

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1895.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

Our beloved Queen is to day seventy-six years old. It is fifty-eight years since she ascended the throne. Both as a sovereign and as a woman the Queen now stands higher in the esteem and affection of her subjects than ever she did.

PICKLE AND INCONSTANT.

Mr. Wallace, Controller of Customs, in an effective speech which he made in the House of Commons, disinterred some passages of speeches delivered by the Leader of the Opposition which he no doubt hoped would be kept out of sight forever. In 1888 and 1889 Mr. Laurier was an ardent and an apparently earnest advocate of unrestricted reciprocity.

for many years. The Government needs no defence for redressing the grievances of the canner. On the contrary, it deserves commendation and encouragement. What government would go to the trouble of effecting reforms or granting the petitions of men whom their policy had injured if the news of their compliance with the requests of the aggrieved was cheerily and growlingly received?

AN UNCLOSED BARGAIN.

The terms on which the Dominion agreed to allow Newfoundland to enter the Confederation, were, from a Canadian point of view, very liberal indeed. Canada offered to assume the debt of the colony, which was \$10,350,000. The Newfoundlanders wanted the Dominion to shoulder a debt of \$15,829,000; the extra five millions and a half would be what is required to complete their railway.

This is plain enough and vigorous enough. There is no business in what Mr. Laurier said in 1889 about a commercial alliance between Canada and the United States. American protectionism was six years ago the Liberal leader's ideal, not English free trade.

Six years have not passed away since those words were uttered. Has Mr. Laurier remained true to commercial alliance with the United States and to the American Protectionist system? Mr. Laurier is inconstant and unfaithful. He has forgotten or disregarded his vows. He has found a new political love. Free trade is now the object of his platform adoration.

THE TERMS OF PEACE. So many accounts have been given of the terms of peace between Japan and China that few seem to know exactly what they are. As the negotiations have been concluded and friendly relations have been established between the two countries the probability is that the latest account is the correct one.

AN UNHAPPY ORGAN.

The organ of the Opposition in this city finds it impossible to forgive the Government for redressing the grievances of the canners and the fishermen of the Fraser River. It is evidently unhappy to know that the men engaged in the canning and the fishing industry can now carry on their business unhampered by unnecessary and vexatious regulations.

From the above it will be seen that if the Newfoundlanders had been wise enough to accept the terms offered by Canada they would be greatly the gainers by the bargain. The Government was no doubt willing, in order to round off the Dominion, to make some sacrifice, but the Islanders were a little too exacting. They wanted the railroad finished, a bounty on the codfish they caught, and an allowance for a constabulary force.

At 3 St. Lawrence street, James Bay, the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. W. D. Barber last evening united in marriage Mr. John H. Brooks, of the Bank of British North America, San Francisco, formerly of this city, and Miss Lizzie, youngest daughter of Mr. R. J. Horton. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lucretia Horton, and the groom supported by Mr. Lewis H. Hardie. The drawing room, in which the ceremony was performed, was handsomely decorated in white flowers for the occasion, and the good wishes of many friends were expressed in a chorus of appropriate wedding songs.

Several Indians were yesterday fined in the police court for being drunk, and one white man, Ramon Diaz, was assessed \$50 for supplying.

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FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, MAY 31. ESCAPED FROM SLAVERY.

Death of Kestephet an Aged Songhees Indian With a Strange History. Made Captive as a Boy He Escapes After Sixty Years' Servitude.

An old Songhees Indian with an interesting history died on the reserve on Wednesday. Kestephet, or as he was more commonly called, Marston, was born more than eighty years ago, when the white men had settled in Victoria, and when the numerous tribes along the coast frequently engaged in war for supremacy.

When Marston was nine years of age his people were living on the west side of what is now Esquimalt harbor. One day all the older people were away on a general fishing expedition, leaving Marston and a few other children behind. Suddenly there appeared in the harbor a fleet of war canoes filled with warriors of the Kootenay nation, then at war with the Songhees. With their faces and bodies daubed with war paint and uttering blood curdling yells the invaders urged their canoes towards the little village, and jumping ashore rushed forward with the intention of having a general massacre of the Songhees, not knowing that their hated foe were absent.

Two important survey parties under the direction of Mr. H. P. Ball are to leave Victoria Thursday for Belmont, and the location work in connection with the British Pacific, their field of operations extending from the coast toward the Yellowhead Pass. It is understood that Mr. Frye will be in charge of the one party, and Mr. Devereux of the other.

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