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THE PENITENTIARY CHANGES.

The pressure of public opinion has at length forced the Dominion government into an acknowledgment of its error in reappointing James Fitzsimmons as deing. Reluctantly and unwillingly the change has been made and Fitzsimmon's is to be transferred to a similar position in the east. People will naturally inquire how the man is fit to occupy such an office elsewhere when he is not fit to occupy it at Westminster, but as naturally the local interest in his case will largely die out with his removal. Une thing is clear, the tardy reversal of its action does not clear away the disgrace which attaches to the government's conduct or remove the impression that the government in the management of public institutions is apt to be influenced by other considerations than the public interest. We cannot pretend to fathom the mystery surrounding the Fitzsimnons appointment or specify the nature of the "pull" which this fortunate individual is able to exercise, but there can be no shadow of doubt that he was reinstated from other than worthy motives. The public may well ask what security can there be against the occurrence of such outrages so long as the present government remains in power. The appointment of Mr. Moresby as warden of the penitentiary is an eminently good one. Mr. Moresby has shown himself a capable and highly efficient officer in the provincial service, and there is no reason to suppose that he will appear otherwise in his new posi-

A NOVA SCOTIA JOB.

Some time ago a company called the in Nova Scotia. For some reason the It was subsidized by the legislature, and has been actively at work, a considerable portion of the line being already constructed. At this incture the old South Shore company suddenly revives and proceeds to renew its operations. roads closely paralleling each other. An of the ministers realize that it would be dangerous to follow the "remedial caved wood and filth seeming to resist supreme court to test the validity of the order" to its logical outcome of remedial the flames. The unclean coolies were South Shore Company's charter, which legislation. It is almost equally dangernot the only ones dispossessed, for is alleged to have lapsed, and that ac- ous to refuse and arouse the anger of swarms of rats were driven from lairs tion is now pending. Under these cir- their Quebec supporters. Thus there that had been homesteads for their famicumstances the South Shore company has doubtless come home to them the exapplied to the Dominion parliament for tent of the blunder committed when they street and many of the rats driven from a charter and a renewal of the Dom- promulgated the order and when they their comfortable homes met an uninion subsidy of \$200,000. The Coast allowed it to be semi-officially proclaim- timely end. All Chinatown turned out to Line road is being built without a cent ed from the housetops of Antigonish see the show, and it was all a mystery. of Dominion money, and will serve pre- and Vercheres that they were ready to cisely the same people as would the act promptly in case of Manitoba's diso-South Shore road if built. If honest bedience. The best they can do in their they were not clean. methods prevailed at Ottawa the ap present dilemma is to temporize, and it The fire made Chief of Police Shep plication of this company would be is at least doubtful whether that device pard reminiscent. "I used to patrol this promptly refused, for the reason that it involves needless cost to the country and also damage to a bona fide enterprise. But honesty is the last thing thought of by the government and its supporters, so they are doing their best to force the South Shore charter to force the South Shore to force the South Shore charter healthy and prosperous community conhappy relief to him. As a constable 1 happy relief to him. As a constable 1 with the charter healthy and prosperous community conmade hundreds of arrests around these vs. the city regarding the injunction prethrough and secure this nice little pot fined within the walls of big cities and old buildings. A number of Chinamen of \$200,000 for their Nova Scotia friends engaged solely in manufacturing pur- attacked me once upstairs in one of from the Dominion treasury. In the suits. For my own part I cannot conrailway committee and in the house the template such a result without dismay street and I had to fight my way to a ministerialists have used every device to amounting to horror; although I am I did not draw my revolver, but I used ensure the success of this unsavory job. glad to think that so gigantic a catas-British Columbians will remember that trophe has to yet come upon us." Not days several cases of smallpox broke out when application was made for subsid- one English statesman of note has the in these cottages on Cormorant street, ies badly needed in the public interest in slightest leaning to protection. Perhaps and it was a good thing to clean them this province the answer came that no they are led away by what a certain out." morey was available for railway subsid- heaven-born economist named Mr. Bur- dington alley will not be fired but pulled ies this year. What do they think of gis calls "the most systematic and audown. Chief Deasy looked over the this persistent determination of the gov- dacious misrepresentation of facts and ground and concluded it would be unthis Nova Scotia scheme? If the South Shore road is built it will closely parallel the Coast Line, and plainly the expenditure will be worse than useless. There is nothing but "boodle" at the bottom of this transaction, and the people of ed States, which treat the European will be done at the earliest time conthis province should make careful note of the affair.

