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BRITAIN'S CHARACTER VINDICATED.

Very many people believe that England at one time went to war with China in order to force its Government to admit British grown opium into its ports.

"Last week," says the Times, "we showed from the unimpeachable evidence of Dr. Hedden, one of the most learned scholars of our time, that the British nation had nothing whatever to do with the introduction of opium into China."

"At any rate I wish to tell you this: the Ministry of the country have never said to any man that he must hand over his estates at a particular price to the Government."

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formed one move in a deliberate policy to drive 'the foreign devils' from the Chinese ports. After insulating and imprisoning our envoys, poisoning the water supply and perpetrating various fantastic outrages, the Chinese Commissioner issued a proclamation, which amounted to a declaration of war, on December 6, 1839.

The tariff under the treaty of Nanking, nor does the supplementary treaty of October 1843, contain any stipulation with regard to opium. Nothing seems to have been done with regard to the drug.

The most deplorable mistake to be encouraged by these cheerful prognostics coming from all quarters and from both parties. At home, too, the business prospect is brightening.

AN IDEAL CORPORATION.

A good deal has been said and written of late about the way in which the affairs of the city of Glasgow are managed.

BALANCING.

The Grits may be expected now to take a stand on the Manitoba school question.

GOLDEN CARIBOO.

Following is an interview with W. F. Sargent, secretary of the Slough Creek Mining Co., now in Montreal on a business trip.

A CANADIAN JINGO.

The St. Thomas, Ont., Times has been bragging about what Great Britain has been doing on the Pacific Coast in the way of fortifying and garrisoning "the great fortress of Esquimaux."

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ever affects the prosperity of these two countries, in which we find the principal markets for our products, must affect Canada. In both these are signs of a revival of business, and in the United States the improvement is extensive and widespread."

The Montreal Gazette is equally cheerful and hopeful. It says: "The signs of reviving trade multiply with the revolving weeks, and the evidences of permanency in the recuperation are becoming more and more numerous."

The work has been done without any fuss, and, as far as we can learn, without bitterness. The members of the Corporation of Glasgow evidently do not know what hoodlum means.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

GREAT interest is now taken in British Columbia by our fellow-subjects in the East. They are beginning to be convinced that what they have heard of the mineral wealth of the province is within the truth.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE CAUCUSING.

TO THE EDITOR:—In Sunday's COLONIST there is a report how obtained it would be interesting to know of the secret session held at the school trustees' meeting.

FOR a long time there has been a very evident feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction in Victoria West with the manner in which the school is conducted, and at almost every meeting of the board during the present term there have been requests from parents to be allowed to send their children to some other school.

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of the St. Thomas Times moderately and sensibly. It seems to think that United States seaboard cities will not be much longer in their present defenceless condition. It says: "One thing is certain, that the history of the past year's war and international episodes have created an intense desire on the part of the American people for army, navy and fortification work commensurate with our wealth and importance as a nation. Energetic work on this line will be one of the most popular things the present or the next administration can do, and it is likely the present session of congress will be found to reflect such a sentiment to a great degree."

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