THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1896.

THE ASSESSMENT BILL.

The publication of the bill to amend severity and its injustice. We believe the Assessment Act has created quite that the bill, as far as the mining inan excitement in the Kootenay district. Miners have held meetings to protest satisfaction as any measure imposing against its provisions and editorials have taxes can give. The Premier in framing appeared condemning the measure this measure had a very difficult task to almost without qualification. These ad- perform, and he is to be congratulated on verse criticisms were all uttered and the result of his labors. written prematurely. If the speakers and writers had heard the speech delivered by the Minister of Finance on Tuesday they would have modified their criticisms materially. The Premier trial just now. The House of Represhowed very clearly indeed that the Government are most desirous to treat the mine owners fairly. They want the mining industry to pay its fair share towards the revenue of the Province, but it is evident from the tone of the Senate and the House of above this about eight feet from the his speech that nothing is farther from his intention than to hamper mining enterprise or to treat mine owners in the people in the Great Republic any respect unjustly.

We are glad to see that the men interested in the mines do not object to but formally to recognize the taxation per se. On the contrary, they Cuban rebels as belligerents and admit the justice and the necessity of accord to them the rights of an incontributing an equitable share to the dependent nation. Will the President provincial revenue. Thus far they and do this? If the British House of Comthe Premier are altogether at one. The difficulty is to find out what is an equitable share and how that share shall be plainly and so decidedly, there would be estimated.

All agree, too, that mining properties which do not pay should not be taxed. The Finance Minister was very clear and very emphatic on this point. He said that the bill "is only intended to apply to those who are really making a profit out of their mines." If the bill as it is now framed acts in this way, the objections that have been raised against it will have lost their force.

The opposition to it in Kootenay is on the ground that it will make mining unprofitable, but if the tax is so imposed that a mine will not pay a cent until it exempt non-paying mines from taxation likely to be effective? There is a differ- And the indications are that he will do ere these Moors will bestow a penny allowance for working expenses suffisideration in estimating the value of the | President of the United States. ore for assessment, the cost of treatment and transportation? It seems to us that in making these /allowances the Government have met/nearly all the objections that have been urged against the measure by the miners at the different mining towns and camps at which meetings have been held.

The principal objection to the bill at of all ore on the dump before it can be removed to smelter mills or sampling gross value instead of upon the net value

"the proposed tax of 2 per centum upon the output of the mines."

The petition of the Ainsworth meeting had the same object. Here is the first paragraph of that petition:

"The assessment bill as relating to mines and minerals is objectionable and arbitrary, and the proposed tax of 2 per cent. on the gross output is unjust and unreasonable and is certainly not prompted by those having the general prosperity of the province in view."

The Rossland mine-owners and claim-

"That no taxation of this industry will be acceptable which does not take therefore any and all imposts upon a gross value of the ore are unfair and un-

The leading article in the Nelson Tribune of the 29th ult., is directed gross output of precious metal mines." The Nelson Miner is a little more discursive. It says:

"The opposition is not so much against the amount of the tax. It is more against the method of imposing it. A mine is virtually imposing a burden which is light on the rich man, but is crushing to

against the Assessment bill, that the Government have met the principal objections against the measure, and have therefore taken from its opponents nearly all grounds of complaint. The conclusion at which any intelligent man must arrive after reading the petitions and resolutions carefully, and also the speech of the Leader of the Government and the sub-sections added to the bill,

of the bill or against its details. This must lead impartial observers to the conclusion that the bill is a fair one; for if it treated the miners harshly and was unjust in its provisions, the Opposition would quickly point out its undue dustry is concerned, will give as much

ON TRIAL.

