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Experimenters seem to be hovering around the edge of a great discovery, but not to be getting very much nearspecial machinery is required. Against a projectile moving with such terrific the flight of a bird knows that the difference between that and the ascent of a balloon or any kind of flying machine is more than a matter of detail. It is one of principle. There is nothing more interesting in the way of motion than the flight of gulls in the wake of or alongside a steamer. They tion than the flight of gulls in the wake of or alongside a steamer. They rise or descend; they wheel about; they go fast or slow, almost without effort, apparently. Who has not seen a gull sail through the air with its a gull sail through the air with its wings extended and motionless, and who does not know that if a dead gull poses. If a simple method of applying electrical energy has been discovered, terrific results can be obwas when alive, it would fall instantly. If it is the inclined plane formed by the wings which keeps the gull up when it is alive, why will it not do so when the bird is dead? Until they have found out how to answer this question, experimenters in aerial navigation will be experimenters only.

Dr. Orville W. Owen, of Detroit save he can assemble can appear to the invention with keen interest. were set up in exactly the same posi-tion and made even lighter than it was when alive, it would fall instant-

he can answer the question, and he tells us that birds overcome the force of gravity by "nerve vibration." He mentions some things which peculiar tells us that birds overcome the force of gravity by "nerve vibration." He mentions some things which possibly some readers can prove or disprove. One is that a bird will sit motionless on the top of a reed, which would break instantly if a dead bird were hung in the same position. The doctor, in an interview printed in the New York Herald, said a good many things that read like nonsense, but in these days when so many new and seeming ly impossible, things are being demonstrated, we have all become very chary about calling things nonsensical simply because we do not understand them. However, we shall know more about the validity of the doctor's claims in a very short time. He invented a vibrating machine which developed such an inclimation to fly, although it was only intended to be stationary, that it went to pieces. So he is building a stronger machine, and

The Times endeavors to make a scandal out of an alleged arrangement made by the government in regard to the sale of town lots in Prince Rupert, and it wants the Colonist to tell what it thinks about the matter. This request is easily compiled with. When the story first appeared in the Prince Rupert Empire, we made inquiries from the proper quarter and were informed that no arrangement whatever had been made for the sale of town lots at Prince Rupert. We therefore said nothing about the matwhatever had been made for the sale of town lots at Prince Rupert. We therefore said nothing about the matter. We have renewed the inquiry since the issue of the Times and have received the same answer. We therefore state in the most positive manner that no plan of disposing of the Prince Rupert lots, which will belong to the government when the survey has been made, and until the survey has been made none of them can be said to belong to the government, has yet seen fe'ermined upon When the lots are ready to be placed on the market, the government will make the bast possible business arrangement, in co-operation with the townsite

TO SHOOT 300 Miles

We have had two references to the nvention of a Scotsman, named Simpson, of a weapon which it is claimed will throw a shell a distance of three hundred miles. Col. F. N. Maude is the sponsor for the wonderful machine, and it is his article in the Contemporary Review which has brought it to the notice of the public. It is said to have created a great sensation, which is very likely, for Col. Maude is an author of repute and he has given it as his oninion that the claims of the sum of the problem as it presents itself to his countrymen, but we are unable to assent to his view that the American

NAVIGATING THE AIR.

Very considerable progress has been made in aerial navigation, but we seem yet to be a long way off from the time when we will take an aerial ship to cross the Pacific ocean or even to travel from Victorie to Vancouver. Experimenters seem to be hovering any ordinary engineering toolshop. No any ordinary engineering toolshop. No special machinery is required. Against

A JAPANESE VIEW. regard to Japanese in Canada, it is worse than folly to disregard facts as imply because we do not understand them. However, we shall know more about the validity of the doctor's claims in a very short time. He invented a vibrating machine which developed such an inclimation to fly, although it was only intended to be stationary, that it went to pieces. So he is building a stronger machine, and he expects to have it ready in a month, when he will take it out of doors and set it "humming." If it starts to fly, Dr. Owen will have made a discovery, the value of which cannot be easily estimated, but the inventor is not claiming too much. He says he is not sure that he has been able to devise a machine strong enough to resist the opposing influences of vibration and the force of gravity. He thinks he is going to be able to do this, and if he succeeds he believes he will revolutionize the transportation problem. He frankly admits that most people think he is crazy; but he points out, that other men have been called crazy and yet have turned out to be really great inventors.

