who had dealings with him found that But there is no likelihood of the Liberal the things which were very precious in administration doing that. The views his sight were truth, honor and kind- propounded by its leading members-by ness of heart. As a public man, no less Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding and than as a private citizen, his whole Sir Richard Cartwright among others ties we need not say much here; they that is, of the men employed in them. fish centle and kind and he did good

THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

We do not remember any other refavorable auspices as the brand-new pete without protection against the Republic of Panama. It had its origin pauper labor of any country." in the dissatisfaction of the populace of that district of the Republic of Colomditions on which the latter country should construct the Isthmian canal. The United States Government, from bin authorities gave indications that they intended to retain Panama as a part of Colombia by force if necessary, they were confronted by American reseals of war and American means and the control of the colombia by force if necessary, they were confronted by American reseals of war and American means and the colombia for the colombia by force if necessary, they were confronted by American reseals of war and American means and the colombia for Panama will be kept at such a strength as shall make any action by Colombia

The new republic, being thus recogmized by the United States, France, Germany and other nations followed. Now and report. Less than half that time Great Britain has also given its formal recognition of the new political situation of horrors perpetrated under a so-called recognition of the new political situation, civilized regime which will make it diffito the intense delight of the Government and people of Panama. As the greatest maritime power they realize the greatest maritime power they realize the importance of Great Britain's action, and doubtless now conclude that the stability of the Republic of Panama is assured. There is only one fly in the ointment. That is the annoying fact that Colombia insists—if it is to lose Panama—that the new republic shall assume her fair proportion of the public assume her fair proportion of the public debt incurred by Colombia while Panama was comprised therein. Still more vexatious to the Panama Government Strathcona presiding, on the subject is the fact that Colombia's creditors "Canada," speeches were made by the think this is a very proper arrangement, and suggest that in the amount to be P., and others. Mr. H. Bell-Irving, forreceived for the canal concession from merly of Vancouver, was one of the the United States is the source to be speakers, and in his speech said: "At found for this repayment of debt. Some this moment it was hardly possible to of these creditors talk rather ugly of discuss Canada without reference to

futile in effect.

the malady which was daily weakening can get, while the steel works in prohis mortal frame, his cheerful endur- tected Germany are turning out thouance never faltered. He was true to sands of tons of steel rails for use on his duty in all things, and up to the Canadian railways. These are facts last was solicitous that it should be that cannot be disputed. They can be maintained. He was always, and in all proved beyond question, and that being things, an English gentleman in the best the case, it is the duty of the Governand truest sense of that high term. All ment to take steps to remedy the evil.

course of conduct was that of a high-are altogether opposed to the principle minded, conscientious man. Of his abili- of protection of Cauadian industrieswere known and esteemed where natural The Conservative party has declared talent, upon which the culture and most emphatically against such ruinous polish of the highest schools have shed their added lustre, are prized and additional most emphasized. Its leader, Mr. Borden, is a resident of Nova mired. It is not to have lived in vain Scotia, one of the great industries of to pass from earth at last and have which has suffered, and is still sufferit said of one, as we can say of Nicolai ing, from this unfair competition. What knew him: He suffered grievously, yet detail in the Conservative programme?

C. Schou, and all can say of him who does Mr. Borden say in regard to this with noble resignation; he was unsel- That we should "so frame our fiscal policy that labor in Canada shall be paid a fair living wage, remembering always that our laboring classes and, therefore, our producers and manufacon even terms with countries in which the condition of life among the laborpublic of Central or South America ing classes is altogether different. We which began its existence under such do not want our laboring classes to com-

That is the Conservative policy, and bia at the refusal of the Colombian Con- for the men of Sydney, the "Soo," and gress to ratify the treaty concluded with of other districts, who are now sufferthe United States regarding the conthe United Kingdom to the evils under which they are suffering from this same chann labor in Germany and other Euchann la the initiation of the revolutionary move- cheap labor in Germany and other Eument in Panama, gave it moral and material support, and when the Colombian authorities gave indications that material support, and when the Colombian authorities gave indications that comparison with the whole support and support and other Educations of the revolutionary movement in Panama, gave it moral and in Germany and other Educations of the special material support, and when the Colombian authorities gave indications that comparison with the whole support and support and other Educations of the revolutionary movement in Panama, gave it moral and in Germany and other Educations of the special material support, and when the Colombian authorities gave indications that bian authorities gave indications that comparison with the whole number employed in industries in that country. The part of Colombia by force if neces-

from the Congo Free State to the British note was received, Lord Lansdowne in structed Mr. Casement personally to structed Mr. Casement personally to was estimated that it would take the consul six months to get at the facts cult for Europe not to take some action.