sentatives, by an immense majority, has Representatives represent the will of the people of the United States, and if really are sovereign, nothing remains for the President to do mons and the British House of Lords signified their will on any subject so nothing for the Sovereign to do but to looks at it outside. carry out their wishes or appeal directly to the people. This latter course, under such circumstances, would be very dangerous. There is a possibility that the people when appealed to would decide against Parliament and for the Government; but the chances are a hundred to one such a result, for Parliament would not 'tis the custom of the country to eat off go almost unanimously in a certain dir- the floor and sit upon nothing and not the ection if its members did not feel very

the people at their backs. But the decision in the United States is profitable there will be nothing to is not with the people, but with the Pre- I can fathom, for, look you, senor, if complain about. All that remains to be sident. He, if he sees int, can decide considered is, are the precautions taken to against the expressed will of almost the their faces or of their means by their whole of the two Houses of Congress. ence of opinion on this head. Is the so. Upon no sovereign in the world does such a tremendous responsibility cient? and is it right to take into con- rest as that which now devolves on the

A SERIOUS BREACH.

The unity of the Salvation Army appears to be threatened. Commander Ballington Booth and his wife, Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, who had command of the United States division of sistence than this. the Army, have been dismissed, or have dismissed themselves. The cause of the Nelson was requiring the assessment disagreement is not very well known. Ballington Booth and his wife were energetic and successful workers. Under works, and basing the assessment on the them the Army in the United States has habitable and this wilderness agreeable. I, armed with a knife and bagging hook, of the product." We quote from the influence. What is the number of the to provide us with what commodities, stacked in one corner of the garden, and resolution passed at the Nelson meet- rank and file we have not the means are necessary to that end. I agree with sorting out those most proper to our pur-The petition of the municipal council that "there are some six thousand It would not be advisable if we could carried them up to our house. of the corporation of Kaslo is against persons who are known as outside mem For that reason, my knowledge of var Here we found Moll mighty jubilant in tributors is being added to all the time, and this large sum is constantly increased. Already the army owns in the United States property the value of United States property the value of the value of United States property the value of United Sta million being represented in one piece of ground and building in New York city."

"Come, this sounds fair enough," floor and folded up our fine blankets to cries Dawson. "But pray, senor, are we serve for cushions, and all that did not It is said that Mr. Ballington Booth, to do nothing for our keep? during his ten years' residence in the to do," replies he, with a meaning mentioned as being intended for cattle. United States, has become thoroughly of mining freight and smelting, and that therefore any and all imposts where him and his father, the General. The discipline of the Army in the States, it remembering the jolly, vagabond, careis alleged, has become relaxed. The less, adventurous life we had led these methods which have been found so suc- past two months, with a thousand pleasimposition of a 2 per cent. tax on the cessful in Great Briain are not suited to ant incidents of our happy junketings, the United States, where the condition living in this place—though a paradise of the masses is very different. How- for a year without change. ever that may be, Mr. Ballington Booth in England. Mr. B. Booth and his wife
—the latter is very far indeed from purse from his pocket, "I will give you should not be asked to pay any more until it is making a profit. To tax ore on the dump 2 per cent. may be just eating up all the profit on a just eating up further burden on a man striving every enrye to bring his property into freshly developed mine or may be a still sons in the States interposed and tried he would as hef as not throw up his daughter, at the same time taking no sundry bundles of soft, dried leaves, and working order. The indiscrimination of the old gentleman was firm. He was believe he was then balancing another of his encomiums, being down in the holtent bed upon which to lie. Then, bound that orders should be obeyed and alternative in his mind. discipline should be carried out, no matter what considerations stood in the

dated January 31." What effect this breach will in America it is hard to say. There are laying his hand gently on her shoulder those who want an American Army he says: completely under American control, and which we published yesterday is that there can be very little difference of to bear upon Mr. Ballington Booth to celona? They were not more than 40. opinion now as regards the fairness of the bill between the Government and all reasonable men interested in the very difficult, as the greater number of all reasonable men interested in the very difficult, as the greater number of the very difficult. mining industry.

