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SEMI-WEEKLY COLOWST

MR. OLIVER AMONG HIS CON-

Mr. Frank Oliver, the new Minister of

his constituents, preparing for election. It is not known yet whether there will difficulty and having connection with be any opposition. However, in an in- all parts of Canada at Government terview which he gave to a Free Press rates and under Government regulareporter in Winnipeg, he does not seem tions. to attach much significance to his elec- There are two sides to the question tion as a test of the state of public of Government ownership, and it is, feeling in the Northwest on the separate school question. He cannot but ditions are not disturbed just at presrecognize that the conditions in his ent. In discussing the question of constituency are unusual. There is a "cheap" telephones possible under large number of French-Canadians, and municipal ownership, the Montreal Gaalso several thousand Galicians, the zette points out that in Glasgow, as in majority of whom are members of the one or two other praces, the authori-Greek Church, who believe in sepa- ties did not recognize that the tele-Greek Church, who believe in separate schools. In the general election Mr. Oliver had a majority of over two thousand, and, with a majority of elections already in favor of separate tors already in favor of separate tors.

that proposed by Mr. Blair and also by Mr. Borden. The country has been saddled with a line of railway costing \$75,000,000, which runs through the northern part of the country, the whole purpose of which could have been served by purchasing the Canada Atlantic. We are now paying for that useless stretch of railway to duplicate and come into competition with the Intercolonial Railway, and at the same time pay rent to the Grand Trunk for the use of the Canada Atlantic. A more incongruous and absurd, not to say financially unwise, policy was never before undertaken by a Government in this country.

It as a strange irony to see the men of Ontario fighting the battle of the West at Ottawa. The Advocate remarks: "History records nowhere more marked to the fact that the determining factor in the present war was the money "power behind the Throne," and very soon, in our opinion, the end will be in sight of lack of means to carry it on. This would apply to Japan equally with Russia, with this exception that Japan is in a much better position financially to carry on. Japan has credit, Russia has not Western members and cannot express too strongly its contempt for the position financially to carry on. Japan has credit, Russia has not whatever may be the issue of the impending naval engagement, it cannot long affect the final result. Speaking on the financial aspect of the question, Public Opinion sages. "What is the truth of the fact that the determining factor in the present war was the money "power behind the Throne," and very soon, in our opinion, the end will be in sight would apply to Japan equally with Russia, with this exception that Japan is in a much better position financially to carry on. Japan has credit, Russia has not would apply to Japan equally what is the incompression of the fact that the determining factor in the present war was the money "power behind the Throne," and very soon, in our opinion, the end will be in sight to the fact that the determining factor in the present war was the money of the verg course adopted by the Government and it as a strange irony to see the men of

NATIONALIZING THE TELEPHONE.

It would seem that Sir William Mulock has been able to induce his colleagues to accept his views upon the in the following: Government ownership of telephones. We have already referred to the committee appointed at Ottawa, of which Sir William is chairman, and to the arguments which were adduced at the first meeting by him and others in favor of the proposal. As was stated then, it is contemplated that the Government of Canada should secure and perate the long-distance telephone nes and that the municipalities should ontrol and operate the short lines, forming, on the whole, a series of groups by which a wide area of country could be covered. Whether this would prove to be a paying proposition remains to be seen. It will, however, be a matter of great public utility, especially to farmers. Nowadays the success of a farmer depends upon his close contact and intimate knowledge of the markets, and by a system of telephones this will be, to a great extent, rendered possible.

It is not proposed, evidently, to take over the existing systems of telephone, but to work in conjunction therewith. It is held that it will be an advantage to independent companies to obtain connections through the municipal and governmental exchanges, and the way the Interior, is now in the West among will also be opened to municipalities acquiring their own systems with less

It is bad enough to surrender their own rights, but to make the interests of an other Province suffer as the price of that surrender is still worse.

sioners recently made their report, and an exchange of notes between Great Britain and the United States has effected the acceptance of the terms of the report by the two governments. Under this agreement Canada gains considerable territory, but the advantage is not very real, as the territory in question is supposed to be almost wholly valueless. The region is mountainous and broken, and nearly all of it is covered with perpetual

QUESTION OF VERACITY.

RUSSIA'S SOLVENCY.

most remarkable fact, however, in connection with the position the Advocate has assumed, and one which is of special interest to British Columbia, is stated in the following:

"In politics the law of exchange holds good, it seems, and we understand from quite reliable sources that, in exchange of the control of the government will not pur a DUTY ON LUMBER; otherwise it would. In the Government will not pur a DUTY ON LUMBER; otherwise it would. In fact, such a course WAS ALREADY.

If this be true, and we have no doubt and the Advocate's source of information is a reliable one, British Columbia and such as a conclusive. Russia spect with the department of the government and its supporters from the Northwest Territory.

The conclusive is the conclusive of the c French (who have already found £400, 000,000) or any other nation to take up a new issue."