At the second monthly dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce, Lord

ON CHRIST MAS

Following is the first editorial on Christmas ever appearing in the Colonist. It was published in the Colonist of December 25, 1858, and was penned by the late

voking a blessing on all around; the friendly visitor exchanging kind wishes; the grateful poor

AN UNFAIR STATEMENT.

One or two of the Opposition news-Government's action in regard to the Mineral Tax, by alleging that the tax has been left by it in the form of the two per cent tax on the output of the mines, only the Areight and smelter charges being deducted. As a matter of fact the Government stated distinctly before the Legislature adjourned, that it intended to bring in a measure during the present session with a view of meet. papers are very unfairly stating the Government's action in regard to the the intended to bring in a measure during the present session with a view of meeting the objections held by mine owners to the present tax. There is, therefore, no ground for the insinuation that the Government intends to let this impostremain as it is. It is a matter of considerable difficulty to devise a method of taxation of mines that will of taxation of mines that will make the incidence of the tax bear equitably on the varying conditions found in different

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

what they will do if there is any hesitation on Panama's part to comply with this proposal, and the Anglo-German debt-collecting expedition against Vendage at the feet of their discuss Canada without reference to the fiscal question. Canada was once almost a free trade country. It suffers the fiscal question. Canada was once almost a free trade country. It suffers the fiscal question. Canada was once almost a free trade country. It suffers the fiscal question. Canada was once almost a free trade country. It suffers the feet of their discuss Canada without reference to the statement made by Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan in the legislature and elsewhere, reflecting expedition against Vendage at the feet of their which may have made a false impression. DR. TELFORD'S REPLY.

fine Colonist of December 25, 1858, and was penned by the late brown Amor De Cosmos:

Christmas.—What a host of pleasant thoughts the mind calls up at the mention of the word Christmas! From age to age it has been a season for religious exercise and rational enjoyment. From the cradle to the grave Christmas always presents pictures of family re-unious, social endearments and universal festivity. It is the season when the benevolent always remember the needy; the old wardrobe becomes warm and new; the scanty table partakes of plenty; the sick and distressed are comforted; the rich and poor enjoy together the bounties of a generous Providence. The tail church-tower gives forth its merry peal calling alike to worship and to enjoyment. Friendship and love take the place of emity and estrangement. The fountains of goodement. The founta

cent. Would be designate that instituoffering heart-felt thanks; are pictures familiar to us all, rendering
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applause: "RESOLUTION. "Chemainus, B.C., Feb. 12, '02. "Robt. Telford, Esq., M.D. "City.

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For the benefit of those who wish to inquire, I will give the names of the above doctors: Present during the operation, Doctors Hall, McInnes, McQueen and W. B. McKechnie; present in consultation, Doctors Hall, Davie, Burnett and Munro.

If Mr. Macgowan wishes a fair and just inquiry, why not get the opinions of these men. They are the only parties competent to express an opinion. If

Victoria, was 7.29 per cent last year to grant this reasonable request and per-and the preceding year was 8.45 per cent. Would he designate that institu-protection afforded him as a member of

are absolutely beyond question, and that hospital stands recognized as one of the leading institutions in America. The death rate in the finest equipped hospital in Canada today, that of the Royal Victoria, Montreal, averages 7 per cent per annum. In the face of these facts, surely, Mr. MacGowan will be man enough to retract his statements Owing to press of other matters recently it has been found impossible to

find space for the above letter unti

PATIENTS REFURN THANKS. Sir,-Would you kindly permit

Briton's house is his castle. Pardon me sir, but is it not a pity, in face of the de termined and uphill attempt by some goo sportsmen to stay the present wholesal extermination of the game, to allow display of such crass ignorance and bigotr

in such widely read columns as those of th SAANICH. Dec. 25th. 1903.

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