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QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

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The Queen Charlotte group is rapidly coming to the front. More than thirty years ago Admiral Cochrane said: "I would mention that in my visit to Queen Charlotte Islands and to Port Simpson on the borders of Alaska, I caused the temperature of the sea to be constantly observed, and little or no difference was found in the temperature of the sea in the latitude and at Vancouver (Island.) The climate of Queen Charlotte Islands, thus tempered by ocean currents, is mild, and their resources from agriculture, mining and fisheries will, at no distant date, be an element of wealth to the Canadian government." There has been more delay than Admiral Cochrane anticipated, but it looks now as if the islands were about to receive the recognition, which they deserve. Mr. C. A. Harrison of Masset, who is in the city, has lived a long time on Graham island and is an Dominion exhibit at the Alaskadeserve. Mr. C. A. Harrison of Masset, who is in the city, has lived a about urging an appropriation for a long time on Graham island and is an enthusiast over the future of the whole group. We do not intend to add any. thing here to what he has already told thing here to what he has already told contact readers of the resources of favor of such an appropriation." Now that, thing here to what he has already told Colonist readers of the resources of the islands, but we would like to emphasize his claim for government assistance to steam communication to Masset and the Inlet of the same name. Mr. Harrison thinks that if there were regular sallings of a steamer to those points, say, once a month for the present and a little oftener as business developed, there

cent, 25-cent, 10-cent and 5-cent. It is announced from Ottawa that there will be no gold sent out from the mint eat bread and butter.

valuable because it enables us to see a side of the case to which we have all given too little consideration.

Who visited the city on Friday, had nothing of special importance to convey in respect to the plans of his company for Vancouver Island, but he in-

happy habit of throwing cold water over many projects which are advanced by Victorians

The existence of a community of clay-eaters in the mountainous region of North Carolina is of more than passing interest. That there were such people has been known for a long time, but very little attention has been paid to them until recently. They are not, as might be supposed, an abo-riginal people, but simply degenerate whites. Clay forms a regular article of diet with them, and they claim it is so nutritious that it will support life without any other food being eaten. The edible clay is of a special kind. It exudes an oil, and it is eaten by placing small pieces in the mouth and nermitting them to dissolve. Little How the wheel goes round. It is now declared that Russia and Japan have joined hands in opposition to the American remonstrance against the administration of the railway zone in Manchuria.

The United States is leaking into Canada at a pretty rapid rate. Compared with the problem of how to prevent his heiresses from marrying titled foreigners, Uncle Sam will find this outpouring of population into the Dominion a matter much more grave.

A small quantity of the first "homemade" silver coins have been placed in circulation throughout Canada. They are of four denominations—50-cent, 25-cent, 10-cent and 5-cent. It is announced from Ottawa that there is the same as that of other people, but their appearance is corpse-like. An explanation of the habit of fered is that the presence of a species of intestinal worm creates an appetite for the clay. There are other clay-caters than those of North Carolina. A tribe of aborigines living on the Siberian tribes eat a white clay found in the localities where they live, and on the islands of the Pacific ocean communities are found in which the people spread a white clay upon editable leaves and eat the mixture as we

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Pullman Sleeper No. 827-Body is reed, varnished; sides upholstered; has mattress cushion: lace parasol. Gear is English strap, four 16x1/2-in. rubber tire wheels. Whitney patent anti-friction wheel fastener; foot brake. Green enamel finish. Enameled push bar. Price, \$18.00

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