pany or band of adventurers or speculators, who in turn disposed of the property to the Grand Trunk Pacific going to call for the attention of the Railway Company, presumably at considerable profit to themselves.

We have repeatedly called attention

to this aspect of the Kaien Island land

deal, and we do not propose to let the

sponsible for the outrageous transaction has answered to the public for its conveyance to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company of sufficient land for tion on the part of the government of the province to furnish the company, either through intermediaries or directly, with thousands of acres of public land and miles of waterfront bound in the course of a very short time to be of great value for purely speculative purposes. The lands belonged to the should have been retained for the peodecent regard for its duties as trustee for the public, would have closed its speculators, whether local or foreign, with "pull" or without "pull," and would have held Kaien Island and all the territory adjacent thereto, for the benefit of the public it was elected to serve. Instead of was only natural and to be expected in performing an obvious duty, a deal was made in secret, and the secrecy was maintained with fidelity until the speclators "on the inside" had acquired all the territory their hearts desired within a certain radius of the Pacific terminus of the transcontinental railway and an effective way had been prepared for the enrichment of the favored ones, to the exclusion of the general public and the impoverishment of the legitimate own-

ers of the property. It is no wonder the Premier feels that some explanation is due in order to propitiate the public and to allay the feelings of resentment which have been aroused-a resentment which will be increased as the real aspect of the notorious transaction becomes apparent.

"FOREIGN" RAILWAYS.

It is all very well to curse "Jim" Hill and to inveigh against him and his other as a corporate marauder. It may be true that Mr. Hill subsidizes newswould be no unusual thing for a railway corporation to do. It has been and journalists on its pay roll. Assuredly it has loyal defenders in this part of Canada. But let us consider a supposititious case, ponder it over carefully and independently, and endeavor to find out whether the bugaboo that Mr. Hill's designs are to drain the country of its resources, not to develop and utilize them, would have any effect in raising barriers to his entrance. Suppose it were announced tomerely incidental. But it suggests the morrow that the Great Northern railway was looking for an entrance into Victoria, how many citizens would rise in alarm and hasten to oppose the designs of the evil-minded foreign corporation? Our opinion is that Mr. Hill would be received with open arms and established in order that there may be invited to help himself to the best our no conflict in effort and no waste of city contains. We know that one resources. Because we must not lose newspaper in Vancouver consistently sight of the obvious truth that our and determinedly assailed the idea of merchants and other citizens have al-ready contributed handsomely of their construct its line through the southern portion of British Columbia. That journal is now most optimistic in its predictions of the benefits that will surely accrue to Vancouver from the advent of the Great Northern railway. work which has already gained, and There is not a community in this province or in any other part of Canada served by an American railway that would think of abandoning the connections it has gained. The boundary line from the Pacific to the Atlantic is crossed and recrossed by railways, Canadian and American, and the individual or the newspaper attempting to argue that the connections afforded are detrimental to the interests of the communities served would be regarded as in a state of mental aberration calling for official restraint. It might just as reasonably be argued that steamship connection and all forms of transportation are schemes for draining countries of their wealth as that railway enterprises, beginning where they may and ending at any place you choose to name, are the instruments of foreign brigands. We might as well be told at once that there is but one way to insure to Canadians the benefits of the great natural wealth of their country: to enclose themselves inviolably within their boundary walls and refuse ingress or egress. The public man who would dare to advance such a propositio would rightly be regarded as a fool. The advocates of railway exclusion are so regarded by all persons save the very small class who have interests to serve in raising the exclusion agita-

