

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, April 19

THE ALBERNI CANDIDATE.

An Alberni correspondent gives Mr. George A. Huff, one of the candidates for the provincial house, a certificate of competency which, from a personal knowledge of that gentleman, the Times is in a position to fully endorse. Mr. Huff, it is true, is a candidate in the government interest, and if elected will undoubtedly support the Turner administration, as long as he believes the Turner administration's policy is calculated to promote the welfare of the province and incidentally does justice to the important district of Alberni-Cowichan. But Mr. Huff is not a hide-bound party politician, and does not possess the qualities of docility and subserviency which are essential to membership in the thumbs-up brigade, and so may be expected, notwithstanding his professions of confidence in the government, to become a useful member of the house. A man of intelligence, upright in his dealings, fearless in the expression of his opinions, enterprising in business, and possessing unlimited faith in the future of Alberni, of which he is a pioneer, he would be an acquisition to the legislature. It would be only fair to Alberni district for the Cowichan electors, who are in the majority, to admit the claims of the West Coast to a resident representative, and withdraw the opposition to Mr. Huff. Major Mutter, the other representative of the constituency, is a resident of Cowichan. One live M. P. P. ought to be enough in one locality.

THE BRITISH PACIFIC.

The extraordinary sentiments uttered by Messrs. Earle and Prior, at the board of trade meeting, and which have been commented upon by Mr. William Wilson, of Government street, in a letter to the Times, are strangely in line with the utterances of Sir William C. Van Horne in December last. For the purpose of comparison the views of these three "friends" of the British Pacific are placed side by side:

"There is not a man, woman or child in Canada who is seriously thinking of any such scheme. It is very easy to get a charter for a railway in Canada, but it is practically impossible to get a subsidy as the government has shut down on all subsidies."—Sir William C. Van Horne, Dec. 29th, 1894.

"No bona fide company has been formed for the construction of the British Pacific."—Thomas Earle, M. P., April 5th, 1895.

"There is nothing but a cock and bull story about a charter and a company."—E. G. Prior, M. P., April 5th, 1895.

There is an ominous unanimity between Van Horne, Earle and Prior. It was not expected that the president of the C. P. R. would be a friend; neither was it expected that the representatives of Victoria—two charter members of the company—would be enemies. Is there any collusion between the three gentlemen? On no other theory can the hostility of the two Victorians be explained. Sir William Van Horne spoke in London and no doubt his statements will do untold injury to the project; Mr. Earle and Mr. Prior spoke in Victoria, and, for some unexplained reason, placed a weapon in the hands of the enemies of the road that may some day be used with fatal effect at Ottawa. They deliberately lent themselves to Van Horne to kill an undertaking that they are partly responsible for initiating, and for which with others they recently demanded large provincial and municipal aid. The weakness of the British Pacific promoters lies—not in the fact that there is no bona fide company, as stated by Mr. Earle, or that the road is impracticable—but in the antagonism of the C. P. R., which controls federal railway legislation. It is nonsense to say, as Mr. Earle said, that a company prepared to build the road must be organized before asking for Dominion assistance. The C. P. R. Company was not prepared to go ahead before it got its enormous grants of money, lands and other valuable concessions. That road would not have been built to-day if the views of Mr. Earle in regard to railway construction had prevailed. There was, as a matter of fact, no "bona fide company" to build the C. P. R. until Canada gave the syndicate \$25,000,000 in cash, 25,000,000 acres of land, and \$36,000,000 in completed railway, which was the capital upon which a "bona fide company" was founded and successfully carried through the great undertaking.

