THE KETTLE RIVER VICTORY.

When the Colonist states that the Dominion railway committee is "forcing the Corbin railway charter upon British Columbia in direct defiance to the wishes of every representative body in the province" it takes the gravest of liberties with the facts. An overwhelming majority of the people of this province wish to see the Corbin charter granted; the upper country is solidly in favor of it; the arguments against the granting of that charter have been effectually disposed of and there is only one reason for the fierce opposition which has been offered to the granting of the charterthe C.P.R.'s jealousy of a rival in what its directorate are pleased to consider their preserve, the province of British Columbia. The evidence that the action of various representative bodies so-called, in sending resolutions to Ottawa against the charter was due to C.P.R. hypnotism is painfully clear, and nine tenths of the intelligent public are utterly disgusted with those bodies. Therefore, far from the granting of the Corbin charter-the railway committee's action practically settles it unless the Tory majority in the Senate, in virulence and spleen against the government see fit to refuse assent-being the "grievous matprovince have heard for many years. It is rank nonsense to talk now of British Columbia trade being diverted to the United States by this line, and to say that foreigners are snatching from us, under favor of the Dominion government, the "splendid heritage" (Colonist) we possess. The people of British Columbia are no longer to he "bluffed" by talk of that kind; and the defeat of the C.P.R.'s selfish attempt to run a fence round the province has caused the greatest delight among all classes of the people, except those whose patriotism requires to be manured by C.P.R. gifts

WANTED-REDISTRIBUTION.

We have waited patiently and long for the government's scheme of redistribution, presuming the government were not only willing, but anxious to carry out their promises of legislation as suggested in the speech from the throne. Six weeks have slinned away, and yet no act for the redistribution of electoral power has been submitted to the legislature. There appears to be no sound reason for the delay. The legislature have not been crowded for work, the government have not been overwhelmed with administrative labor, nor has there been any disinclination on the part of the legislature to consider such a measure. The only barrier seems to be the government's want of method in conducting the affairs of the country. The need of a redistribution measure is beyond question. There is no finality about representation in any old and settled country. Certainly in a the conditions are changing so rapidly, tion to another, there is more need regularly revising the electoral roll and the representation of the province. It is to be hoped that the government and the opposition will approach the consideration of this question in a spirit of fairness and impartiality commensurate

with the importance of the issues involv-A glance at the electoral man will show the difficulties of arriving at an equitable decision, if area alone be taken into account. The huge tracts of land in Cariboo, Cassiar, Lillooet and portions of Yale will show the futility of dividing the province into equal electoral districts, based only upon acreage. Great portions of these tracts have not been surveyed, some hardly explored, and other portions of them are absolutely untrodden by the foot of man. Clearly therefore, such areas are not to be considered in an equitable proposal for the redistribution of electoral power. Sectional rivalries ought not to sway any honest legislator in this matter. The old cry of "Island vs. Mainland" should be buried ten thousand fathoms deep. It is a crime against the citizens of to-day and the generations yet unborn to raise such a cry. The coal deposits of Namaimo, the metalliferous mines of Al- himself informed, and it is nonsensical berni, the agricultural lands of Comox, Cowichan and Saanich have their counter parts in the Crow's Nest coal lands, the mines of Kootenay and the fertile lands of the Fraser and Okanagan. that the Dominion government had ap-Legislation suitable in its broad propriated a sum like that for the benefit principles to one section of the province of his province? Not unless he was is equally suitable to the other. In the asleep, or so wrapped up in his private. early days of constitutional government business and company directing that he the difficulty arose to find constituencies | did not care a button for his public duty. Mainfand sectional cry. The author of that arrangement probably forgot that mind; that he was now convinced the behind these varied interests was the still higher interest of humanity; that without human labor, without the should have no weight whatever.

have as much representation, proportion- ever, Hon. Mr. Tarte, in his spirited ate to population, as the lumber, mining and reasonable replies to our worthy and agricultural districts. There are cer- premier's insolent notes, has put that pie order at first. tain definite principles that ought to be gentleman "right where he belongs." | Our Ottawa despatches to-day show

laid down when a measure of redistributention to deal again at a suitable opportunity.

"RATS!"