GRASPING COMBINES. Certain dealers in Ontario were Deposits of silver, which are said to lately indicted and fined for conspiring be the richest in the world, have been to restrain trade. They formed combin northern Ontario. It has entered the certain figure and to insure themexorbitant profits. theirs in their communal capacity, and tent of putting out of business concerns should not be handed over by the or houses which refused to come into state to whomsoverer is lucky enough their combines. Now the organizations or even enterprising enough to first lay want the law changed. They aver that hands upon it, Tous creditable senti- as these are the days of organizations ment has been impressed upon the they cannot understand why they in particular should be discriminated ment of the province, and it is said to against. Labor is not denied the right be the intention of Premier Whitney to form combinations and to fix the to make arrangements for the extrac- rates at which that which it has to tion of the silver in the name of and dispose of shall be sold. Lawyers and on behalf of the public, and to apply doctors have their unions and their the profits in defraying the cost of scales of prices, and they have secured government. The Ottawa correspond- legal recognition of their organizations. ent of a contemporary hints in a deli- The position of the wholesalers should government had a ments and practical working agree-

grocers or retail grocers or plumbers, or any trade, be restrained in the enjoyment of privileges looking to the extraction of the greatest possible amount of profit from the general public? That is the situation which is create? Take our educational institufederal government. If the members of it has been proved that during the past year the combinations which are asking for the legal right to exist and to which men with families place operate without molestation have been charged with robbing private persons at least a part of that which they tion of the agriculturists, who are apparently the class upon which all the other parasites feed? If the tend- situation for the establishment people, and their prospective values impelled to regulate the rates charged ple. A government imbued with a due evitable tendency of the times, what sense of its responsibilities, having a is the ultimate outcome going to be: the operation of all interests and industries by the state? Is the greed of ears to the appeals and arguments of gain as manifested in a general desire

> BETTER A DINNER OF HERBS, ETC.

It is refreshing—aye, it is gratifying

beyond measure-in these days of un-

rest and grasping after bubbles which

burst and leave not a speck of sub-

stance in the hand even as they are

grasped, to meet with one who is sattisfied with the work Providence has given him to do, who does it with all his might, and who grumbles not to an unreasonable extent when some of the goals for which he strives are proven by events-such as elections-to be unattainable. The Colonist thus moralizes: "And after all money and business excitement are not the only things worth striving for in this world. If they were, it would be put a poor compensation for living. The editor of this paper would sooner write editorials six days a week, with an occasional sermon for the benefit of Sunday readers, than be John D. Rockefeller with his millions and live the sequestered, sad, lonely, dyspetic life he does." More power to the hand that set these great railways, the one as an adventurer, the truths upon paper. The Standard Oil King is not a man to be envied. The Philistines, in the form of public inpapers to advocate his cause. That quisitors, are after him, intent upon finding out the methods by which he accumulated his vast hoards. This asserted that the C. P. R. has journals king of wealth accumulators, this man envied above all men by his strenuous fellow-citizens of the United States, is determined that his Midas-like secrets shall remain locked inviolably in his own dyspeptic bosom. And behold the manner of life he leads in the effort to elude his enemies: He is immured somewhere in the neighborhood of Lakewood, N. J., a place of asylums. His guards and the workmen employ ed about his house have been supplied with watchmen's alarm whistles. blasts of the whistle give warning that an intruder, possibly a newspaper correspondent, has broken through some loophole in the woods and is approaching the house. At this signal all the of Jim Hill or any other foreigner? watchmen at the gates are expected to leave their posts and hunt the interloper. It is now three weeks since Mr. Rockefeller has ventured outdoors, and pacing back and forth in the sun corridor of his house by several persons who have eluded the guards and almost reached the house. There are indications at the Rockefeller place that the retired head of the Standard Oil Company is about to emerge from his seclusion of the last four months. Workmen are removing the topdressing from his private golf links, and the steam roller has been sent over the course to smooth the breaks made by the frost. As golf is a passion with Mr Rockefeller it is believed that he will be out on the links soon.

Who would not prefer the job of editing a newspaper even with poverty and an approving conscience as its sole reward, and occasional political reverses as its crosses, to the sense of great possessions under such circumstances as confront Mr. Rockefeller to day? If John D. had his choice, is it not obvious that he would foresake all, private golf links included, and say, 'back to the old sanctum for me!"

