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FREDERIC VILLIERS' OPINION.

The Veteran War Correspondent and Artist Corroborates James Creelman's Reports. His Opinion of Mr. de Guerville and What He Thinks of the War Prospects.

Frederic Villiers, the famous artist and war correspondent, arrived from the Orient by the Empress yesterday, and while a rival correspondent, makes one more to corroborate James Creelman's account of the horrors incidental to the taking of Port Arthur.

LOOKING FORWARD.

To the Editor: One of the results of the new understanding between Great Britain and Russia, says a recent Paris letter, will be an invitation to British capital and enterprise to engage in the development of Siberia, now in progress.

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MUNICIPAL REFORM.

To the Editor:—In continuation of my letter which appeared in your paper of yesterday, I wish to draw attention to the \$60,000 borrowed for lighting purposes.

A ROUGH TRIP.

After a prolonged absence, due to exceptionally bad weather, the C.P.R. steamer Maude, Captain Roberts, arrived yesterday morning from the fortnightly West Coast trip.

COMMISSIONERS VS. ELECTED BODIES.

To the Editor:—Five years ago in the South of Ireland a certain board of guardians, representing a city and surrounding districts many times as large and populous as Victoria, by the disastrous mismanagement of the affairs of the Union, its decided preference for discussing resolutions sent by William O'Brien's brooches rather than attending to business, and the vast amount of outdoor relief lavished on able-bodied men who were too lazy to work while their political friends had the power of making life pleasant for them, brought itself into such disrepute that the Local Government Board in Dublin had to interfere and dissolve the entire board.

QUESTIONS.

QUESTIONS. The C.P.R. against Mr. Corbett's line says further, sure, however, the two companies in council. The public means a battle but as freight rates probably soon be raised will join.

LEA AND PERRINS' OBSERVE THAT THE SIGNATURE OF Lea & Perrins IS NOW PRINTED IN BLUE INK DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE OUTSIDE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF THE ORIGINAL WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.

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TACOMA, Jan. 12.—The grave charge of carrying straw men on the pay rolls of the Paget Sound customs department has been made against Collector J. C. Saunders. It is understood that he denies the charge, and accordingly J. Emmant Street, who had the handling of the men employed at the inspection fair, as far as the pay roll is concerned, was to-night asked for an explanation of the matter. The charge covers paying an inspector wages at the fair for work which, it is alleged, never was performed. In substance, Mr. Webb not only denies the charge, but adds to its gravity by stating that the men were placed on the pay rolls before they actually did any work, and were kept on the rolls from five days to a week before they even showed up at the fair.

THIR NEWS OF THE Fire Protection Westminster Government The Asylum Ar... Miners way C... (Special) VANCOUVER, J... been sent to jail for New England Fish... Three men and \$20 each for fight... association formed with John School Trustees have gone to the Board of Education. C. E. Tisdale, giving and retail in Vancouver park nine miles ago glory of the thing preston he has been quicker stride the wants to prove it his claim. VANCOUVER, J... as Chinese stock played on the Ast... Miners arrived been working all d... work all night. figure for overtime they refused to work and it cost law costs and pay in their place. In time the difficult the Warriors are having the sat refused duty and to fire up and prof refused, and it was matter was adjust Mr. Norse, the presses himself as ish Columbia. T... clear, and cont ing that he the gets settled and ways of the counte wife and children. The battery is They will parade the rest of the wh... The duty collect and provisions at \$60.00, while the tobacco and cigars... The steamer Lord... Hartney... While the Indi... Company of Van... the opera house... which a number o... gave valuable s... through train ar... Mr. Costello is... nery at Stevenson... a large one... The C.P.R. is... through train ar... To-day it was dis... been opened and... cry stolen. The d... where the safe wa... hinges. WESTMINSTER, men will be more Westminster so as to the property. In another we... arrive to assume his... The whole fur... Dunbar has set... day for \$5,000. NEW WESTMIN... Murdochson, the o... wilderness usual... keeper, recently, time yesterday on... low and not exp... constantly prays DUNBAR, JAN. 1... election for a cou... as under: Angus Dunbar, J... A band of four... States and M... party of hunters... where in the ano... tramp were not... trading them. The... The customary of the Cowichan... was held at the A... ling. (Pro... The C.P.R. ag... against Mr. Corb... his line says furth... sure, however, the two companies in... coun." The pub... means a battle but... as freight rates... probably soon be... lines will join. A party came... claim, at Seven... and Captain Pat... and became a min... huge mass of... enough dollars i... good paymaster... zine to the lake. QUEENSLAND M... factory at Queens... 71 years, passed... country in 1858... in mining. He... years, his foot b... and subsequently... lived for some li... active and indu... to maintain him... had numerous w... two or three hun...