Hon. Mr. Higgins made a grand speech in the house vesterday, a full report of which will be found in another page of this issue, but he received scant courtesy at the hands of the government during its delivery. Hon. Mr. Martin in particular distinguished himself by one and elegant phraseology for which he now enjoys an enviable and unrivalled that he "would stay with the Turner government till the cows came home," a charming agricultural, or rather, dairsing, simile, upon which we had the pleasure of commenting in highly appreciative terms at the time. Hon, Mr. Martin seems to have given great attention to the study of zoology, for if there is one subject he is better "up" in than another it is that of animals. Of course he knows "hoss" from the frogs up to the ears, having turned many a long furrow of arable land at their tails; and he knows snakes; like the late Bardwell Slote he could almost say: "Don't talk ter" the Colonist professes to believe, it about snakes to me-I've had 'em." is the best bit of news the people or this But these branches do not exhaust all this most-remarkable-minister-that-everwas knows about the contents of Noah's Ark, Yesterday when Hon, Mr. Higgins made a certain very emphatic and very important statement the Hon. Martin person bawled out like a coal heaver or a bosun's mate to the lower deck: "Rats!" This, Hon. Mr. Higgins point- is for the present somewhat stupefied at ing, hope to cope with such a master in were almost equally polite to Hon. Mr. Higgins during the delivery of the speech, but they are not such original geniuses in oblique vituperation as Hon. Cows and Rats Martin.

PREMIER TURNER'S MISTAKES,

Every person in Victoria should make a point of reading the most interesting report of yesterday's proceedings in the British Columbia legislative assembly, which we publish in the usual place to- fawn-complexioned framer of lurid Engprovince like British Columbia, where day. Not since the present session be- lish should be able to, as he would say, gan has there occurred a better oppor- "bulldoze" the Tory majority of the Canwhere the centres of population pass tunity for the people to obtain a clear adian senate with so much ease. What with marvellous celerity from one por- and comprehensive grasp of the situa- actuated the Tory majority in the senate tion than is afforded in this repo will give them a capital idea of the kind | da? Conscientious scruples; a desire to of work being done by the Turner ministry. The Colonist has, we regret to say, for very obvious reasons, of course,

> pieces exposing the strange conduct of Premier Turner, but the Times' report may be accepted as absolutely authentic, even temporarily. What did arguments, The matter with which we are all more particularly concerned in that report is the extraordinary behaviour of Premier Turner in regard to the Revelstoke river bank question. We are not going to denounce him for his action without the most solid grounds, and we ask our readers to peruse the correspondence which passed between Hon. Mr. Tarte, Dominion Minister of Works, and Premier Turner (see Times' report to-day) and say whether we are severe when we accuse Premier Turner of gross neglect of duty and an attempt to trifle with the truth. The premier now stands convicted on the evidence submitted. He was culpably negligent in not informing himself that the Dominion government, had placed upon the estimates \$10,500 for the saving of the river bank at Revelstoke, under condiffions that the British Columbia government would vote a similar amount. It was his duty as finance minister to keep for him to say that he ought to have been personally notified of the appropriation. Is it at all likely that the finance minister of a province would not know

for members. The population centred in A fine story that-"I didn't know." The Vancouver Island; the preponderance of marines are still importing the like. is perfectly absurd. What the minister voting strength in Victoria; the main- Premier Turner, to cover up the awk- advocates will not be as the Colonist land was represented chiefly by New ward look of things, first took up the says (but without offering any proof or Westminster. Hence the suggestion position that the provincial government explanation), "seriously disadvantageous was made and practically carried out was not responsible for the erosion of the to commercial and agricultural centres that the representation should be by in- bank at Revelstoke; then when popular in this province and highly prejudicial to terests rather than by population: min- clamor became dangerously loud he hur- the general interests of Canadian trade. ing, lumber, fishing, agricultural and pas- ried off to that town to face and, if possi- The Colonist only fears that ore will toral interests each claimed their share ble, appease the people by stuffing them be sent out of the country, and seems to of electoral power. This crude system with promises from the inexhaustible forget that Mr. Corbin has agreed to was gradually superseded, although out supply the Turner ministry is celebrated erect a smelter in the Boundary disof it doubtless arose the Island vs. for carrying about with them. He told trict; at all events the necessity for a province was responsible and that something should be done. When Mr. Semlin stated those plain and well-known facts in the house yesterday Premier Turner presence of population, those interests called out: "I deny that"; but, as Mr. could not exist. It is scarcely necessary | Semlin pointed out, the Premier's denial to state that such considerations to-day does not affect the fact one iota; Mr, Semlin's statement was the exact truth. Then A fair and reasonable distinction, low- look at the Tarte-Turner correspondence; eevr, may be made between the fully or | what a sorry and contemptible figure our ganized city municipalities and the raral finance minister cuts therein. His atdistricts. The sparsely-populated countract on Mr. Tarte is undignified and illtry districts may reasonably call for natured; he knew that by his neglect the more favorable representation than the sum of \$10,500, granted by the Domincities and towns already controlled by a ion government, had been lost to the prodemocratic civic power. Victoria, Van- vince and fell back upon the cheap old couver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, formula-when you have a bad case Rossland and possibly Nelson, need not abuse your opponent's attorney. How-