AGAINST SUBSIDY "MILKING."

the criminal code, intended to curtail the common sense sixteen years ago and bolic Soap wrappers, a similar book will road or any portion of it to subscribe the other way now perceive this, and wrappers by leaving the ends open.

standing, reads as follows: "Section 133 is amended by inserting in sub-section one thereof, immediately after the paragraph lettered I, the following words:-Or J, being a president, vice-president, secretary or any officer or contractor of any railway company to which any sub- duced to correspond with their comparabuty warden of the New Westminster sidy, advance, loan or bonus of public tively light debt and, when the pension penitentiary. The circumstances indi- money has been granted or made by the cate that this acknowledgment would not government or by parliament or by a pro- diture. We, however, have been piling have been forthcoming if the day of the vincial legislature, and while any part up debt and expenditure with both general election had not been approach- of such subsidy, advance, loan or against the government, either directly or indirectly, by himself or any person in his behalf, subscribes, furnishes or gives, or promises to subscribe, furnish or give any money or any other valuable consideration, for the purpose of promoting the election of any candidate, or of any number, class or party of candidates, to a legislature or to parliament, or with the intent of in any way influencing or affecting the re- The Old Home of Victoria's First sults of a provincial or Dominion election." An exception is made in the case of any such officer being a candidate: he is then at liberty to pay his legitimate and lawful expenses. At a previous session the code was amended, on Mr. the code had been in force long ago they might have prevented the offences in which Langevin, McGreevy and Car- was made on the seven shacks that on figured so prominently.

A CHANGE OF TONE.

Dr. Weldon, M.P., and a number of vigorous effort to show that the Do do with it. Any private member is at en out in them, and the sanitary officer liberty to introduce a remedial bill, leav- said grimly: "They are getting a good South Shore Railway company was in- ing members of the executive the choice corporated to build a railway through of voting for or against it as they see fit. the counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne | Apparently the cabinet has some trouble in coming to a decision on this point, other roofs, but the firemen were on enterprise fell through and the company the final judgment having been left over became bankrupt, forfeiting its fran- till Monday. It seems likely that the dechises. Then another company, called cision then will be to postpone action the Coast line, was incorporated by the until the fall, when an extra session will Nova Scotia legislature to build a be held. Why all this doubt and inderailway over practically the same route. cision now, when the cabinet was so clear in its mind at the time the "remedial order" was sent to Manitoba? Evidently it was at that time of the opinion that a refusal from Manitoba would one of them. His feet were gone and he throw upon it the duty of proposing remedial legislation, else the order would looked on as one of the sights of the There came trouble over the right of adopted. But the manifestations of publacteria, and contagion days of medical way expropriations, for land owners 1:a- lie feeling have apparently given the science, people won't go within a mile of government new light, and the majority a leper. It seemed like the purification will help them out materially.

enment to throw away \$200,000 on the most persistent falsification of his- safe to attempt to burn them. Sanitary tory." Mr. Burgis is so likely to know everything and the whole gang of ordi-

Toronto Globe: Canada and the Unitcoming with goods in his hand to barter venient to the fire department. as an enemy, cannot expect that he is going to get his food and raw material from them if he can get it from those who are willing to exchange product for Parliament is adding a new clause to product. Had we taken the advice of the criminal code, intended to curtail the common sense circum very sense circum ve evil of election "boodling." It is a kept production cheap and international be sent. This is a special opportunity clause taken from Mr. Edgar's bill mak- exchange easy for the great natural in- to obtain good reading. Send your ing it a criminal act for any officer of a dustries our present condition would name and address written carefully. railway company subsidized by this have been much more satisfactory than Remember "Sunlight" sells at six cents perliament, or any contractor for the it is. Thousands of farmers who voted cents. One cent postage will bring your

or promise any sum for the election of not a few manufacturers realize it just a candidate to the House of Commons. as keenly. With their help trade will be The clause, which is a very important placed on a freer and sounder basis. ore, aimed as it is at an abuse of long But it may be many a long day before the country regains the chance it had then of cutting out the United States in the markets of the old world by offering greater inducements to the European buyer. In fact the signs are that protection will soon be utterly discredited in the United States and the tariff rescandal is abated, not immoderate expenhands, and the revenue necessities thus bonus is a subsisting claim created are of course bound to be an obstacle in the way of tariff reduction.

PURIFIED BY THE FIRE.

Firemen Destroy Unsanitary and Unsafe Buildings Condemned by the City.

Chinese Leper Among the shacks Burned.

