CONDITIONS IN THE STATES.

Those who have been watching the exreed that the outlook for the future of twelve months. That is, a prospector the great republic is the reverse of a having located and recorded a claim has might be expected that the greatest am- to justify him in paying \$5 an acre for in the United States would have been have been imitated by the E. & N. R. found emanating from those resident | Co., a free miner has one year in which outside the confines of that country; yet | the reverse seems the case. Many in the United States are thoroughly aware of the existence in their country of evils which threaten the gravest consequences and are not backward in pointing arraignment of those responsible for the lamentable condition which new prevails nede than that contained in the speech delivered by General Butterworth at the Memorial Day ceremonies at Laurel Hill cemetery. Philadelphia, He said in part:

"The course of all republics has been towards the rocks. Our own is the same, serve that which they prize most high; but they do not. It is said that the people love liberty and home above all else, and that it would be absurd to say that they would destroy that which that is so. Practically it is not. \* \* \* What relation does the citizen sustain to the government? Let this relation be freely understood. Remember, the law that governs the moral world is as certain and as inevitable s the law of can never hope to own. gravitation. Those who offend must pay the penalty not more certainly in the

physical than in the moral world. "The republic is in more danger to-day than when Fort Sumter was fired upon. We have plenty of education; but education, unless leavened with morality, simply fits the man to be an expert scoundrel. Our country is in danger because corruption in our politics is as common as elections, and corruption in our municipal and state legislatures is as common as luncheon at noon. In almost every municipal and state legislature there is an organized banditti that demands tribute and sells legislation. We know this to be so. We do not guess We all know it. You know it in Philadelphia, and you know it in Pennsylvania. And it must stop, or it will

stop the wheels of this republic. "There are too many men who would scorn dishonesty in private affairs who encourage it in politics. Half of the to mine thereon for gold and silver upon world is going to the devil because no complying with conditions imposed by one will shout out foud. The time has the government? Is it not a fact that come. if the republic is to be preserved, the effect of these arbitrary and unjust when we will have to rebuke men out loud. Men sneer at morality in politics, but God knows there is hardly enough left of it in the politics of this country to sneer at. Many sigh and pray for prosperity, and many work themselves up into a belief that prosperity is speedily coming to bless all our homes. But. my countrymen, do not be misled, but think and reason and judge for yourselves. And so thinking and judging, don't you see that before we can bring prosperity back to remain we must remove the cause that drove and keeps it

"Do not forget that the humblest man whose fingers kirop a ballot helps to makes the right or promotes the wrong. If liberty fails, if the wrong prevails, we, the people, are to blame, for we \* \* \* What hope trample principle under foot. There are so many who have grown discouraged and have quit trying to make our politics purer and better. I find so many ence in my countrymen. I have less but fail utterly to appreciate the responsibility that freedom imposes."

General Butterworth, figuratively speaking, "hits the nail on the head" when he places the responsibility for this unhappy state of affairs on the shoulders of the people. They have the remedy in their own hands, and that remedy will unquestionably be applied sooner or later; but many express grave fears regarding the immediate future of the country if those entrusted with the management of the affairs of the nation fail in their duty to the people and refrain from suppressing the evil influ-

MINERS

trend of events in the United States are in two equal installments in six and trol. cheering one: It has been said that "the but ten days in which to ascertain that enlooker sees most of the game," and it there is sufficient mineral on the land cunt of criticism of the causes which are it. Under the mining laws of the provresponsible for the deplorable situation | ince, the liberality of which might well to do assessment work to the value of \$100, which entitles him to hold the claim for another twelve months. After five years, \$100 a year having been expended upon the claim, he receives from the province a crown grant. The comout to their countrymen the dangers pany will give fen days and then the which confront them. No more scathing prospector must pay \$125, not for the gold and silver, which is his by right of discovery under the mining law, but for in the neighboring republic was ever | the base metals and surface rights only. It is not necessary, surely, to point out that no miner will, without doing some development work, purchase fifty acres of mountain on the mere chance of finding a mine. The risk is too hazardous and the prospector is too poor, and, after and for the same reason. The theory of many disappointments, too wise, to thus our government is that men will pre- double the risk he is running. Practically the company has increased over a hundredfold the cost of prospecting on its lands. The bad effect of this will be seen almost immediately in the tomakes life worth living. Theoretically tal abandonment by prospectors of the company's lands, for so long as there is plenty of crown land to be exploited no miner will be foolish enough to waste his time in finding mineral which he