Now, what are the people to make of the railway committee have settled the said he would take the papers to Vic tion is submitted to the legislature. With all this? Here we have a minister con- matter in accordance with the dictates this phase of the question it is our in- victed practically out of his own mouth of of common sense and patriotism, not the the grossest neglect of duty; culpable ig- dictates of the C.P.R. and self-interest. him what he intended to do in the matter be completely in touch; a useless denial the sharpest of rebukes to the degraded of provincial responsibility; a humiliating government of British Columbia, which, retraction of that denial before the people at the instigation of a financially interof Revelstoke, and a denial of that denial ested body, sent one of the meanest and retraction in the legislature; but Revelstoke river bank, and the arousing of bad feeling between the Provincial and of those master strokes of good breeding his bad tempered and preposterous conthe premier cannot wriggle out of them: celebrity. Hon, Mr. Martin, it will not let the electors draw their own conclube forgotten, is the minister who swore sions. Ours is this: Premier Turner has been paying far more attention to his private affairs, which now include all the cares, anxieties and responsibilities of directorship of an important speculative Klondike company, which has to compete with other Klondike companies not only for fair profits but for very existence, than to his public duties; he has got out of touch with matters any faithful finance minister would know before anybody else in the province; he has had to be informed by circuitous routes of facts directly affecting his department, months after those

> facts came to pass. All will regret that Hon. Mr. Turner did not make a clean breast of the whole miserable business and confess that he had really no time to spare for publiaffairs, instead of denying, retracting and shuffling.

THE SENATE'S ACTION. Comment is quite useless; the country

ed out, was scarcely the kind of lan- the daring of the Senate in doing this guage one has a right to expect from thing, but in a day or two, when some minister of the British crown. The ex- inkling of the extent of the disaster uberant chief commissioner of lands and which the senate has precipitated begins works, recognizing that he had placed to seize the popular mind there will be his colossal pedal extremities "in it," plenty to say. Poor old British Columthen gave another fine exhibition of his bia. This is a desperately hard blow to magnificent grasp of his Queen's Eng- this province; probably the worst setlish by retracting the rodents expression back in her history, and it will take the thus: "I take it back; I take it back." | province years to recover from it. Real-Elegant, beyond comment. What a gem ly it does look very much as if Canada North Yale has a chance to retain in was not yet capable of rising to a great the polished and many-sided Hon. Mr. opportunity, and that she would rather Martin, who clothes the thoughts of an stick in the mud than risk a cent in a archangel in the language of a god. How grand venture. We can only imagine the can Mr. Deane, who is only a gentleman profound disgust of the friends of Canwith a gentleman's education and breed- ada throughout the Empire at this idiotic stroke by the senatorial majority-the the art of "Yah! Gon." as Hon. Mr. true enemies of Canada. And we can Martin? Some of the other ministers only imagine the wild, unrestrained glee of the Americans over what they know too well is the best stroke of luck fortune ever sent them in dealing with Canada. Indeed this is a triumph for Amhassador-plenipotentiary Livernash, name destined to be inscribed in the history of the Dominion; yet "Heavens! what a name to fill the speaking-trump of future fame!" Great, great is Livernash of the 'Frisco Examiner, yellow journalist, aide-de-camp of Mr. Hearst. Wonderful that this smooth, Hebraic, in committing this crime against Can save the people from a supposed wrong? Not much: it was merely a glorious chance, the chance of a life time, to get carefully suppressed all the unpleasant a good hard whack at the Liberal goverument, place them in a false light before the country and embarrass them, figures, facts, the prickings of conscience mean to those Senators? Absolutely nothing; there lay the opportunity to deal the government a stab under the fifth rib, and the assassins of the bill snatched it without hesitation. What will the harvest be? Certainly "the future looks ominous and dark." Senator W. J. Macdonald of British Columbia, moved the six-months hoist. This should not be forgotten by British Columbians.