The firemen have had a busy day of it engaged in the anomalous task of burning buildings, not saving them. Laurier's suggestion, so as to prohibit After the fire at the Maryland Chop public contractors from subscribing to House on Government street this morncampaign funds. If these sections of ing Chief Deasy decided to commence at once on the destruction of the unsanitary and unsafe buildings ordered "removed" by the city council. A start stood between Conlin's blacksmith shop and Tai Yuen's opium factory, bounded by Pandora and Cormorant and Government and Broad streets. There was a passage between the most westerly one and the opium factory, but the one the Conservative papers are making a nearest Broad street was built against the Conlin building, so that the task of burning it down was a ticklish one. It minion government is not bound to pro- was done, however, without trouble, and pose remedial legislation for the relief of a half standing chimney is the tallest the Manitoba minority. That is a mat- thing on the lot. The shacks had been ter, they say, that lies wholly in the used alternately by Chinese and Indians hands of parliament itself, the govern- liole and corner about them. In the past ment as a government having nothing to a number of cases of smallpox had brokfumigating now." The work required a few hours to successfully accomplish. Sparks from the blaze set fire to the old Brackman & Ker warehouse, as well as guard all round the fire, and the incipient blazes were quickly put out. Streams were kept playing on the sidewalks all the time, but despite that the one on Cormorant street was slightly damaged.

The two old shacks at the corner of Government and Fisguard were then and the thorough manner in which the fired. These were known as the "leper work must have been carried out when shacks," for in the 60's an old leper, the used to crawl about the streets and was city. Every visitor in those days was caved wood and filth seeming to resist lies for generations of rats. Small boys They thrive on filth and laugh at pestilence, and it was utterly ridiculous to them to burn these buildings because

beat years ago and know those old buildings well," he said. "I remember the Arthur J. Balfour, the nephew and crawl across Government street to get old leper, too, and often used to see him chief lieutenant of Lord Salisbury, in a water. He was our first leper, and a ness left over from the regular meeting. recent speech made a passing reference terrible sight he was. I guess it was Mayor Teague presided and there were to protection. He asked his audience dangerous to go near him, but we didn't window and jump to the street below. Hon. Mr. Justice Drake on Tuesday

Officer Conlin is getting figures on the cost of the work, and will let the work out at once, and by Monday or Tuesday nary economists and statesmen nothing! a start will be made. The seven cabins on Humboldt street to be destroyed will ent a couple of weeks ago but nothing receive attention some evening next week. They are to be burned and it very much dissatisfied with the supering

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Reported Discovery of Gold on the West Side of Okanagan Lake.

Some Interesting Items From the Mining and Agricultural Sections.

Vernon News. Last week we reported that several parties from town had gone down to the west side of Okanagan lake to look into he reported discovery of rich quartz near Lambly Bros.' ranch, about forty miles down the lake. It is impossible at no assays have yet been secured of the rock, but that specimens of gold bearing quartz of undoubted richness have been brought in from this locality is beyond dispute.

Mr. Robert Kerr, general freight and passenger agent, C. P. R., and Mr. Wm. Brown, district freight agent, C. P. R., passed through yesterday and proceeded down the lake on the Aberdeen. They will return on to-day's train and will have an hour or two in town, during which they are anxious to meet representative merchants or farmers and discuss freight rates with them.

Mr. J. R. Bailey completed this week the burning of the first kiln of brick turned out this season by the Vernon brick yard. The kiln contained about 200,000 brick of much superior quality to any hitherto manufactured in this

Mr. Alexander Gilmore, of Victoria, who has been on a visit to this city for some time, has appointed Mr. Frank McGowen, solicitor, Vernon, as his agent and representative in this city. Mr. Gilmore owns considerable real estate in Vernon.

Hutcheson & Davidson have been, ever since the season commenced, makng daily shipments of strawberries to the Northwest. Most of the fruit has gone to Calgary and intermediate points, though some has been sent as far east as Medicine Hat.

The Methodists of Kamlcops, of the B. Conference, intend gathering for an d time camp meeting at Salmon Arm n the 16th of July, continuing the rest of the week. The financial district meeting of Kamloops district will be held on the 17th inst., at the same place. A telegram from Vancouver states

that another colony of well-to-do Norsenen is expected shortly to migrate from North Dakota to the Okanagan district A fermer colony of Norwegians is lo cated further north at Bella Coola, and are doing satisfactorily, but the pioneers the present colony regard even more favorably the drier and sunnier district of the Okanagan.