> policy of the company's regulations, a legal phase of the question which we should like to hear ventilated. We have always understood that under the mining law a free miner could enter upon private property, locate a claim, and, gold commissioner, could develop and mining law, or can that company, by as trespassers miners who have a legal right to take gold and silver on private property? Does the ownership of the baser metals give them the right to compel miners to buy land when, under the mining law, said miners have the right terms, if they are maintained, will be to take away this privilege from the free miner and in reality place the control, if not the ownership, of the precious metals in the hands of the E. & N. R. Co., thus nullifying the recent decision of the privy council?

There is, however, apart from the im-

INFECTION CARRIED THROUGH

The following paragraph appears in last Saturday's issue of the Winnipeg Free Press: "On the 22nd of May a party of Chinamen, who had been quarantined at Victoria on account of smallox having broken out among them of John Nutt, C.P.R. passenger agent, met have I for the future? Much hope, but the party at Portage la Prairie, and no confident expectation, because I find rode some distance with the celestial so many men who for party advantage emigrants. Yesterday Mr. Nutt was removed to the quarantine hospital suffering from smallpox, which he doubtless contracted while travelling with the inwho are willing to buy legislation as facted Chinamen. Dr. Inglis has taken they buy corn or wheat. I prefer all necessary precautions for the public tyranny to anarchy. There can be no safety." This should be instructive to been the result if the regulations had cautions now observed.

## THE RAILWAY MUDDLE.

If anything can be done to secure the commencement of the Coast-Kootenay THE E. & N. R. CO.'S TERMS TO the dispute of the two rival companies, it is to be hoped that no effort will be spared towards that end. The difficulty The terms offered by the E. & N. R. into which the people have been led is Co. to prospectors and miners for the directly due to the trafficking in charters acquisition of the company's mineral and subsidies which has grown up, and rights and the surface rights on lands if it would only lead to the complete included in the railway belt are not as abolition of that practice its net results favorable as we were at first glance led would not be so much deplored. We to believe. When the Times commend- must say, though, that it is peculiarly ed the liberality of the company, it did instructive to find men and journals so upon the supposition that the condi- now moralising on the evils attendant on tions upon which the price of \$5 an acre | such traffic who have condoned them for was to be paid were not surrounded with years because the traffic was carried on stipulations impossible of fulfillment. It under the aegis of their political friends. was supposed that in relinquishing its At Ottawa under the successive Conclaim to all minerals, save iron and coal, servative governments, and at Victoria and selling to the miner all surface under the late and present administrarights for \$5 an acre, that the company tions, the game of charter and subsidy would be inaugurating a policy that grabbing has flourished notoriously. This would be certain to encourage prospect- threatened deprivation of needed railing and eventually lead to the develop- way facilities is one of the fruits which both true and natural, as the strait is ment of many paying mines within the the public might reasonably have expect not only narrow, but curiously crooked, railway belt. But we were mistaken, ed. To those who care only for the The price of \$5 per acre is not object public interest and object to that inter-The price of \$5 per acre is not object public interest and object public in to be paid are so ridiculous that it is railway promoters the situation is a ence are in a position to verily lo safe to say that no mining claims will most regretful one. We do not know once at the present project. This Canbe taken up after they are fully under- that arything can be done to relieve it adian correspondent, however, advances stood by prospectors and those who aid in the immediate future. What should the marvellous proposition that and encourage prospectors in their gen- be done, if it is possible, is to kick the erally unsemunerative occupation. whole of the rival promoters overboard Montreal. Further, that the land hand The company stipulates that one-half, and begin de novo, proceeding on such from Winnipeg to the mouth of Nelson

of the purchase money (\$125) is to be lines as would secure the building of a river on Hudson's Bay, is 750 miles paid ten days after recording the claim road through from Kootenay to the shorter than that to Montreal. As to this I beg to ask whether the shortness with the government, and the balance Coast that would be under public con-