KETTLE RIVER RAILWAY.

Our esteemed comrade across the way talks this morning of "smelted sentiments of the greater part of the people of this province." This is not very respectful language, anyhow, and an explanation is due; perhaps a smelted apology would fit the case. By the way, the C.P.R.'s tremendous thumb seems to have come down upon a certain editor-director of a Klondike mining company with sufficient force to make him change his views on the Corbin charter with acrobatic celerity. The Colonist is falling into delightful ways lately; it is as changeful as the hues on the skin o a dying dolphin, and no man can tell what it will be advocating day after tomorrow, or what change of front it may not execute by this day week. The Colonist's attack, this morning, on Hon. Mr. Blair regarding export duty on ore, the Revelstokers that he had changed his smelter or smelters there will be so early apparent that there can be no doubt their erection will speedily follow the construction of the Kettle River road, if not actually coincident with it. If people were never to venture upon an enterprise because there were a few difficulas to overcome they might as well be dead. It is exactly as Napoleon remarked to Marshal Ney, after the battle of Borodino, when the pair were surveying the field of slaughter from the top of the great redoubt, and Ney had said: "The conquest of Russia will cost us the army," and Napoleon replied: "Well, if you want an omelette you must break a few eggs." If the people of this province want the southern portion of Briteverything engine-turned and in apple-

most cowardly and disgraceful resoluand retraction in the legislature; but most cowardly and disgraceful resolu-above all the loss to the province of \$10. tions that ever emanated from a respon- Drake's office. He was at the Supreme 500, still more extended damage to the sible government, to Ottawa against the granting of this charter. The Turner | and he said government has earned enough intamy people of Boundary district and of Southern British Columbia on the excellent prospects of getting the country opened up immediately on conditions so favorable. The Toronto Sentinel mentions the fact

of the United States offered President McKinley the services of 200,000 Orangemen would feel justified in taking up arms to punish or crush, it would be Spain, and no doubt her soldiery would find no fiercer antagonists than the Orangemen in the battlefield.

Toronto Ministerial Asociation has practically declared in favor of the teaching of morals rather than religion in public schools. This seems what the silly season people call "a step in the right direction. So long as there are will be sheer denominations it folly to attempt to teach religion in public schools. Religion and morals are not synonymous, not interchangeable terms, according to several noted specialists in both.

last November that a majority (the Tory?) of the senators were not worth rope enough to hang them with, Since the murder of the Yukon railway bill there has been an awful amount of loose cordage lying looped around this part of the country. This, a daring correspondent says, should prove bad noose for the assassins of the bill.

The Ontario department of agriculture s sparing no pains to fight that awful pest, the San Jose scale, and has issued a pamphlet fully describing the brute, methods of extermination and all about him. Not since the advent of the Colorado potato bug (also a Yankee), has there been such an agricultural scare.

THE CELEBRATED BIGGS CASE. To the Editor:-Because I know your paper is always willing and ready to champion the cause of liberty, the oppor-tunity to again lay my case before the public, before the present government appeal to the people of the country for their suffrages, I send you on for publication, by your kind permission, a letter explaining once more the facts showing the perpetration of injustice by men holding high position in the country at the present time, and asking them to answer a question that may lead up-to the disclosure of the person or official in the local government who was the direct cause of preventing an official inquiry indeprived of my property and sought jus-tice by trying to place my case in the legal gentlemen, time after time going to one after another, all of whom seemed to be unwilling, as soon as they saw that a government official was implicated and refused to deal with the matter. In the very beginning of this case, I went and saw Mr. Yates, and I supplied him with the papers. He kept the papers for some time and neglected to answer. Then I went down to Victoria to see about my papers and also to that he had to say about the mat-He, Yates, replied that he could ake it in hand or do anything in I asked him for my papers and he told me to come back again, and in the meantime he would look over my papers again. I have good reasons for knowing Yates saw Mr. Prior during this period, and thus he told me when back the last time that he would do nothing with it. I got my papers from him, but I was unable to see another lawyer, as I was kept until it was too late, and I had to leave with the boat next morning. After this Mr. Eli Harrison was up in Nanaimo and I went to see him, with Mr. Ed. Quennell. He