We observe an anonymous writer questions the accuracy of the Times report of the board of trade meeting. Our report was strictly accurate, the offensive remarks of Messrs. Earle and Prior having been recorded in shorthand at the moment they were uttered. Our report was published on the 6th instant. Mr. Prior did not leave for Ottawa for four days after, and Mr. Earle is still in the city. They have not disputed the report. Possibly, as the writer in question insinuates, they became perturbed after the discussion, and every person knows petri-

factions do not speak either in their own defense or in the interest of a community. One startling fact, however, cannot be disputed, Messrs. Earle and Prior placed themselves in antagonism to a request for Dominion assistance and used their influence to defeat Mr. Wilson's resolution. Had Sir W. C. Van Horne been present at the board meeting, he would have done precisely the same thing. But Sir William Van Horne would be able to give a reason for his hostility. What excuse have Messrs. Earle and Prior to offer?

POLITICIAN OR JUDGE?

Chief Justice Davie returned from the east on Thursday evening. The inevitable Colonist interview and "puff" followed. This is surely the last we will hear from the organ about the chief justice as a politician, and, goodness knows, it is time the poor fellow—who is the stamp of a man who hates adulation—was saved from the attacks of his newspaper friend. Give Mr. Davie a rest.

Mr. Davie will probably discharge the responsible duties of chief justice to the satisfaction of the public. There are many instances in Canadian history where an unscrupulous politician became an able and upright judge, and a good many of Mr. Davie's old opponents are of the opinion that the paradox will receive fresh illustration of his case. But he must be judged as a judge and not as a politician, if he is to win the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens; and the sooner, therefore, he becomes divorced from the past and the Colonist the more likely will he be to gain that position in the community that every judge must have to fully and acceptably discharge the duties of his high office.

The "organs" might have asked the chief justice if he could explain the re-appointment of Fitzsimmons to the Westminister penitentiary. The impression seems to be general, although the reason does not appear evident, that Mr. Davie had a hand in the business; and it would have been reassuring to learn from his personal organ that he had not advised, and did not approve an act that directly flouts the judicial proceedings conducted by Mr. Justice Drake and sets a premium upon unfaithfulness in public servants.

The organ has not yet had the courage to mention the reinstatement of Fitzsimmons, whose case has been discussed by every leading paper in Canada. Even the Halifax Chronicle knows all about it, for in a late issue it says: "Minister of Justice Tupper has undertaken to reverse the decision of a very much abler and better man—the late Sir John Thompson—in the British Columbia penitentiary case. The late premier's decision was in accordance with the report of the royal commission which investigated the irregularities and peculations complained of and was therefore calculated to impress upon government officials the necessity of public honesty and faithfulness. What lesson will Tupper's reversion of that decision teach?"

The duty that should have been performed by the Colonist has, however, we are glad to see, been discharged by the News-Advertiser, whose representative elicited from the chief justice a disavowal of responsibility for the Fitzsimmons scandal. We are sincerely glad to know that our new chief justice has thought it incumbent to explain that his hands are clean in this connection. Having published the rumor we cheerfully print the denial. The organ might at least have done as much.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Among the newspaper correspondents at Ottawa, who were as a body denounced by Sir Hibbert Tupper for telegraphing the news of the minister's resignation—which Sir Hibbert said was untrue—was the correspondent of the London Times, whose dispatch is copied by the Canadian Gazette.

It is understood, says a London Times telegram, that the imperial authorities have given assurances that a British colony is not a "third power" in the sense in which the words appear in the Canadian treaty with France. Hence France could not claim equal privileges with Canada in the event of a preferential arrangement with the Cape or Australia.

An Odessa correspondent of the London Times says: "Up to the present time Russia's Asiatic outlet at Vladivostok has always been regarded as closed during the winter months; but this fact no longer exists, because the cruiser Kosroma, which was sent out as a trial, was not only able to land the reinforcements of soldiers she carried out, but, with the aid of the ice-breaker which was recently sent there, the cruiser got alongside the government quay and discharged the heavy guns and other war material she took out from there. This was done in the depth of winter with the cold at such a point that the opening she made was fast frozen half an hour afterwards. It

is now known for the first time since Russia has become an Asiatic power that she has a marine outlet for offensive and defensive purposes that can be termed open all the year round."