As a political institution the Colonist is a fearful and wonderful production. As a philosopher having no choice but to make the most of the circumstances in which God has been pleased to place it (we hope we may be forgiven for this sacrilegious association of names) its precepts are comforting to the soul.

THE ONE THING LACKING.

An Eastern newspaper points out that "one of the Halifax newspapers | rich, red, health-giving blood, which complains that while the city is enormously wealthy, Halifax money is in the body, bringing health, strength making money for every place except and energy to weak, despondent, ail-Hallfax. The situation is an unfortunate one for a city to find itself in." This raises in a direct form the question of civic patriotism, which we have heard it said Victorians are deplorably only medicine I have taken when I discovered at a place called Cobalt in ations to maintain prices at a lacking in. But what are we going to do about it? We confess it is a difficult matter to treat of. If the capital- easily tired and depressed. I got three in the city Tuesday, says that there province that the wealth revealed is wielded great power, to the ex- ists of Victoria believe they see opportunities for profitable investment elsewhere, no power inherent in the community of which they are members can prevent them from taking advantage of the industrial or commercial situa- sick need a tonic in the spring, and demand. Asked as to what truth tion as it presents itself to their indi- to all these a box or two of Dr. Wil- there was in the report that the mines vidual judgment. A community may liams' Pink Pills will bring new enof removing obstacles to the profitable may be more seriously ailing, who are chinery, Mr. Little stated that there conduct of business within the confines suffering from any of the ailments due was no such work in contemplation. If of its own particular locality. That is to bad blood-a fair treatment with the machinery mentioned were install a matter that should receive the care- these pills will bring new health and el, it could all be done in twenty-four ful consideration of the people who vitality. You can get these pills from hours. have so enthusiastically taken up the any medicine dealer or by mail from question of advancing the interests of | the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockocto way, but at a rather inopportune of the position of all other interests in this land of organight be crofitably emulated by the izations for the maintenance of condi- portation, lower rates of taxation, or in irst Conservative government of Bri- tions permitting of the earning of "a any of the numerous things that i'sh Columbia. We say the hint is living wage." Then there are the rail- help materially in the promotion of inthrown out rather inopportunely, be- ways, which have pooling arrange- dustry, in the stimulation of growth and in the creation of prosperity? We 6 portunity to reserve a portion ments. Every interest, excepting only have natural attractions here of an in-

comparable character. Our climate is comparable character. Our climate is unsurpassed; there is no locality on the Pacific coast, or on any other coast of America, blessed as we are in that one important respect. Have we made the most of that advantage by adding to it advantages it is in our power to tions. Are they such as ought to be federal government. K the members of the government should point out that dignity of the finest residential centre LARGE SALES MADE on the North Pacific coast? There is nothing in the list of attractions upon higher value in these days, notwithstanding all that individuals who as and public institutions of thousands of sume that the times are out of joint may say to the contrary, than institutions of learning. Good schools attract "extracted," and, in addition, have the very best class of people. That been subjected to heavy fines, will has been demonstrated over and over they retort that like things could be again. It is something the neighbor-proved against the labor and the legal ing city of Vancouver has realised and the medical, and the various other from the beginning of its career and organizations, again with the excep- from the realization of which it has very largely profited. Where is there on the Pacific coast a more perfect ency to organize and to combine can- university than in Victoria? And not be restrained, will Parliament be where in Canada could there be found tion of prices in general, as it has felt all respects to found such an institution than in Victoria provided the by railways? And if that is the in- spirit moved them to perform some act that would perpetuate their names? Would such a movement be premature -in advance of the times? It is one of the very first matters to engage the attention of the authorities of the newfor exorbitant profits going to force ly created provinces of Alberta and upon us Socialism in a modified form? Saskatchewan. There is not a province in the Dominion save one, and that one physical proportions and lack of reources, that has not or is not about to have one or more universities. The day is not far distant when the government of British Columbia will be not afford to lag behind the times. It is in the power of the highly favored city of Victoria to force the government's hand and to profit by its foresight and enterprise. Other sections of the province of British Columbia, as might be expected, and for which they are to be commended, are moving in this matter and preparing the way for the developments of the future. But outside of these points the general opinion is that Victoria possesses the chief advantages, and she would have the strongest support if she were to