Midway Advance. It speaks well for the soil, climate, we are able to say that out of 1,000 first ever known on the island, lived in prone trees planted on Mr. Covert's ranch last spring hitherto not one has

> Messrs. James W. Griffin and John Watson of Minneapolis have gone to in a region unexplored by white men Boundary Creek with A. B. Railton, it has been difficult to follow them. mining broker of Spokane, to examine These Indians have committed every the Helen mine in Skylark camp, with a form of atrocity. Many plantations view to purchasing it. life-long miner, and Mr. Griffin, who is their families murdered. a prominent lawyer in Minneapolis, has also had a share of experience.

> The Golden Eagle, an extension of the Stemwinder and Montezuma, Greenwood camp, was located by Mr. T. Lind on to be sent there, as the climate is fright-22nd of June.

> Capt. Wolley, proprietor of the Nelson Miner, paid a visit to Greenwood camp last Monday, leaving on the following Wednesday for Nelson. Mr. Wilbur, who acted as guide on this occasion, re- of savages and give the reclaimed lands ports that Capt. Wolley was most to immigrants, favorably impressed with the size of the edges in the camp.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Assessment and Sewerage Commissioners By-Laws Dealt With.

A special meeting of the city counci was held last evening to dispose of busi-

ing the contract for the filter beds, etc. at Elk Lake, was read. Notice was giv en that the case would be heard before morning at 11. Referred to the city solicitor.

The sewerage commissioners appoint ment and assessment by-law passed through several stages. This is the bylaw which does away with the sewerage commissioners. The assessment by-law was read

first and second time and passed through committee. Ald. Hall called attention to the neces-

sity of having an electric light in the band stand at Beacon Hill Park. Ald. Bragg said the matter had been placed in the hands of the superintendhad yet been done. He said he was tendent, he not having attended to sev eral matters referred to him. If things were not more satisfactory soon h would deal with the matter in a report. Ald. Macmillan thought it looked very much like a matter of "huff," the coun-Ald. Bragg denied that he had any thing against Mr. Hutchinson.

Ald. Hall thought the matter should be looked into by the electric light committee. The city was not receiving as system.

The council adjourned at 8:35.

FARM PROPERTY PURCHASED Mr. J. D. Bryant Sells His Fine Farm at South Saanich

Messrs. C. G. Fox and A. G. Wrigley, two gentlemen who recently arrived from England, have purchased Rosedale, Mr. J. D. Bryant's farm at South Saanich. The price paid for the property, including the stock and farming implements, was over \$15,000. This farm is one of the very best on the Island, Mr. Bryant being acknowledged by all to be the most successful farmer in Saanich. His stock and farm produce have always won prizes at the various shows at which he competed. There is a fine new residence on the farm, and the various barns and outbuildings are well built and com modious. In fact everything necessary on a good farm is included in the purchase. Mr. Bryant, who has during his present to state with any degree of cer- thirty years' residence in Saanich been tainty the real value of this new find, as a leader in the various movements for the benefit of the district, is not going to desert it altogether. After a visit to England Mr. and Mrs. Bryant will return to Victoria to take up their resi-

Messrs. Cox and Wrigley will take pos ssion of their property immediately, the deal having been a cash one.

COINAGE OF SILVER.

A Secret Organization Formed to Advance the Cause

Washington, July 5.—Another secret organization has been formed in this ountry for political purposes. It is called the Order of the Supreme Temple. Silver Knights of America, and its headquarters are 142 New York avenue in this city. The name indicates the purpose of the society to advance the cause of free coinage of silver. The knights are chartered in Virginia as a corporation. It is claimed that the lead ers of the movement are prominent in all parts of the country, and that a great number of representatives and senators are included among them. At the general office in this city a number of clerks are engaged in sending out free silver literature. It is claimed that temples are now being formed throughout the country, and that the Silver Knights (f American already show a considerable organization. It is expected by the projectors that by the time the next cam paign is actively entered upon there will be lodges of Silver Knights in every town and hamlet in the United States Access to the lodge rooms can only be obtained by means of secret passwords and signs, and discussions that occur there will be guarded with the utmost

MEXICO TO ATTACK INDIANS And Rid Her Domains of the Troublesome Savages.

City of Mexico, July 5.—The inhabit-ants of the state of Yucatan are enthusiastic over the reinforcing of the federal troops there, and the orders to move against the rebel Indians encamped near the Belize (British Honduras) border. People are offering their money and services to the government. Yucatan has been having an Indian war for a great many years. As the savages find hid ing places in the swamps and morasses Mr. Watson is a have been ruined and the owners and

> The campaign against the Indians the war against the Seminole Indians in fully hot and fever and hardships kill more men than do the Indians, who are as cruel as the Apaches and have marvelous ingenuity in warfare. But Mexi co's settled policy is to rid her domains



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