Is the winding up of the B. C. Terra Cotta Company a result of the national policy? Not necessarily, but it may be taken as an evidence that the N. P. did not make the enterprise prosper.

J. C. Taylor, of Taylor, Scott & Co., Toronto, before the Ontario public accounts committee, testified that there were men in the employ of that firm making washboards who earn only five dollars a week. The cause was not attributed to the N. P. but the prison labor competition.

The Nelson Miner—The Colonist begins an article thus: "The Times does not attempt to account for the misery, poverty, the dissatisfaction, etc., in Great Britain to-day." Probably the Times does not account for it because Great Britain happens to-day to be the richest country, per capita, in the world.

The minister of justice does not seem to be doing any hustling in pushing the prosecution against Contractor St. Louis for the Curran bridge steal. Perhaps he has been too busy resigning; or perhaps every time he says "Curran bridge steal," Minister Oulmit, the friend of Contractor St. Louis, retorts with "Hard Pan Claims' scandal." That silences Tupper.

The Canadian Gazette: "We have not yet learnt what answer the British government intends to make to the request of the sealers that the \$425,000 should be advanced out of the British treasury to meet their pressing needs; but, pending an answer to that request, and pending the further and prolonged negotiations, which the action of congress has forced upon the various governments, they surely have a right to look to the British government for such protection as would be found in a refusal to consent to the enforcement of the regulations in the present year. It is well to safeguard the seals, but it is far more incumbent upon British ministers to safeguard British subjects from injustice, and we trust a sympathetic hearing will be given in Downing street to the earnest representations which have been made from Ottawa with this end in view."

MOUNET-SULLY.

The Celebrated French Actor.



The features of Mounet-Sully are familiar to Canadians, as the great actor, during his American tour, played to delighted audiences in this country. Mounet-Sully mimics the passions to the life, and there is a subtlety, an intellectuality in his delineations which places him in the front rank of great players. Mounet-Sully is a patron of the famous "Vin Mariani," and it is thus that great actor speaks of it: "When we drink it, we sing, we gay, we love, we dream of the future, of glory, of the infinite. In fact, nothing can be better for strengthening than 'Vin Mariani.'" And this is the universal testimony, that this famous tonic wine nourishes and strengthens when all else fails, building up the nervous and debilitated system, driving away the blues and all dependency, and giving a new lease of life to those who were disposed to cultivate a morbid pessimism. If you desire to know something about the celebrated persons who have spoken admirably of "Vin Mariani," send your name to Lawrence A. Wilson, Co., Montreal, and they will send you an album containing their portraits, free.

ARGENTINE AND CHILL.

Friendly Relations Between the Two Southern Republics.

London, April 11.—The minister of foreign affairs for the Argentine Republic cables from Buenos Ayres to the Argentine minister at London saying that the relations of the Argentine Republic with Chili are maintained on the friendly conditions as heretofore, and there is no reason to presume that peace will be disturbed. He adds that there are no international dissensions likely to cause an alteration in the tranquility of the Argentine Republic.

UMRA KAHN TIRED.

He Releases the Sepoys Recently Captured by His Forces.

Simla, April 12.—Umra Kahn, chief of Jandol, against whom a British force is carrying on a campaign, growing out of his invasion of Chitral, has released the Sepoys recently captured by his forces. The Sepoys have reached the British forces and report that Lieut. Edwards and Fowler, who were also captured by Umra Kahn, are still held as prisoners. The Sepoy assert that Umra Kahn is unwilling to further fight the British.

All Stock Raisers use Dick's Universal Medicines

Perhaps
Some day, someone, somewhere, will make a better match than E. B. Eddy makes,—but up to this date no one has done so.
Meanwhile, and until a better one is produced, use
E. B. Eddy's Matches.

ADVICES FROM ALBERNI.

Geo. A. Huff, One of the Candidates for the Provincial House, the Right Man.

