

The Colonist

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SEIZED ON SUSPICION.

The seizure of the Marvin by Captain Hooper, of the United States cutter Rush, can only be accounted for by assuming that the commander of the Rush, like a good many more of his countrymen, regards every British subject who hunts the seal in Behring Sea as a poacher or a pirate.

But, as we all know, beliefs are not always founded on reason, and we also know that when once a man or set of men get it into their heads that they have a right to anything it is very hard indeed to convince them that they are wrong.

It should not be forgotten that the difficulty of obtaining any compensation for the injury done by the Commander of the Rush in the execution of his duty is very great indeed.

It might be supposed that the officials who were entrusted with the command of cruisers employed in such duty as the Rush has been doing, would be men of experience and proved discretion.

NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH.

It is not a little singular that none of our American contemporaries can discuss the "Alaska Boundary" without suppressing the truth in some important particulars.

Our ingenious contemporary leaves out a very important word—a word that is easily understood and of one such significance as, it seems to us, to make further dispute unnecessary.

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It is impossible to do if the line runs up Portland Canal, for Portland Canal terminates before it reaches latitude 68°. But the channel running northwards from the southernmost point of Prince of Wales Island does reach that parallel of latitude.

A DIFFICULT POSITION.

Lord Salisbury is at the present moment, with respect to Turkey, in a very peculiar position. He has, both in London and Constantinople, used some very strong language with respect to the Armenian outrages.

The Sultan has listened to Lord Salisbury gravely and politely. He may have protested a little, though if he has it has been very gently. But he has done nothing. He has not taken a single step towards carrying out the reforms which the British Premier has advocated so strongly and so publicly.

"THE PARTY OF PURITY."

Although our friends the Grits are such fearful enemies—on paper—of corruption in every form, when they think that anything worth while is to be gained by bribery and corruption do not scruple to bribe and to corrupt.

A BIG BOOM.

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A LOYAL BRITISH SUBJECT.

There are many in Canada who question the loyalty of our French Canadian fellow subjects. They declare that the French have never been reconciled to British domination.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

A good deal has been said about compulsory arbitration, but no one has yet shown that it is practical or even possible.

The impossibility of compulsory arbitration, or, more properly speaking, its non-existence, as it involves a contradiction of terms, is well set out in a recent semi-official statement of Labor Commissioner Wright.

There may be some who will say that Mr. Beauvois did not mean what he said. This is not either a charitable or a sensible way of judging a public speaker.

WEALTH OF KOOTENAY.

The press and residents of Kootenay have often been accused of "drawing the long bow" when describing the mineral wealth of this section of the province.

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It was won by a man who went to the Cape as a juggler in a circus, and is now climbing rapidly the social ladder.

The boom is still on. Very little attention is paid to the warnings of the cautious.

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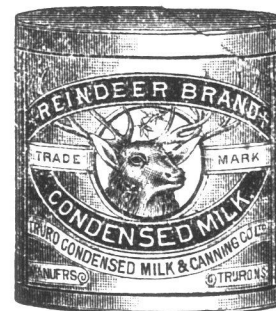
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