We are pleased to see that the opposition to the measure was merely perposition to the measure was merely perposition. functory. The leader of the Opposition said, however, that Mr. Booth gives any up her head in disdain. had nothing to say against the principle countenance to such a movement.

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CHAPTER XIL house, like nearly all Moorish houses of this class, was simply one large and lofty room, with a domed ceiling built of very thick masonry, to resist the heat of the sun. There was neither window nor chimney, the door serving to admit light and air and let United States institutions are on their out the smoke if a fire were lighted

One-half of this chamber was dug out to a depth of a couple of feet recognized the Cuban insurgents as for the accommodation of cattle (the belligerents; the Senate has done the litter being thrown into the hollow as same. The combined minority of both it is needed and naught removed till it Chambers amounted to only twenty- reaches the level of the other floor), and ground and four from the roof was a kind of shelf (the breadth and length of that half) for the storage of fodder and a sleeping place for the inhabitants, with no kind of partition or any issue for the foul air from the cattle below. "Are we to live a year in. this hutch?" asks Moll in affright.

"Have done with your chatter, Moll. answers Jack testily. "Don't you see I'm a-thinking? Heaven knows there's enough to swallow without any bugbears of your raising.'

With that, having finished his inspection of the interior, he goes out and

"Well," says Don Sanchez, "what think you of the house?'

"Why, senor, 'tis no worse that I can hath this advantage, which they have which pleases him also mightily. not, of being in a sweet air. With a bit of contrivance we could make a shift to leg of the hoaskin and draws off a quart live here well enough. We should do against amiss neither for furniture, seeing that after, and this we drink to our great recook the victuals in about all we need sure that they had the great majority of in that way. But how we are to get any thing to cook in is one mystery, and,' clacking his tongue, "what we are going to drink is another, neither of which one may judge of men's characters by habitations, we may dance our legs off piece upon us, and as for their sour milk I'd as lief drink hemlock, and liefer. Now, if this town had been as we count-

> to perish of starvation in a fortnight What say you. Kit?' I was forced to admit that I had never seen a town less likely to afford a sub

> ed on, like Barcelona, all had gone as

merry as a marriage bell, for then might

we have gained enough to keep us in

jollity as long as you please, but here, if

we die not of colic in a week, t'will be

with great patience and waited a min- sets herself to sort out our goods, such ute to see if we could raise any further as belong to us-as tools, etc. -on one objections, answers us in measured tones, side, and such as belong to her as pip little ingentity you may make the house ing her to this employment, Dawson and increased in numbers, in wealth' and in My friend, Sidi ben Ahmed, has offered betake ourselves to a great store of canes of ascertaining at hand, but we see you that it would be impossible to earn pose we lopped them all of an equal the meanest livelihood here by dancing, bers of the army. Most of them are rious tongues making me very service- having got her work done, and admirapeople of means, who contribute each able to Sidi ben Ahmed, who is the most bly she had done it, to be sure, for havfive dollars a year, aggregating thirty considerable merchant of this town, I ing found a long recess in the wall she thousand dollars. The number of con- have accepted an office in his house, had brushed it out clean with a whisp tributors is being added to all the time, This will enable me to keep my engage of herbs and stored up her crocks, acwhich is estimated at one million five excellent for those who will, and you betwixt 'em with a handsome posy of hundred thousand dollars; over half a shall not be stinted in that particular."

> "Nothing beyond what we came here sight into that hollowed side I have "What?" cries poor Moll in pain