Discovery of a Rich Vein on Sam Darr's Mine Produces Excitement.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Alberni, April 10.—Mr. G. A. Huff, our Alberni candidate for the Cowichan district for the coming election, returned home after meeting with a good reception wherever he visited. We think in him we have the right man for looking after the interests of the district, and which we trust he will succeed in representing, as a more active and reliable man could not have been selected. His interests are virtually wrapped up with those whom he is striving to represent. Besides being in business as a storekeeper, he is a considerable land owner and a supporter in general of anything calculated to be of service in the development of good, sound business. It is understood from very good authority that he is to commence a fishery here at once. We wish him every success; no one has taken a more active part in catering for the requirements of Alberni, and especially in the mining interests, than G. A. Huff. It is certainly to him that a good many miners here, who are in their claims to-day, owe their present fortunate position. We hope that Alberni and Alberni-Cowichan voters will hand him a winner in the present contest for the general good of the district.

The weather has been wet and unsettled, delaying outdoor work in general. A blacksmith and wagon-maker's shop is an addition to the town, in the name of Watson & Co. M. M. Sarsault, of the Alberni hotel, intends making additions to his already commodious house in the erection of a billiard room with a new bar room. Both will be apart from the main building.

Mr. George Forest arrived here the other day from the east with his bride and were guests at the Alberni hotel some time. He removed to his new house yesterday.

Mr. Child left yesterday morning for Victoria on business in connection with the Alberni mines.

George Brown leaves to-morrow morning for Granite Creek in connection with the placer mining.

The erection of the Presbyterian Indian mission school and board house will commence as soon as the lumber can be supplied.

The road to China Creek is getting fast pushed through.

A fine ledge has been found on the Ophir mineral claim on Mineral creek. This claim belongs to George Brown, of Alberni.

Work on the trail to the "Star of the West" mineral claim on Granite creek looks well, and the gold is worth in Alberni \$2.50 more per ounce than China creek gold.

Work on the Missing Link is progressing favorably, and the ledge shows well for free mining gold.

William Campbell, the managing director of the hydraulic works on China creek, is expected here soon and will at once commence work. This company has plenty of capital for all practical purposes and means business.

To-day, April 10th, at 4:30 p.m., Sam Darr, who is the owner or part owner of a claim on Mineral creek, has sent a messenger down to speak of the discovery of a very rich vein, surpassing anything that has ever yet been found and which has nearly turned our heads round. As far as I can learn at present the quartz as they get into it gets richer and is free milling gold. All is excitement.

NANAIMO NEWS.

Residents of the Coal City to Celebrate the Twenty-Fourth.

Nanaimo, April 12.—A public meeting of the citizens was held in the council chamber on Thursday evening, for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual celebration of Her Majesty's birthday. Mayor Quennell presided. The arrangements made were merely of a preliminary nature. Another meeting will be called when the manner of celebrating will be decided upon. The old story about the E. & N. railway removing the depot to Newcastle townsite is again being revived. Another taking story is being coupled with it, viz: that a fast steamer is to be put on the Nanaimo and Vancouver route, to connect with the line. Good Friday was spent in a very quiet manner throughout the city. The busi-

ness men gave themselves a holiday, many of them enjoying the trout fishing. The Mainland vs. Island football match on Monday is looked forward to by lovers of the sport with keen interest. The Caledonian grounds are in fine condition for the match. Prof. Barber's pupils will occupy the boards of the opera house on Tuesday night with the production of "Rose Queen." The children have been well trained in their parts, and it is expected that they will acquit themselves with credit.

MIMIC WARFARE.

Local Militiamen Skirmish Over the Peaceful Hills Back of Town.