THE SOAP DUTY.

to the tariff's operation-eyen by those who are personally interested. Mr. Pendray has been credited with stating that the preference accorded to British goods by the Fielding tariff would prevent him carrying out the intention he had formed of extending his soap works the near future, since there would be too narrow a margin of protection left him by that arrangement. The duty on soan the common or laundry class is left at a cent per pound, as in the Foster tariff, but the preferential clause provides for a reduction on British goods this year of one-eighth and next year of an additional eighth, which would ultimately leave the duty at threefourths of a cent. This, it has been said, is not enough margin of protection for a soap manufacturer in this province. Now the fact is that at present the duty on soap imported from Britain is only three-fourths of a cent, and that it will not be made any lower by the preferential clause in the new tariff. The reduction has been made through the agency of the French treaty, which was concluded by Sir Charles Tupper under the late government's authority. When that treaty was arranged the soap duty was 14 cents per pound, but the treaty provided that soap, among other articles, imported from France should be admitted at half the regular rate, therefore the duty on French soap was fixed at three-fourths of a cent per pound while the treaty is in force. No preference could be given French goods over articles of a similar class from Great Britain, end so it happens that the duty on British soap is three-fourths of a cent, to having given bonds satisfactory to the which figure it would not have been rearced by the preferential clause until work such claim. Is the E. & N. R. Lext year. If Mr. Pendray's enterpris-Co. not a "private owner" under the is to be checked it will not be by the Fielding tariff but by the treaty convirtue of its extraordinary charter, treat | c'uded with France under the Conservative regime

THAT DEAL AT OTTAWA.

The dispatches from Ottawa relating o a deal between the promoters of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern and the Columbia & Western railways are not pleasant reading. Until all the facts are known and both sides have been heard it would be premature to prothe circumstances, in the interest or both railways. It will probably be found projects would be removed and the combined company might go to the gov press in five years as they have in the previous twenty.

erriment strong and united. It is simply! "There has been talk of closing facabandonment of a project of which they ton mill. Our merchant marine is busy is found. were but custodians on behalf of thet with all the freight it can handle and as Fork channel on the ground owned by public. That such a view of the unsue- returns will soon be made for produce Mr. Mills. The weight of the machinery cessful negotiations is entertained by namy is unfortunately only too true of crease in our favor. The dairy and cat- liminary trial before C. A. Phair, J. P., show that it is without foundation.

## HUDSON'S BAY ROUTE.

true liberty without law, any more than those people who consider that the Wil- in respect to the Hudson's Bay route, self and prepare to make hay while the sent up for trial. liam Head quarantine precautions are a rather remarkable fact when it is sun shines. We are on the eve of prostoringent. If so brief a contact with borne in mind that the bay and the perity. Now is the time to get in the Cunningham creek properties, near Barkconfidence in some who appreciate the the Chinese was sufficient to infect this straits have been more or less frequentopportunity our free institutions secure, | Manitoban-and that after the Chinese | ed for hundred of years, and that exhad been detained for the regulation peditions have been sent for the special time in quarantine-what would have purpose of determining their navigatiiity. That they can be navigated freely been relaxed as some people insisted up- enough to suit the purposes of the Hudon? The answer is not at all hard to son's Bay Company's fur trade, a numsupply. Let doctrinaires, wiseacres and ber of transient outside traders and the steamship owners say what they please, whalers is beyond doubt, but whether reston to feel satisfied when they couthe public will not be likely to consent the route is so unobstructed that a to any relaxation of the quarantine pre- regular ocean line of steamers can use it is another question. That question the present expedition to the bay is expected to answer more or less completely, and a great many people-particularly those in the West-will rejoice if the answer be foad and protect British Columbia in favorable to the route. Meanwhile, as terests from the danger threatened by we have said, there is a conflict of testimony. Several intelligent and disinterested observers are thoroughly convinced, from their own and others' experience, that the route is entirely feasible. Others are equally pronounced against it. Among these is Roderick Campbell, F. R. G. S., who writes as follows to the Canadian Gazette, and