act in such a manner as to prove that she has an intelligent anticipation of events. We have not heard of any movement in either Canada or the United States in advocacy of the lost cause of reciprocity. The Republican, the majority party in the United States, have publicly announced that nothing will be the republic and any other countries tion, which will be held in 1908. The nounced by our Finance Minister, it is now handling the Douglas estate. believed, will contain practical evireciprocity with the United States, and as no public man of prominence, nor even an individual of insignificance, why should we worry about the views

John Alexander Dowie, it appears, was about to seek a divorce from his commanded to change his matrimonial arrangements. This is not an unusual thing in the chronicled experience of leaders in movements of the character of Zion. They have been known to "see things" in strict accord with their own private inclinations—inclinations which might be described as lusts of the flesh if revealed in the lives of ordinary responsible mortals.

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FOR REAL ESTATE

IN DOUGLAS ESTATE

Winnipeg Capitalists Looking to Future Purchase Extensive Block-Other Property Changes Hands.

There has been a very large influx of visitors from the prairie sections of the Dominion during the past summer. Included among them have been some of the most successful men of Winnicalled upon to undertake the regula- a collection of men better qualified in | peg and other cities of the prairies. These men have not been slow to see the great possibilities of the city and the advantages of securing residential property before there is an advance in

In consequence there has been during the past few weeks a very considerable quantity of property transferred from former owners to these men from the prairie provinces. Several of them have is forever disbarred by reason of its of taking up their residence upon it at purchased property with the intention once. There are others, however, who after looking into the situation have become convinced that although they are not at the present time prepared to retire from their business relations forced to act in this matter. We can- in the Northwest, the time is opportune to secure for themselves property upon which they may in a few years erect residences and make their homes in the city.

Others with means have realized that there is in the prairie sections a de cided feeling in favor of Victoria as a place of residence, and knowing the true extent of this have taken the precaution to make investments preparatory to what may be regarded as a oom in real estate which will follow as the charms of the city of Victoria become better known

Residents of this city are not fully aware of the activity manifested in real estate as a result of this. Some idea may be formed, however, by the extent of the sales in the Douglas estate. Within the past week or two there has been sold in this part of the city about 65 or 70 acres of land. Of this amount there has been 28 acres in one block extending along the Daldone for the relief of trade between las road from Moss street to Cook until lafter the next presidential elecstreet. This block of land was purthrough the agency of a former resi-Americans are so well satisfied with dent of the city of Winnipeg now living trade conditions now that the domin- in Victoria. Beside the block of 28 acres, ant party believes it would be unwise five additional acres on the east side to attempt to disturb them. The sen- of Moss street has been purchased. timent in Canada is practically the The sale was made by the B. C. Land same. The tariff changes to be an- and Investment Company, which is

The plans of the syndicate which has dences of this view. As all is well in made the purchase is not made known, Canada at the present time, and there but it is believed that the intention is seems to be no general demand for to lay it off in lots to suit the requirements of intending residents.

In addition to this block of land in the estate there has been a considerhas asked for a fiscal change, able quantity of the land sold to persons who intend to make their homes here or who see excellent opportunities for investment. In all within the past few weeks there has been over thirty acres disposed of in lots of from one wife. But the separation was not to and a half to two acres in the estate no word regarding the state of his be sought for ordinary carnal reasons. | independent of that sold to the syndihealth has come from the Rockefeller The doctor had a "vision," and was cate referred to. These smaller lots ous parts of the Northwest, and are intended as residential property.