There was not a very large turnout of the headquarters companies of the B. C. B. G. A. for the march to Oak Bay yesterday, but for those who did participate the day was profitably and enjoyably spent. At 10 o'clock in the morning, the hour of assembly, not more than 125 men out of a total strength of 300 were in uniform. There was not a sufficient force to divide up, so as one battalion the three companies marched to Foul Bay, threw out outposts and skirmished on Oak Bay. It was hard work clambering over the rocks but the men kept bravely to their work and the exercise was splendid for them. There were many spectators along the line of march, particularly at Oak Bay, and it looked quite ready to see the men, scaling the cliffs and charging up canyons. At Oak Bay shortly after noon the "day's rations" were dispatched and Lt.-Col. Peters, D. A. G., addressed the men. He complimented them on their proficiency, praised the work of the day and said the only drawback was the lack of numbers. It is to the credit of No. 3 company, Lieut. F. H. Gregory, that it had by far the largest muster.

NEW TORPEDO BOATS.

One to be Built by the Union Iron Works.

Washington, April 13.—Secretary Herbert has decided to award the contract for one of the torpedo boats to the Union Iron Works of San Francisco. It is to be constructed on a slight modification of the department plans, with a guaranteed speed of 26 knots. It will cost \$125,000. In reaching this decision, Herbert has followed the suggestions of the special torpedo board and his own inclination to secure at least one remarkably fast vessel, while keeping the cost of the three within the appropriation. The slight increase in the price of the San Francisco boat is offset by the expense which would be caused by sending the boat from the Atlantic to the Pacific as well as by the guarantee for extra speed.



Mr. J. W. Dykeman, St. George, New Brunswick.

After the Grip

No Strength, No Ambition

Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Perfect Health.

The following letter is from a well-known merchant tailor of St. George, N. B.: "C. H. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. 'Gentlemen—I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills have done me a great deal of good. I had a severe attack of the grip in the winter, and after getting over the fever I did not seem to gather strength, and had no ambition. Hood's Sarsaparilla proved to be just what I needed. The results were very satisfactory, and I recommend this medicine to all who are afflicted with rheumatism or other ailments caused by poison and poor blood. I always keep Hood's Sarsaparilla in my house and use it when I need a tonic. We also keep Hood's Pills on hand and think highly of them.' J. W. DYKEMAN, St. George, New Brunswick. Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, and do not cure, pain or grip. Sold by all druggists.

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Nicaragua And Britain's Rep

London, April 13.—A dispatch says a telegram from Japan has been received stating that Japan has refused to be bound by the Japanese property law, and that the Japanese party are holding critical.

The inhabitants of Abyssinia having been ordered to occupy the territory of the A. Toepitz, the German place yesterday, the British residences were burnt.

An answer to the Nicaragua has been received from the Nicaragua government. It is so satisfactory that the government of Monday next, will in a duel to the Baron Reischach, and von Kotz, the high. The duel.

THE ADVA

Due to Speculato for Trade

New York, April 13.—The market has been attracted considerably and down has been but it is not easy to explain the motives of the movement has been London, and has not operations in the market being too transactions. The metallic convention suggests to some approach being in the silver question for some time, but and, in some quarters, the product of the on that point there is no opinion.

for granted that an indemnity, assessed at \$100,000,000, will cause a large demand for silver. The standpoint of these active material. An advance as has been the recent rise has during the past year seems to indicate movement have taken an opposite course, easily make them. While there is much other silver confidence yet the chances of a substantial agreement.

(2) The best route for the Atlantic cable position that the diminishing. (3) material in Europe. Asiatics have been amount, some estimate and payments for in the silver of the now held by Asiatic banks that funds, available exchanges, and five of exports of Asiatic countries. A little doubt that a very large amount yet it is evidently evident that silver movement will tend over a long period to diminish. It is evident that silver from one other and may have silver movement to be. As a matter of fact, this silver to it and many unemployed. Employers brighter prospects more sure return of first time in many road building is commenced. A mileage will probably coming year than past. This cannot be an impetus to the advance in leather, with an ready but that the er prosperity. C are also finding an advancing prices.

CABLE

Drunker Prison Death

St. Petersburg, prison keeper at St. Petersburg, attempting to escape other two are prisoners of the British. Wilde's publication drawn from the prison.

Dublin, April 13.—John Dillon, member of the East Mayo, after offered the position of Ireland.