> whom we must suppose to be also a disinterested critic: "I wish 'A Canadian Correspondent," writing on this subject in your last week's issue, has 'defined his position.' Some nine years ago I depicted in this journal my experience on board the ship Prince of Wales, in the year 1859, and it was complete incarceration, for the first three weeks in August, in fields of ice of immense thickness, filling the whole strait from Cape Cudleigh and Resolution island, in the Atlantic, to Southampton and Mansfield island, at the other end of the strait in the bay, harboring numerous islands, and the only outlet from the largest inland seain the world. Only those who have peg is nearer Liverpool, via Hudson's Further, that 'the land haul

gress? And, secondly, whether it is not a fact that the land haul from Winnipeg to the head water navigation of Can-ada, on Lake Superior, is very much It is easy to make mistakes in regard nearer than it is to the shore of Hudson's Bay? 'Three great advantages, he further adduces, viz.: 'shortness smoothness and coolness.' The first of these I have partially dealt with, and what I have left, the coming trans-Atlantic vessels of over twenty knots an hour on the St. Lawrence route from port to port will amend. And so for the other two, let me assure him that he never wrote-unconsciously or noter words in his life. After the vessel is safely fixed in an ice-pack, there will, indeed, be abundance of smooth water and coolness around that locality.'

GOOD TIMES COMING.

Observant men in British Columbia are agreed that the outlook for the future of the province never was brighter, and the people as a whole are confident that an era of unexampled prosperity will speedily be ushered in. It is true that British Columbia possesses peculiar advantages over the other provinces of the Dominion. The exploiting of her vast stores of mineral wealth and the consequent large influx of people from far and near, together with the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, are bound to give an impet is to trade in this province that will be lasting in its effects. Occupying as we do then this exceptionally envious position, it is mildly surprising to learn that the people of Canada generally are optimistic in the highest extreme regarding the future of the Dominion as a whole. Not that we have had any doubts regarding Canada's future; on the centrary, we have all along contended that the Dominion only needed good government to restore prosperity. But we hardly anticipated such a speedy recovery from the long season of depression that has prevailed this and other countries as that predicted by those most competent to judge of the outlook. Here is what the To ronto Economist, a journal devoted to the interests of trade and commerce. and particularly well fitted to speak with knowledge on the subject, says:

"Prospects for business in Canada have not for many years been as promising as they are now. If it is not too early to speak with confidence of the crops, it might be said Canada's cereal production this year will be the most cuntiful in our history. There is not a benker nor merchant in the country but knows what that would mean to trade. It would means barrels of money in cirevlation, and better times throughout nounce judgment. The secret agreement the country. Now that we have had a which was subsequently repudiated, may supplementary budget dealing with the have been strictly honorable and, under turiff, all difficulty concerning duties has been bravely tided over ill next session. But it is a pity that the question of the ultimate outcome of the prethat the negotiations were conducted ferential schedule must be left in abeysolely with a view to the consolidation arce, for this preferential proposition of interests, in order that the antagon, seemed to us the initial step in the evoluism which threatened to defeat bothe tion of a scheme under which the Britprojects would be removed and the ish colonies would make as much pro-

cumber of individuals, who have repus the most part with the object of adjustshipped, the balance of trade with the is about 15 tons. Mother Country should show a large in- The Indian George, who had a pre depression is rapidly fading away. The

> ress heads." the Liberal party in power must feel much chagrin at the turn events have large amount of freight on hand at the taken. Canadians have all the mose Ashcroft warehouses. sider the very different state of affairs which obtains in the United States.

A correspondent points out that it was the Point Ellice bridge case and offered the remarks which were quoted concerning the state of the law. It is as well Mining Company, is reported as cleaning plication of the remarks.

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### British Columbia. Secretario de la constitución de

SALT SPRING ISLAND. The sloop Eileen left for Victoria on everything is being well done, a the 19th inst. for a cargo of groceries. A fine two-story cottage, 30x40, is being built at Vesuvius Bay for Mr. C. J.

