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sal was very well received in and we do not anticipate that Il he raised against the erecsidence for the Lieutenanthat will be in keeping with th of the province. It is singunder the broadness of Mr. views of public policy all tionalism is disappearing. We mischievous spirit will no t in British Columbia politics

glad to learn that the Vancouand Labor Council does not follow the suggestion that is all members of the militia fident that the loyalty of the en of British Columbia will gainst the allurements of fireattempt to sap the foundanadian lovalty.

t Mellen of the Northern way says that the prospects vorable for an increase in owing to the general crop in the Northwestern States. have a tendency to help his presidential candidature. es and Populism flourish best e soil.

on of the Nanaimo Trades and ncil in calling upon Bishop d Rev. A. B. Winchester to or deny certain observations to them is certainly a aordinary thing. As we said er occasion, some of these las endeavor to exercise a tyranould not be tolerated from any

very much in what Mr. Mcyesterday in the discussion of works votes, namely, that the at has not had sufficient time every matter calling for penditure. Both sides of the ed disposed to admit that, in he short period that has elapsed government came in, the approre very fairly distributed.

tables made a strong plea yesor a good pack trail from Benatlin, for use in the spring and is, when the ice is poor on so that mails can be carried We are sure such a trail is and have no doubt that the Commissioner of Lands and will see that everything possible to provide it.

are some items in the estimates iarves and piers, and Mr. en very properly drew attention fact-that while a very considerof money is spent every year East on wharves by the Dogovernment, there are no corresxpenditures in British Colum Mr. Helmcken asked that the progovernment shall direct the atof the federal government to ngruity.

Times takes a correct position says: "There is a general feelat British Columbia is entering new era, and that the govern ould do all in its power, by ng money freely for development , to speed us along the road to prosperity." This is very well ndeed, and the government will ss feel encouraged by it in its of provincial progress.

compliment paid by Capt. Tatlow house yesterday to the Vancouver men was undoubtedly fully merited also satisfactory to hear him say e abominable proposition made to members of the militia emannly from utterly irresponsible paid ors. We had no idea that any proportion of the people of the Ter-City felt otherwise than indignant uch a suggestion should be connectth so loyal a place as Vancouver.

e can be no object, in continuing rect the Times in its statement that Prior paired against the Mackenzie-Yukon railway charter. It will dmit its error, although it must perfectly well that it is mistaken. n two weeks Col. Prior stated at ing of the Council of the Board of precisely what the Colonist has in regard to his course in that ection. It is early in the campaign our contemporary to begin misrepre-

e Times should try to deal fairly its political opponents. It says that Colonist admitted that there may been some juggling with the figures ch we quoted yesterday, showing that per capita expenditure, and, conseatly, the per capita taxation of the on, are greater than that of the ted States. The Colonist said nothof the kind. What it did say was t juggling with figures may be emed to make the figures mean otherthan the Colonist claims they do.

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Journal says:

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In connection with the subject with which this article deals, it will be of interest to reproduce the following from the pen of W. E. Anderson, editor of the Cumberland News:

"In another column may be seen a statement made by a scientist regarding birds, which should cause everyone to seriously study the problem of bird life in relation to agriculture. A few people are aware that birds are beneficial in one way or another to mankind. Fewer still know, or partly know, that all birds are so. Many have a dim conception that some few birds destroy norious insects and class the large majority as either useless or destructive, while probably nine-tenths of the human race never give the subject a thought. The recent disastrous invasion of cut worms in this province, and the incalculable damage they have wrought in their pergrinations, has brought to light curious facts in regard to birds that have been partly known to the writer, for some time, and have encouraged him to proceed with the writing of certain papers on the subject of the relation of birds to agriculture which he has long had in contemplation. We will begin with that much despised, execrated and hunted member of the feathered tribe-the crow. First we will relate what has been told us in the last few days. A prominent farmer of the valley, who has lost nearly all his crops by the worm, has still a fine crop of fruit, apples and has coming and in contemplation. We will begin with the much despised, execrated and hunted member of the feathered tribe-the crow. First we will relate what has been t has been told us in the last few days. A prominent farmer of the valley, who has lost nearly all his crops by the worm, has still a fine crop of fruit, apples and pears, the trees of which the worms a few days ago had attacked viciously, and in such numbers that he was confident that the next night would see them stripped of both fruit and foliage. A large flock of crows happened along just after the trees were attacked and spent the rest of the day in the orchard, with the result that the trees are still bearing their leaves and fruit, and Mr. Worm took inside passage for the faroff land. That farmer had been in the habit of shooting at the crows whenever

Mr. Anderson points to his various reports as to the stand he has taken on this all-important subject. For instance, in the fourth report he quotes Dr. C. Hart Herriam's remarks from "Hawks and Owls of the United States" as follows:

"When certain birds are known to be

achs which were examined 56 per cent. contained mice and other small mammals, 27 per cent. insects and only 3½ per cent. poultry or game birds."