The don shook his head gravely, and we were all downcast at the prospect of

"Though I promised you no more has incurred the disapproval of the Gen- than I offer," says the don, "yet if this eral and he was recalled to headquarters prospect displease you we will cry quits the means to return to Alicante, where

away the tears that had sprung to her | She has spilled all our nails, and here's Our readers see from these extracts from petitions, resolutions and editorials of the Hon Changer M Deposit hon the eyes, brightening up wonderfully, but then, casting her eyes upon the dom, her this accident was repaired, how the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew he, face fell again as at the thought of leav and Moll's transgression forgotten when evening, all mightily content with one through his son Bramwell Booth, wired ing him, for we all admired him and she returned with an old woman carry another, and not less satisfied with our Universal changes and equity compel she prodigiously for his great reserve ing her purchases. Then were we forced stew, which was indeed most savory and him to confirm the arrangement. He and many good qualities which com to admire her skill in this business, for palatable. This done, we took a turn manded respect, and this feeling was she had bought all that was needful for round our little domain, admiring the profoundly deplores the resignation

kind of growing affection. Seeing this sentiment in her eyes, the

we are not to be pitied, and I warrant ere long we make ourselves to be envied Come, Kit, rouse you out of your lethar gies and let us consult how we may improve our condition here, and do you, senor, pray order us a little of that same excellent wine you spoke of, if it be but a pint, when you feel disposed that

The don inclined his head, but lingered, talking to Moll very gravely and yet tenderly for some while, Dawson and I going into the house to see what we could make of it, and then, telling us we should see him no more till the next day, he left us. But for some time after he was gone Moll sat on the side of the well, very pensive and wistful, as one to whom the future was opened for the

Anon comes a banging at our garden gate, which Moll had closed behind the don, and, going to it, we find a Moorish boy with a barrow charged with many things. We could not understand a word he said, but Dawson decided these chattels were sent us by the don by perceiving a huge hogskin of wine for which he thanked God and Don Sanchez a hundred times over. So these commodities we carried up to the house, marveling greatly at the don's forethought and generosity, for here were a score of things over and above those we had already found ourselves lackingnamely, earthen pipkins and wooden vessels, a bag of charcoal, a box of carpenter's tools, which did greatly delight Dawson, he having been bred a carpenter in his youth; instruments for gardening, to my pleasure, as I have ever had a taste for such employment; some very fine Moorish blankets, etc. So when the barrow is discharged Dawson gives see than any other in these parts and the lad some rials out of his pocket,

Then, first of all, Dawson unties the of wine, very carefully securing the leg



The don lingered, talking to

freshment, and next, Moll, being awoke Then Don Sanchez, having heard as from her dreams and eager to be doing, "I doubt not," says he, "that with a kins and the rest-on the other. Leavroses in it. She had spread a mat on the belong to her she had bundled out of

After we had sufficiently admired the performance she told us she had a mind to give us a supper of broth. "But," says she, "the don has forgotten that and praise that. This we could do very we must eat, and hath sent us neither heartily and without hypocrisy, for he bread nor flesh nor salt."

get these things we knew not, but Moll tion across the room by nailing of the declared she would get all she needed if canes perpendicularly to that kind of we could only find the money. "Why, how?" asks Jack. "You know tion, thus making us now three rooms

not their gibberish." "That may be," answers she, "but I opening to enter the cavity below and warrant the same language that bought | the floor above by the little ladder that me this petticoat will get us a supper." stood there, and these canes were so So we gave her what money we had, not so close together but that air and and she went off a-marketing, with as light could pass betwixt them, and ye his order of deposition and removal, but more sure undertaking. And indeed 1 to her such perfection, and in the midst both chambers, made a very sweet, conlow searching for his hammer, he cries: Dawson offering Moll her choice, she

This accident was repaired, however, our supper in the sweet, cool air of tinged in her case, I believe, with a a couple of meals, and yet had spent but many strange and wonderful things that half our money. Now arose the difficult | grew there, especially the figs, which, | question how to make a fire, and this though yet green, were wondrous pleashave on the Salvation Army don was clearly touched by it, and so Jack left us to settle by our own devices, ant to eat, and I laying out my plans for he returning to his own occupation, the morrow, how to get this wilderness Moll resolved we should do our cooking into order, tear out the worthless herbs, "My poor child, remember you the outside the house, so here we built up a dig the soil, etc., Dawson's thoughts kind of gate with stones, and contriving running on the building of an outhouse to strike a spark with the back of a jack- for the accommodation of our wine, the soldiers are Americans, who might your own life—that the estate to which cane we had cut and some charcoal we to be discussed, we turned into our dorat last got a royal fire on which to set mitories and fell asleep as happy as the garden, which by the taste we "And no, no, no, say I," cries Daw thought might serve to make a savory.