Bittancourt. There are three new cottages for rent at Vesuvius Bay on easy terms. Vesuvius will be hereafter known as the Vesuvius Bay village. The new building is built on the ground of the old one, which has carried on business

since 1873 under the management of

Mr. C. J. Bittancourt. ASHCROFT. B. C. Mining Journal.

The Cariboo mine begins washing up on the 15th. Reports vary as to the probable results, the estimates being from \$40,000 to \$100,000. It will be the result of nearly two months' run, and incredible that any individual, or any tories, but, it appears now, it was for A canload of machinery consigned to will likely be not far from \$75,000. Quesnelle Forks is at the denot. It con tations to lose, would secretly combine, and we now hear of preparations for sinking to a depth, raising the core so ing business to the new tariff conditions sists of a complete set of machinery for board ship, passed through this city en to advance private interests by the the establishment of another great cof- that it can be told whether or not gold It is for use on the old South

> but the facts will, we sincerely hope, the export business will soon be boom- at Lillooet, last Monday, was acquitted irg. Large exports of cured meats are He was up on the charge of murdering being made. Interest in our mining in- a Chinaman near Lillooet a few weeks dustry is being revived. The cloud of ago. J. W. Burr spent a few weeks investigating the case, and had witnesses ozone of hopefulness of better times is from all over the district, and it was in the atmosphere. Get a grip on your thought by all that the Incian would be

> > An opportunity should not be erville, arrived on Thursday at Ashcroft. lacking for all energetic, up-to-date busi- It is rolled and marked ready to be put together quickly. Also for Mac-This is indeed cheering. Those who Reynolds and Taggart of Snowshoe redicted evil results from the placing of Both of these plants will be forwarded as rapidly as possible. There is now a

> > The new ditch on the mine at Keefers together with about 2,000 feet of fluming. completed and the water has been turned through. It is as good a ditch and flume as has been made in this section. The flume is three feet wide, the ditch Mr. Justice McCreight, not Mr. Justice four feet on the bottom and 13 inches McColl, who gran ed leave to appeal in deep. If there are not unexpected delays mine will be in operation before the 1st of July.

to have the correction made, but the up his sittices, and the results of the correction does not at all affect the ap- first run are good. He is to be congratulated. The first hydraulic elevator in British Columbia works lighted with tinued, resulting in the finding electricity and all running smoothly. feet of ore upon the extension We hope the results of the wash-up will meet the anticipations of the stockhold five miles southeast of the from the present outlook it and the trend of the lead is n seems highly probable. Mr. Ward has line to that group of mines. stayed by the Horse Fly country many

the mining operations being prosecuted five claims, there. At Ward's property both elevators are working day and night, and the whole thing is a grand success. At night the place is lighted, by electricity, five lamps of 200 candle power each, which makes the camp light as day. A wash-That is just the truth about Hood's Sar- up was to take place early this week, saparilla. We know it possesses merit and it is expected that the result will because it cures, not once or twice or a speak for itself. At the Horse Fly mine the mill is almost completed, and when finished will be a fine piece of work. The foundation is of solid rock and con crete. Work on the cement tunnel is in about 400 feet. When actual work commences on the cement, it is expected that at least forty tons a day can be put through the mill. At the celebrated Cariboo mine work is going steadily, and the water this season has been pretty good, and no accidents have been encountered to stond devicement. to stop development. It is expected that a wash-up will take place about June Hood's Pills billousness. 25 cents. 17th, and will probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed the proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the probably amount up pretty with a capital of \$10,000. They proposed in the prop

record with the Cariboo mine. R. H. Campbell has his shaft now down over 200 feet, and has struck good gravel, and it is expected will strike rock very soon. The senator is he is in the centre of the old river nel. Work is going on steadily. uccess of the work is assured

FORT STEELE. Fort Steele Prospector

It is reported that the placer worked by the Chinamen on Wild Ho is paying \$10 per day to the man. J. H. Hilles reports a discovery gold bearing rock on Goat river. Thre claims have been located and the vein is six feet in width.