They are not dangerously ill all at once. The beginnings of illness are beginnings of mere trifles. First a little indigestion, per-haps; or headaches; or an occasional bilious turn. It is hard to realize how you are being tangled up in the strands of sickness intil you are fairly caught.

Nearly all serious illnesses begin with

some stomach or liver trouble, or with a costive condition of the bowels. These functions have got to be put in good condiion before there can be any recovery from any disease no matter what its name or nature, and it is because Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery acts directly upon the liver and digestive organs that it has such a marvelous effect upon all diseases of mal-It gives the digestive system power to

assimilate nourishment and make good blood; it drives out bilious poisons; it creates the red, vitalizing, life-giving ele-ments in the circulation; and builds up the weak and wasted places in every corner of the constitution. Taken in conjunction with Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, it relieves obstinate con-

stipation and keeps the bowels in a per-fectly natural condition. Mrs. Ella Howell, of Derby. Perry Co., Ind., writes: "In the year of 1804 I was taken with stomach trouble—nervous dyspepsia. There was a coldness in my stomach, and a weight which seemed like a rock. Everything that I ate gave me great pain; I had a bearing down sensation; was swelled across my stomach; had a ridge around my right side, and in a short time I was bloated. I was treated by three of our best physicians but got no relief. Then Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery was recommended to me and I got it, and commenced the use of it. I began to see a change for the better. I was so weak I could not walk across the room without assistance. I took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and his 'Favorite Prescription' and one bottle of the Pleasant Pellets.' I began to improve very fast after the use of a few bottles. The physicians who attended me said my disease was leading into consumption. I had quite it cough, and the home physician gave me up to die. I thank God that my cure is permanent." Mrs. Ella Howell, of Derby, Perry Co., Ind.,

toria with him and look over them an let me know his opinion. However, he never replied at all. I wrote him asking

he action of the railway committee is and he never gave any reply at all.

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Then I went to Victoria again to see Mr. Harrison. I saw him and asked what he intended to do in the matter and he replied that he could not take it in hand, "but," said he: "you go back to Mr. Drake again and do not show the court, but they spoke to him by telephone minutes. When he arrived I told him that of bad feeling between the Provincial and Dominion governments solely through his bad tempered and preposterous conduct. These things are proved facts; the premier cannot wriggle out of them; he could recommend me to any one into whose hands I could put my case, and Planta said that Mr. Walker was coming up to Nanaimo and if I would leave my papers, he would see what Mr. Walker thought about it. Then I saw Mr. Planta a few weeks after and he said that that when the United States was in a I saw Planta again he said that he could ferment over the Maine disaster the Su-preme Grand Master of the Orangemen of the United States offered President went to the late Chief Justice Davie, McKinley the services of 200,000 Orangemen in case of war with Spain. If there is any country on the globe Orangehe said: "No, you had better see Drake again"; and the same gentleman, when Mr. C. C. McKenzie brought the matter McKenzie brought the before the house at Victoria, said I should have brought it forward before; it was now pretty stale. I leave the readers to lock, Miss B. Windsor, Mr. A now pretty stale. I leave the readers to judge whether anything was left undone on my part. I just wish to say further, that the matter was brought before the that the matter was brought before the house again in 1895, and was voted down, the present attorney-general stating that what I said about not being able to get a lawyer to take up my case was "nothing but bosh." The public will see by this lefter how much the present attorney-general cares for the truth, and he is the goal of the goal of the continuous response to the continuous response response to the continuous response response to the continuous response to the continuo is a proper representative of the gentleman connected with this old government that have constantly blockaded any inthat have constantly blockaded any investigation into the facts, creating the restigation into the facts, creating the injustice from which I suffer. These facts are well known to the public; time facts, treating the Mrs. Roberts, Master Sydney Roberts, Mr. J. B. I fig. Mr. Henry F. Yorke, Mr. J. Hadis and again they have been published, so that my present object is to show how It was Hon. Mr. Tarte who said at the fraternity composing this old governthe annual banquet of the Tarte Club ment have prevented the ends of justice, last November that a majority (the prospect (and that is a very sure one) of getting in a new administration that will not only demand that justice be done at the present, but will make honorable reparation for the robbery and the incompetency of the hoodlums that are sent out of office. And as Mr. Prior is back from the Dominion house I wish to put one question to him, as he stated in his correspondence to me that what he did was done from the government's instruc-tion; now, I ask him, what department of the government did he receive this in-struction from? Let him answer this,