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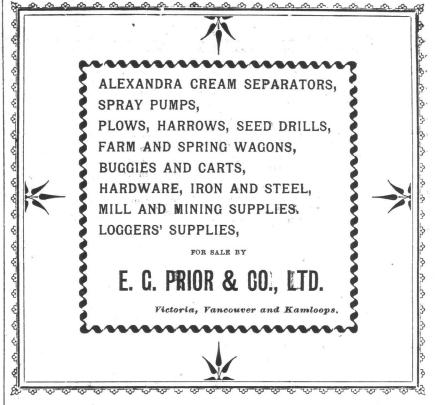
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Rough Weather on rard Inlet Row Among the

VANCOU VANCOUVER, March have recently refused successful operations on the ground that justice. In the mean dispose of their wares and residents, receithrough the papers, precautions as regards

olaces of business.

Mrs. Machin, wife was accosted the other attempt made by a f watch. The man spra a hiding place on made a grab at h 'What do you mean want?" The man said d- you!" Mrs. Mac. sisted, and pushing in a neighboring hou pushed away so sudd that he did not suc

Seats for the Tavary engagement next wee and the financial suc ment is assured. who are taking tickets for the season.

The annual meeting Inlet Rowing Club wa Fifty-two new memb The club is in a ve dition. Two double their way from Englan give a good account A smoker wil benefit of the club at a the ensuing year Mr. elected honorary presi president; Sheriff Hal T. H. Sissen, second W. Kent. captain: captain; F. R. McD. secretary; J. V. Arm secretary; G. E. McL treasurer; R. Spinks, urer. A strong execu pointed. The inland revenue

ary are \$10,100, an inover February of last The licensed vintn council, through their duce the liquor licens being sold in Vancouve for five cents.

The electric light c lighting the city offer to supply light at This is cheaper in any other city whe tions of wages, fuel an Westminster, owning compelled to raise its

cents per night. The property of all w tax sale to take place VANCOUVER, March 4. minster Presbytery Owing to the delayed ness of importance James Buchanan, of pointed moderator. A mysterious disapper has occurred at the ci-named Kirkland becam sound on the west bou his brother placed him police for safe keeping sterling in his pocket, counted by a police off nesses and handed to t in a bag by the chief over night. The next of to the treasurer, sealed and put in the safe. to Kirkland it was £10 shortage occurred is a The board of trade meeting last night. credit balance of over

Three hundred of this printing the annual r Bell-Irving was elected Mr. W. Godey and Mr. elected vice-president an retary respectively. I voted \$150 for his servi passed a resolution to the provincial governmento make it a provision of railroad from Trail to the road be finished in t Angus Cameron, a rancher, says he was b terday by three men w of robbing his shack.

dying from loss of bloo-It is reported that the the Mainland met tomatters for their mutual

WESTMINST

WESTMINSTER, March weather has been expe river. The Gladys has h since Saturday morning. Dut Desmond, a vagra ally begging on trains w 6 months imprisonmen Capt. Pettendrigh, with month for unlawfully F. R. Glover, who connection with the the position of city clerk by the publishers and sta with an address expres appreciation of his pa valuable services, and the tions which have always address was accompan

watch and chain. A delegation from the to proceed to Victoria river bridge.

A by-law to borrow \$89
cipation of the collection
passed by the council las

WESTMINSTER, March of loose ice is in the navigation dangerous.

On account of a delaye non arrival of several del Fruit Growers' Associate from yesterday to to-day Another fruit union wa