On Sunday, June 6th, the laying the corner stone of the new chure St. Eugene Mission was accompli in a most successful manner together with very impressive services. We learn that a Victoria synd completing the necessary ar

for the working of the on Palmer's Bar. A large strike was reported on Elk river last week, and many prospe

Mr. McKinsty has struck a of galena on the Big Dipper claim, situated about half a mile w he Sullivan group. Mr. McKinsty depth of 30 feet, where he found a and the bottom of the shaft is in s

Messrs J. H. Jennings and W Mill have made a strike of cube galena six miles east of the St. Eugene of mines. The ledge at present is wo feet in width. Five claims hav located, and the discovery of claims is another proof of the immensi of the silver-lead belt running through

the Selkirks. On Menday Inspector J. A. Thompson and Capt. Armstrong arrived at For Steele. The inspector immediately pr ceeded to inspect the boiler and eng of the boat, and found them in exce condition. The inspection of the res the boat resulted in finding every

in a similar state of affairs. On Thursday, June 3, Messrs. Delman, Walz, Tucoo and Bossi Fort Steele on a prospecting trip. about 12 miles from Steele, in the ity of Luke creek, they came up orkings of Messrs. Robinson Greenman. The sight of a small of galena excited them, and the termined to prospect in that hood. They followed the surface tions for some distance and Manager Ward, of the Horse Fly Gold small body of quartz. In brea a small body of quartz galena w and soon a large body of galena posed. Two claims were imp located and then prospecting first claim. The claims located a is a rich cube galena and ass. show as follows: Silver, and has been traced for a distance

> MANY FATALITIES. Earthquake and Storm Cause Loss of Life.

Simle, June 19.-It is that over 6,000 lives have been lost earthquake disturbances which visited the province of Assam. Paris, June 19 .- The Gaulois day that twenty persons were killed eighty injured in the cyclone swept over the villages of Bessons. ombes and Ansnieres. Antwerp, June 19,-Seven

-The Vendome Hotel Co. is poration which has just been regis

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From Monday Victorians and their there are several tho to come, have entered Her Majesty's Diam terday they were all tend the Jubilee service ing they gave themselv making. So far the w the carnival, the show and Sunday eveni dust and made the ai to be pleasant. The crowd at the

Hill vesterday after timated at from t It is safe to say, that thousand present. not see what was piatform, nor could said, but they could vided by the masse Regiment and H. M the massed choirs o the leadership of B The scepe was a

selected on which being an ideal one. foot of the hill, on people were accomm to get a clear view which were the parti First to arrive

the general public, of early to get good pos Lieut.-Col. Worsnop the battalion's bug They numbered about later the Victoria ba their band and in Williams, arrived. a square and made cieties, who had met Hall and marched to ty the band of H.

THE PROCI The Various Societies

Fully a thousand (

ers, Sons of England.

Orangemen, Knights bers of St. Andrew's ciety, Sir William W members of other se A. O. U. W. Hall at 2:30 and marched giving service at Bea crowd thronged the s ed with much interes the lengthy processi was a most interesti the friends, sisters. were walking." there to see all that standing in the cen the rear of the Cant namental part of the two lilliputian Chines discussing the bea braid and brass butto in danger of being Marshall Mr. T. Bra on his spirited bay h marshalling his forces Soon after the city claimed the hour of 2: ion formed on Yates extending from Quadr. listance below Dougla oury gave the word: eorge, the leading s the band of H. M. S. ermarched and march cvered down the cer each society falling int cession progressed the The long line of societ turesque-for besides galia and uniforms the lore, Union Jacks, Ro banners of the parading. There was, head of the procession Jack. The order in v paraded was as follow leorge, Loyal Orange Knights of Pythias, I toria Lodges, St. Andr donia Society, and Sir Society. The Scotch s by their piper, W. A. of their member Highland costume, add to the picturesquesness Following these societies

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the subordinate city lod The Canton Militant

in their bright uniforms and buttons and the ever Their plumed hats all