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The boy aroused the indignation of the passengers by his continued shricks and kicks and screams and his viciousness toward the patient nurse. He tore her bonnet and scratched her hands without a word of remonstrance from the mother.

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conxingly:

"Harry musn't touch! Big fly will bite
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"Yes," he said, "I am bound to make myself known. I would have my name a household word."
"Well, that's easy," was the reply. "There is no law against a man making a fool of himself, you know. Will you jump from the Brooklyn bridge or shoot the Niagara rapids?"—Chicago Post.

polities." "Of course not; there never have been and never will be any ordinary years in matters," s American politics."—Indianapolis Journal. a mistake.

The interior of the place was that of all these bungalows are constructed with the died of getting the breeze, no matter how the wind is. The two doors in a one com house indicates that the architect has had this in mind and doubtless it is a case date. "They are handy for books," said the old lagy. "And the stalls are roomy and comfortable," said Dobley. "One would have room to kick."
"It says 'cool nights, 'replied Mrs. Dobley, ''They are possible of upush this contage on people by any mights—thirty feet from the surf." "Won't you step inside?" said the owner, ''Spidently they don't care to promise too much," said Mr. Dobley. "They are not obliged to push this cottage on people by force or by yivid word descriptions. It is a case of take it if you wish or leave it. There is, a calm dignity about the very handwriting that I fike immensely. They are hondly force or by yivid word descriptions. It is a case of take it if you wish or leave it. There is a calm dignity about the cottage, simply state its points modestly. I am that you will be confortable." That's all we wish to know."
"To me it has a Biblical atmosphere," "To me it has a Biblical atmosphere," "You could use the loft for sleeping all we wish to know."
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I have a great mind to transport and secure it."

"Not without seeing it, surely?"

"But it will probably be snapped up by someone at once," suggested Dobley; "that's the trouble with these good things!

telephone you the result."

"I am afraid you will take it in a hurry without investigating it if you go alone.

Wait until afternoon and I'll accompany

Harry screamed savagely and began to kick and pound the nurse.

The mother without opening her eyes or lifting her head cried out, sharply.

"Why will you tease that child so, Mary? Let him have what he wants at once."

"But, ma'am, it is a —"

"Let him-have it, I say."

Thus encouraged, Harry clutched at the wasp and caught it. The yell that followed brought tears or joy to the passengers.

The mother awoke again.

"Mary!" she cried, "let him have it."

Mary turned in her seat and said, confusedly:

"He's got it, ma'am," a life of the life

set of feed bags there."
"Well, I think it is horrid!" said Mrs.

it," suggested the old lady, "ask them to come down and look at it. I've heard that artists like cottages of this kind."

"There is the ocean!" exclaimed Doblev. "There was no misrepresentation about that!"
"It must be one of those queer little houses along the beach," said Mrs. Dobley. "They are nearly all built alike."
"They are extremely picturesque. The place exceeds my wildest imaginings."
"There's not a bit of shade," said Mrs. Dobley. "Then let us proceed to the Trolley-burst Inn that I see in the distance and we shall have some luncheon," and Dobley. "No-shade trees rarely grow in the surf owing to the laws that govern those surf owing the chief objection that I saw. Still we might get use dto it in time."
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"Well, I think it is horrid!" said Mrs. Dobley. "Oh, if you want a high-toned cottage you'll have to pay for it," said the owner of The Breeze. "This is only a hundred dollars." SECURITY Genuine

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CASES SETTLED. Canadian-Australian Liners Can Call at Honolulu Without Fear.

A Honolulu despatch received via San Francisco says: "The Canadian-Australian Steamship Company, whose steamer Miowera refused to take the Hogan minstrels to Victoria first-class last April on account of their color, has just compromised the 29 suits brought against it by paying \$1,500. Of the 29 suits brought, three have been tried, and a judgment rendered against the company in each case. In one case the judgment was for \$5,000, in another \$2,500, and in a third \$200. It was because of these judgments that the Aorangi did not come within the three-mile limit of shore on her arrival here from the colonies last trip."

THE BRITISH MARINE Amounts to Two Million Tons More Than That of All Other Nations Combined.

According to the edition of "Lloyd's Register Book" just published; the world's mercantile marine is divided among some 40 nations, who last year owned among them 28,422 merchant ships, representing 29,043,728 tons. Of this large fleet of commercial argosies, close upon 50 per cent. of its carrying capacity is owned by Great Britain and her colonies. Britain's steamships have expanded to upward of 12,000,000 tons, or about 2,000,000 tons more than is owned by all the other nations combined. Britain's share of the world's safling ships is somewhat under 2,000,000 tons, or, roughly, a third of all the sailing tonnage now affoat.