

OUR CAPITAL LETTER.

The Shuswap and Okanagan, and Cariboo Railways.

The Fraser River Sand Banks—Comments on Sir Charles Tupper's Speech.

From our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 28.—The budget speech has been delivered and there are no tariff changes to be announced. This was not altogether unexpected, however, as the Hon. the Minister of Finance, Mr. Mackenzie Bowden, has long been expected to announce a budget which should be a relief to the people, and not a burden.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

The Fire in San Diego Under Control—Loss Over Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

A New York Stock Broker Commits Suicide—Asks a Friend to Send His Body Home Cheesely.

The Railroad Transfer Denied—An Earthquake Shock in San Francisco.

ETNA AND SALTINA.

New York, May 4.—George W. Atkinson of the *Sprague Life*, London, cables that the results of the work he has been doing in the coal fields of the western states are of a nature to give him a large fortune in case he falls to fight.

Trade Reports.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly trade report says that the present state of business is uncertain. The net result of the week has been a little advance in prices of securities, with considerable decline in prices of commodities.

Becket Ship and Hurd.

James F. Huntington, a well known broker who has lost money in Becket ship speculation, shot himself dead in the Washington building to-day, after leaving a note to Cyrus W. Field, in which he said: "It seems almost impossible to succeed. As a last favor, will you send my body home for burial as cheaply as possible, as I have no friend but you." (Signed) Jim.

Bain Will be a Candidate.

Friends of Mr. Bain in this city announce that they can state positively that Mr. Bain will be a candidate for the Presidency, if such be the unmistakable decree of the party.

The American Flag Only.

A large meeting, to express satisfaction of the American flag, was held in the city to-day, when the American flag on public buildings was held in honor and before a national emblem.

A Well Known Lawyer Deceased.

TRENTON, N. J., May 4.—Charles J. Estler, a well known lawyer, who died last night, was one of the most prominent members of the bar in Trenton. He was married to Miss D. Williams for a divorce, and has suffered from a depression of mind since the publicity of that scandal.

The Reverser Reported.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—There was a meeting of the American Fisheries Commission to-day, when the report of the commission on the fisheries treaty, which will be submitted to the Senate next week and taken up by the President on September 14th, was discussed. The commission reported that the fisheries treaty is a valuable one, and that it is necessary to take steps to carry it into effect.

A Close Call for a Senator.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 4.—Capt. Robert E. Smith, a well known lawyer of this city, says he has in command of the soldiers who attacked Vorhees on the train between Terre Haute and Greensburg. The incident in which Vorhees was killed, he says, was a result of a misunderstanding. He says that he was with Vorhees at the time, and that he saw him being taken away in a coffin.

A Fight Shock.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—A slight earthquake shock of a few seconds duration was felt at 1:55 this afternoon.

Deaths Lost by Fire.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 4.—A fire started early this morning in the city, and destroyed a number of houses. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire was caused by a gas leak in a house.

THE LOSS OF THE S. S. QUEEN.

Spiritualists Predicted the S. S. Queen. She would be Lost on that Particular Day—Four People Suspected.

A Dispatch from San Francisco says that some six weeks ago half a dozen or more spiritualists and clairvoyants came together with the prediction that the Queen of the Pacific would go down on that particular day in San Diego when she was sunk in Port Harford harbor. They had several seances and readings, and the result was always the same. The Queen, they said, was doomed to disaster, and some went so far as to stake their reputation on the issue. The predictions were freely circulated and reached the ears of the general agents, who paid no attention to them. It was only when they had it that the steamer must meet with disaster. They pointed to her unfortunate fate, and said that the loss of the Queen was a disaster of a nature which had never before occurred.

WHY SUSPECTS?

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CABLE NEWS.

A New Political Party to be Formed—A Royal Commission on the Army and Navy Suggested.

Efforts are Being Made to Induce Queen Victoria to Visit the Irish Capital.

Parnell's Speech on Tuesday Next on the Pope's Death Causing Anxiety Among Home Rulers.

A New Party.

LONDON, May 4.—Mr. Chamberlain, at a reception given by his brother, Richard Chamberlain, in the company of the Queen's Army Band, London, declared he would never again be a member of the Conservative Party. He said that he had been a member of the Conservative Party for many years, but that he had now decided to leave it. He said that he was now a member of the Liberal Unionist Party.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

ONTARIO.

Archibald Campbell was re-elected to-day for Kootenai district by a majority of 120 over Henry McKay. This result was generally anticipated.

While talking at Clinton J. McKay, Campbell said that he was not a member of the Conservative Party, but that he was a member of the Liberal Unionist Party.

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GOVERNOR WENDELL PHOENIX'S REPORT.

The Fur Trade Exploited by the Alaska Commercial Company—The Country Suffering from the Effects.

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