> een sued for damages. JOHN BIGGS. Nanaimo, March 30th, 1898

as the government may be taken to mean by their statements in the house that Mr.

Prior was the man who ought to have

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Editor: A correspondent signing imself "Sic," in your issue of yesterday refers to the provincial board of health as composed of "persons incapable and: wholy unfitted to hold responsible post-tions." To so mild a statement as that it is needless to reply, and, judging from the tone of his letter, it would be futile to expect any intelligent conception on his part of the work that has been done and still has to be done in this province in still has to be done in this province in connection with sanitation and the improve ment of the public health. Sanitation is as yet in its infancy here, the public health act not having been proclaimed until the of the work done by the board of heathr by referring to their published reports. I know nothing about the sewerage of Nelto the facts of the grievance. As you know, by the action of an official I was son, but as a medico from the other end son, but as a medico from the other end of the world, with no interest to serve, and of the world, with no interest to serve, and of the world, with no interest to serve, and of the world with no interest to serve, and of the world with no interest to serve, and the world with no interest to serve and the world with the world wi of the world, with no interest to serve, and not intending to practice here, I have been much surprised at the advanced methods being established for the suppression and stamping out of contagious and infectious diseases in British Columbia. Fortunately there are few people to be found nowadays who will deny that educating the public in regard to matters dealing with the cause and prevention of disease is of incalculable importance. Statistics all over the world prove, beyond controversy, that under modern sanitation the death rate among the people is only onedeath rate among the people is only one-fourth of what it used to be. I am not very clear as to what "Sic" means by a "prac-tical mechanic with a knowledge of con-struction as sanitary inspector." Does he mean a mechanic, archifect, plumber and sanitary engineer all rolled up in one or anitary engineer, all rolled up in one, or merely a "practical" man who knows how to build a drain and lay a water pipe? The subjects which necessarily belong to sanitary science are those dealing with food and its adulteration; proper construction, heating and ventilation of buildings; water its source and composition, etc.; pure air; the disposal of organic wastes, involving sewerage and scavengering, to say nothing of disinfection, isolation, hygiene, etc. There is work enough here indicated for the chemist, the sanitary engineer, the physician, the bacteriologist and the "practical mechanic." But if "Sic" knows any mechanic who is familiar with al these cognate subjects he would render a service by giving ects, he would render a service by giving siddress. SICCAR.

Victoria, March 31st, 1898. VICTORIA MARKETS. Retail Quotations For Farmers' Produce

Carefully Corrected. gilvie's Hungarian, per bbl...... Lake of the Woods, per bbl.\$6.50 Leitch's, per bbl.\$6.50 O. K. per bbl.\$5.50 to \$6.00 Wheat, per ton.......\$37.50 to \$40.00 Barley, per ton.......\$28 to \$30\$28 to \$30 .\$27.50 to \$30.00
 Bartey, per ton
 \$27.50 to \$30.00

 Bran, per ton
 \$25 \$30.00

 Ground feed, per ton
 \$26 \$30

 Corn, whole
 \$26 to \$29

 Corn, eracked
 \$27 to \$30

 Oatmeal, per 10 lbs
 40c. to 50c.

 Rolled oats (Or, or N W)
 3c
 Potatoes, per 10 Onions, per Ib.... Bananas Pineapples Oranges, Cal., seemings..... ..25c to 40c. 8c. to 10c.20c.15c. Eggs, Island, fresh, per dozen. Bggs, Island, Item, per Eggs, Manitoba
Eggs, Manitoba
Butter, Delta creamery, per ID.
Cheese (Canadian) 15c. to
Cheese (California) 16c. 1 Hams (American), per Hams (American), per lb ... 18c.