Moss street extending through the estate has been a favorite place for those seeking homes, and the sales along the street are very numerous. The sales have not been confined by any means to the Douglas estate. In the same district of the city there has been a considerable move in real estate in the Phoenix sub-division, which lies along the waterfront west of the ceme-

Other parts of the city have likewise experienced a like activity, and there is no denying the fact that there is a decided demand at the present time for city property.

Grant & Convers have just effected the purchase of a house and two lots on Belton avenue for Mr. Marling, of Regina, who has become so delighted with the city that he has decided to make this his permanent home.

The transfer of the residence and office of Dr. George Duncan on Fort street to D. O. M. Jones is taking place. This is a four storey building, and is excellently situated.

-The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Daykin, mother of the lighthouse keeper at Carmanah, was referred to on Monday in these columns. The remains the D. G. S. Quadra. The funeral will all the world is Dr. William's Pink of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Comtake place to-morrow from the parlors pany at 2.30 for Christ Church cathedral. Mrs. Daykin was a native of Yorkshire, England, and had attained the advanced age of 83 at the time of her death. She passed away on Sunday at the home of her son, Thomas Daykin, keeper of the lighthouse. Her son and grandson accompanied the remains to the city last night.

-F. Little, superintendent of the spring I was feeling poorly, was weak, Wellington Colliery Company, who was boxes and they made me feel like a will be at least eighteen or twenty medicine I know of when the blood is during the summer. The northern days' work each month at the mines trade will start about the end of this month, and this will add greatly to the might close down for two weeks in

> -The quarterly general meeting of the board of trade will be held on Friday, the 20th inst. It has been postponed a week owing to the Good Fri day holiday. The secretary announces that any members having new business should send in the usual notification immediately. A full attendance is

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At a meeting of th Club held in Vancouv evening Premier McBri G. Tatlow spoke on

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assuming office, said, a News-Advertiser, that into power in 1903 they fairs of the province tion, particularly in t partment. They had to of \$800,000 with less tha treasury. A large sum owing from the government minion from what was Chinese head tax. Fo was kept back and it pefore they were able made matters worse notified them that the pect consideration after expenditure the mone hand. The governm could. It called togethe of the four princip province and asked t to tide them over. T regretted that they co the government did a negotiating a loan of with an insurance con on its first holding a and showing that it h of the country. The that it had to bring o once in order to get ponents said it was snap vote, but in rea at that time was as m the government as to was necessitated by t dition of the country. This year they ha commence the work

taxes. They had redu property tax by a s and there were also in other directions. small, but it was the wedge that would bri their original taxation elaborating a policy b years they might get hey needed from the of the province. Hon. Mr. Tatlow o Western land grant, with the Midway & ed into by the gov

transaction the finar he felt more satisfie than this Kaien Islan looked at Vancouver gress going on, and t government of the that land to the C purposes, when he co gain with the barga government with th that they had made gain indeed for the olumbia. Had taken to other po Simpson, the provi made a cent out of and they were entit lot, and one-fourth with the first choice an acre given for th bagatelle. It might considering the rest Their opponents had deal, but the gover was clean in its de fused to deal with a credited agent of Company. They ha but until Mr. Bodwe he was empowered

for the G. T. P. th deal with him. Another matter exportation of timbe every effort so to laws that it would sible to take a sing out of the country future, and he hope coming when they law to every scrap the province, so th up their manufactu money here.

Premier McBride of his time to the couver members. Fo he would challenge province to produc could compare with He was delighted platform his old fri Mr. Wilson, Two journeyed north ville. They had o at various places then found that if Columbia was rega spect it was his o Mr. Charles Wilson withdrawn from the but it was more tha him as a Conservat "And may he los with us!" added the useful, painstaking to this city." The premier likev

Kaien Island trans bia & Western gr. pursued with respec latter he said he ment was right to \$750,000 on the str done by two boys to refer it to the c ernment they were people and it wa that the money of Justice they would