The Canadian Annual Review of Public Affairs for 1904, written by J. Castell Hopkins, is now in the press and will be issued shortly. This is the fourth year of publication and, judging by the table of contents, the work grows increasingly valuable. The new volume devotes nearly 100 pages to a THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

The final gap in the Alaska boundary dispute has been filled. As our readers are aware there was a portion of the boundary line not determined by settlement under the Alaska boundary award, made by the London tribunal in the fall of 1903. The charts prepared under survey failed to give any data for a stretch of territory towards the southern end of the boundary, covering a distance of nearly two hundred miles between the tours of site of the readers and the chamber and the chamber and the chamber and the chamber and the miners of America were working underground ten hours.

No man can say that they ever asked their miners to work more than eight hours; and the mines of this Island have always had the fairest and best of man-agers and bosses and the best of ventilation—no expense is spared to make men's always had the fairest and best of miners are aware their miners to work more than eight hours; and the mines of their miners to work more than eight hours; and the mines of their miners to work more than eight hours; and the mines of their miners to work more than eight hours; and the mines of America were working underground ten hours.

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No man can say that they are always had the fairest and of nearly two hundred miles between the mountain peaks known as Kate's Needle and Devil's Thumb. Shortly after the award was made, commissioners were appointed to place the boundary line and erect visible monuments. The commissioners were also dealt with, and, to quote the Canadian Magazine this work appears. Canadian Magazine, this work appears to be "judicial, encyclopaedic and not

"You say your inte uncle was an eccentric old fellow. Do you think he was insane?"
"I don't know—the will hasn't been read yet."—Cleveland Leader.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR HARBOR COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF TRADE.

Sir—I crave a little space in this issue in answer to your editorial on Harbor Commissioners, and in dealing with the matter will incidentally touch upon the inner workings of the institution known as the Board of Trade and the public relation thereto.

STATEMENT OF THE SECTION AND ADDRESS AS THE ADDRESS

Sir—I was more than sorry while reading your article on Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment to the mining laws of the coal mines of this province. When that act passed it was one of the worst acts the law makers of this province ever passed.

more; but I believe it is but just to the operators here, since business men, men of intelligence who are elected and sent to make laws for the good of the people of this province, will pass acts to make me and the man who employs me pay a fine of from \$10 to \$100 if I happen to be in the mine longer than eight hours from bank to bank.

Now, sir, I have worked in California, Washington and this Island, in the mines for nearly 30 years, and in all that time I never knew the miners to have to work

I never knew the miners to have to work as long or as hard by two hours per shift on this Island as the miners did 'n the United States; and the operators and managers of these mines always know that the miners of America were working underground to heard of the control of th

withorntawatte and the legislators who voted to pass an act that will compel 'these mines to close down and throw thousands of men out of work and bring poverty upon women and children, are not sorry before six months are over, they will not have much principle.

The miners must know that these mines, the work of the best through the contract of the principle.

The miners must know that these mines, the way they are timbered, can be shut down for a long time, and who will have to suffer? The miner, his wife and children, and not the employer.

Employers both here and at Nanaimo have always treated their men the very best. To think that the legislators should say to them, "Now, if any of your employees are longer than eight hours in the mine, we will make you pay a fine of \$100 for every one of them"!

Some of the men who passed that act don't own one cent's worth of property on the Island.

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Easter Holidays—An good opportunity is affor ing to spend the Easter friend or at one of th sorts "up the line," the Enaimo Railway having ar train service each day of train service each day : day until Easter Monda afternoon trains leaving each day. In addition train service, excursion r effect between all station days.

Matrimonial—A quiet place at the Metropolitan Blanchard street, on Satu bert Edward, second son Harrison, and Elsie daughter of Mr. John M ly of Lunenburg county and now of Johnson strein matrimony by Rev. Adams. After the ceren couple went away on a on returning will take up in this fair city.

(From Wednesday Victoria Clearing Hou clearings reported by clearing house for the April 18, amount to \$59

Hotel Change—It is re Oriental hotel has been number of years by two men recently from Natal, Mr. E. Courtenay Carvolt don Evans. A consider ment in the hotel premises don Evans. A consider ment in the hotel premises ed as a result of the chang hold is to commence on the

The Finnish Colony—R secretary of the province information, has returned Island, where he went to behalf of the government troubles of the Finnish Palmar against that the nose Palmer says that the pos bad as has been reported has made his report to the cannot discuss the ma

A Job for Joseph.—T eity council has appoint Martin K. C., counsel for salary of \$2,500 per an understood that in accep office Mr. Martin will connection as counsel couver, Westminster Hendry interests, and that might possibly be a his connection with the the capacity of legal adv

Teachers' Salaries-Th Teachers' Salaries—The has determined on a revisitem of paying teachers' sa finance committee has no matter of drafting the ned ments to the school bylaw, ed to grant the petition o and revert to twelve instements annually. It is felt right that the teachers smonthly throughout the visual part of the second s onthly throughout the 3 ference will not materia whole amount expended in

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