Bacon (American), per lb ... 15c. to 18c.

Bacon (rolled), per lb ... 12c. to 16c.

Bacon (long clear), per lb ... 12½c.

Bacon (Canadian), per lb ... 12½c.

Bacon (Canadian), per lb ... 14c. to 16c.

Shoulders ders12½ to 15e 10c. to 18c. Meats-beef, per ID..... .8c. to .10c. to Mutton, per lb...... Mutton, whole Mutton, whole Pork, sides, fresh, per Ib... Chickens, per pair

His wife (hearing him indistinctly)—"
Henry, please hold your mouth a little
further away from the 'phone.
He (with considerable indignation)—Doi
you think I've been drinking, Amelia?—
Chicago Tribune.

but one of whom is deaf. Thinking is the
letters and newspapers on his first morning
and remarks:
"There's the papers, you old buck."
What is his confusion to hear the
old
gentleman answer benevolently:
"It's my brother who is deaf, not I." His wife (hearing him indistinctly)-

TARTAR ARRIVES

The Big C. P. R. Liner in Port After a Smart Passage From Southampton.

She Has on Board the New Cable for the C. P. R. Telegraph Company

The ocean steamer Tartar, which is ply between Victoria and Vand Wrangel, arrived at the ant pasage of fifty-five day ampton. The Tartar sailed 5th, touched at Teneriffe 10th, left the following day on the 23rd. She left on made Sandy Point on Marc of one day was made here ar proceeded to Coronal arriv She sailed on the 10th and lao on the 15. The Peruvian on the evening of the same di had a good run up the Amer experiencing delightful weath the Oregon coast. She end winds and seas. The follo gers made the voyage from jority of whom are circling Mrs. Archibald, Master Arch the Misses Archibald; Rev. B. I en route to the Eastern states; Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. G. Power, Mr.

Grant.
The Tartar brought a large cargo general merchandise, cement, an forty-five miles of cable for the Telegraph company. If she is for e suitable for the work she cable between Vancouver and Der

The Tartar is a big three-masted vessel and will be the largest of the stea engaged in the Alaskan service, and with out doubt, the best-appointed. saloon and dining rooms are magn fitted up, and in the staterooms fact in every department of the st every convenience known to mo building has been installed. prettily modelled vesel, quite r in apearance. Her total length from the artistically carved figure-head to the stern is 307.05 feet. She is 47.2 feet of he beam and 33 feet deep. tonage is 4,358 tons. She is but five old having been built in 1893 or Clyde for the Union Steamship C Southampton, for whom she was running from the time she was launched un til she was sold to her present o rom Southampton to Capetown. was brought from her home port by Capt. Archibald of H. M. S. Empress of China. She left for Vancouver at one clock this afternoon

HEADQUARTERS IN VICTORIA LaMont's Crystallised Egg People Speak Well of the Capital

Six weeks ago crystallised eggs were

comparatively unknown as an article of consumption in British Columbia, al-States. their introduction in this province ing recognized by Mr. LaMont he would enjoy the trade resulting fr the influx into northern territory of vast army of men it was necessary tha he should establish a depot at the sea port from which the greatest nu passengers were embarking. result has justified the course adopted amply demonstrated by the large sale made by the Victoria branch. versation agent for the Dominion, to-day, a Tin man learned that crystallised eggs handled by the ton in this city, the during the last few days being very larg One sale to a hotel proprietor at ora, Mr. H. Windebank, lately of sion City, is one ton, and the varie grocers in the city find the demand great that it has become necessary that a wholesale supply depot be established at the most central point in the province Victoria has been chosen as the place being the most central point, and Mr Philip W. Thomson will act as manage n this city. The offices at the corner Yates and Government streets are open, and there at all times inte Yukoners can obtain, not only all mation about the advantages of in ing crystallised eggs in their sup but also a great deal more valua on their journey. The store of J. Saunders is crowded with people profiting by the kindn the demonstrator, a young lady, makes cakes, omelettes and other da with deftness; it is the intention to other "kitchens" in various parts of city, with the object of keeping the vantages of crystallised eggs prominent ly before the public.

JUDGMENT REVERSED. Klondike Gold Fields Company Secure Passession of the Czar.

The Defendants' appeal in Dunsmail vs. the Klondike & Columbian Goldelds Co. and Joseph Boscowitz was allowed the Full Court this morning. defendants bought from C. J. the steam tug Czar, under a clear in the office of the registrar of ship at Victoria, and obtained possession her. The plaintiff replevied claiming possession under a party from the owner. The defendants moved to set aside the writ of on the ground that the affidavit to its issue was sworn before a in the employ of the plaintiff and who was acquainted with the circumstances missed the motion and the defen appealed to the Full Court.

The appeal was argued this mobefore Justices Walkem, McColl Irving, who allowed the appeal on ground that the affidavit cient, as being sworn before solicitor in the employ of tiff, and who had a knowledge of the cumstances of the case, although

Gordon Hunter for defendants (a lants): C. E. Pooley, Q.C., for plain tiff (respondent).

Joseph had gone into the service of to old bachelors, brothers, who are so nalike that they can hardly be told abut one of whom is deaf. Thinking he

Condolence to Sir Wilfri Laurier. Ottawa, April 2.—The revenue

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Satisfactory Increase in the R

Premier Turner Sends a Mes

for the Past Nine

Months.

for the nine months endin ist shows a satisfactory increase pared with the same period of The expenditure also show The revenue was \$28,64 against \$27,451,181, or an increase 198,010, while the expenditure 552,161, or a decrease of \$564,907 same time in 1897. This makes ment of finances for the present last year of \$1,762,000. There ever, a decrease, attributable to in excise, of about \$400,000 for of March, compared with the sa in 1897. There was also a small in the expenditure for the month. ount was \$3,626,000 for three 1898, compared with \$2,720,000 about \$900,000 increase. The following telegram ex

Victoria, B.C., April To the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, The government exceedingly difficulties in the way of the al route to the Yukon, and hopes extreme importance of the question tion to the interests of British may not receive a satisfactory so (Signed) J. H. 7

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Every Indication That 1 Will Occur Between Sp and the States.

British Press Agreed That Little Hope of Peac Settlement.

Washington, D.C., April 2.senate committee on foreign have practically agreed to acc commendation of the sub-com the resolution recognizing the ence of Cuba, recommending tervention if necessary to secu conclusion was reached after to day lasting an hour.

Spain Exposes a Pretty Madrid, April 2.-A semi-off ment has been issued which s "One of the most immore which is being employed at t moment to injure Spain is th posing Spain would be dispo cognize the independence of C

turn for payment of ind "Already, on the basis of t fancies, people have been led that President McKinley bas posals on this idea. This imp een utilized in Wall street means to attract speculator Jingo circles and compel th sciously to aid in spreading

"It is our duty to declare authoritative manner that true; that no proposition con slightest allusion to indep Cuba, either with or without nity, has been made to the S ernment: that the governi straightway reject s and there is no party of s Spain disposed to listen to

The President's Proposed Washington, April 2.—A member of the house, who sa dent to-day, says the presid commend action perfectly to the republicans. He say matic correspondence will be the republican party and cou proud. The message will I be sent in before Tuesday, affair, it is said, will probable touched on. This is regar fortunate by many promin cans, who believe that if we war, the blowing up of the stitutes the strongest grou sample of the expressions he the opinion of Representative Iowa, one of the house lead given. "I regard war as and he was as well he was a said he

Stocks Take a Tun London, April 2.—Operate stock exchange to-day, belie evitable, endeavored to rea rican securities as much dealers aiming to get the with the Spanish fours. As is selling heavily.

French Sympathy With Paris, April 2.—The Fren fional arbitration secretary ters to the Spanish minister affairs, Senor Gullon, and to t cretary of state, Mr. Jo orging the advisability of electration for the different spain and the United States The Journal des Debats, "inadmissability of A rbitant pretentions. American and English new are advising Spain to sell C It would appear from t hat the viewpoint of na not exist. sympathy of French rather to Spain, and hope is that some peaceful issue v rnments and good offices

British Press Comm London, April 2.-The Tin orially this morning: "There is much sympathy titude of both Spain and A easy to see how two proud out any bonds of traditional pathy, may find themselves in they fully realize their peril realities of war. "It is not unnaturally Spain's reply to the United S vice to gain time and defer the malarious season in Co