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The Colonist. MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1898. effort to secure the growing trade of the THE SPEECH. North, and succeeded in taking a very

There is nothing new in the Speech large proportion of it from Portland and from the Throne, delivered yesterday at San Francisco. Even in those days, the opening of parliament; but this is although the Post-Intelligencer was the opening of parliament; but this is although the Post-Intelligencer was not novel, for the speech has long since ceased to mean anything. It is more a survival of an old custom than anything it, that paper held back and refused to else. Yet it may be remarked that the promise of legislation is exceedingly porary. When the Klondike discoveries porary at the follow the lead of its morning contem-porary at the follow the lead of its morning contem-porary at the follow the lead of its morning contem-either compelled or in a position, as the porary at the follow the lead of its morning contem-either compelled or in a position was fac-

ministry to establish that anything they having been very slow about put- States. have done has contributed to the appre- ting on custom house officers at ciation of this credit. The most they the head waters of the Yukon, the can claim is that they have done noth- Seattle outfits were allowed to go in duty the opinion of investors, not because of vantage, because it enabled its papers to Teslin railway was "not necessitated by keep what is theirs by right, and that was any particular line of policy, but be- advertise to the world that the Klon- the emergency of the moment." This to secure the construction of a line of

country contains. been "writ sarkastic." That the gov- point. Did Victoria whine about it? ment, for the Citizen says it does not be- British Columbia, thereby securing for ernment should have invited the conbe very true; but if we credit them with American journalism, when dealing over what is best to be done. patriotism it must be at the expense of with business questions. Falsehoods of We tell the Citizen that an emergency age will be to the east of the Dominion,

their judgment. The third sentence refers to the action printed day after day. The kindness of The Yukon needs a railway. The ex- the East and the farm lands of the of the Imperial government in denounc- the Canadian government was grossly ploitation of its enormous wealth will be prairie region will be called upon to suping the German and Belgic treaties. So credit. It is a good thing, and if it came lowing this came a series of frantic ap- is of even greater importance, the de- nature known; let them be altered if about by accident perhaps the government can justly plead that it is the un- States to violate every rule of inter- will be seriously retarded. This railway tractors; but let no one say that an expected that always happens.

The fourth and fifth paragraphs refer chants of Seattle might sell a few more to one in the United States. If it is to to the Yukon and, in view of what has goods. Now, as a fitting climax to the one in the United States, a great city already appeared in these columns on whole performance, comes this whine will grow up at its southern terminus, Coast to regard anything done to de- Seattle. Was there ever anything so Canada, the trade will be controlled by harvest and the improved market for the running for trade ? produce, both things for which we are

all duly grateful, and for which we do city council will act on the Post-Intelli- their arrangements to control the Yukon not observe that the government claims gencer's suggestion. Victoria wants no trade, and a part of those arrangements better advertisement than to have it is the construction of one or more lines any special credit. published to the world, as it certainly from the head of Lynn Canal to points In the seventh paragraph reference is would be, that Seattle is so afraid of on the Yukon waters. Let such lines made to the steps taken to suppress the Victoria's competition that it has speci- be built and controlled by Americans,

sweating system in work on government ally legislated against the representa- let them start from American cities and contracts. There will be no disposition anywhere to withhold any credit which tives of her business houses. the government deserves for what it has done in this direction; but speaking of contracts there are a few that will stand speech.

of Seattle fear they will lose trade unless people of British Columbia on this point. Only three measures are promised, one dealing with superannuation, another repealing the franchise act, and another providing for the prohibition plebiscite.

THE GALLED JADE WINCES.

the lead of the Seattle Telegraph, the article from which we quote below the adians take take up the battle of SERING that the United States governbusiness men of that city individually, closing paragraph. This article clearly the American rivals of Canada, and ment is so very particular about Can-and later in their united capacity as a shows which way the wind is blowing in plead for a policy that will lead to the adian vessels being obliged to carry cus-Chamber of Commerce, made a strong influential circles in the United States: construction of railways to take trade toms escorts or put up bonds whenever In this respect Great Britain is fight- away from us. It is bad enough to per- they pass through the territorial waters ing commercial and industrial battles mit Americans to come into the country of the United States, how would it do for the United States as well as herself. and carry away all the gold they can for Canada to reciprocate and require for the United States as well as herself. Every port she succeeds in opening to trade is a port opened to the United States. This is especially true of East-allowing them to capture all the through the territorial waters of Canada should first report at the nearest custrade. The case is one in which it was neces- toms house and take an escort on board?

sary for the government to come to the All the north-bound steamers are in the assistance of the business men by adopt- territorial waters of Canada from the promise of legislation is exceedingly small. The first paragraph speaks of the high their old-time energy rushed to the front to exploit the new fields, and maturally enough bought their outfits in it will take a great deal of genius for the ministry to establish that anything they ing a policy that will secure the early time they enter the Gulf of Georgia un-

many commercial organizations, were Post-Intelligencer's demand for & profighting them. Capital in large amounts hibitive license against the agents of and prejudice in immeasurable quantity Victoria merchants and transportation were massed against them. They realized lines "peanut busines," and says that if ing to injure it. Canada is advancing in free. This gave that city a great ad- tract for the construction of the Stikine- that there was only one way in which to Seattle with her splendid advantages cannot hold her own in a fair field she deserves to be beaten. This has a manly cause the whole world is beginning to dike rush was from Seattle, and that has no reference to the nature of the railway from the Stikine to Lake Teslin, ring about it; but the Post-Intelligence appreciate the vast wealth which the there was no duty on outfits. Naturally, agreement, but to the fact that the gov- which line can be reached in summer by has done incalculable harm to Seattle therefore, the great majority of people ernment did not wait until the whole steamers carrying the flag of Canada, and already. It has made the city the The second paragraph appears to have going North made Seattle their starting matter had been threshed out in parlia- can later be extended to an open port in laughing-stock of the country.

When this city was flooded with Seattle lieve the contractors are waiting for the all time to come Canadian supremacy in IF anyone ever told anybody that gratulations of the house upon the warm papers alleging that city to be the only contract to be ratified, but are pushing Canadian territory. If there ever was a when a man obtained a license at Dawreception to Canada's representatives place where miners could buy supplies, on with their preparations. The Citizen case for prompt action it was this one. son City he had to return to Victoria to resulting from the reduction of duties on and filled with all manner of falsehoods has an exceedingly poor appreciation of If there ever was an emergency, one ex- register his claim, as the Seattle Times imports from the United Kingdom, about Victoria merchants and Victoria the situation. We do not propose in isted in this matter. The government intimates someone did, he told what was seems very strange in view of the fact goods, did anyone here take up the baby this article to discuss the terms of the has dealt with it promptly, and its not true. But everyone who goes to that this exception extends almost to role? Not at all; Victoria merchants agreement. These may or may not be promptness has evoked expression of Yukon will not want to go to Dawson the whole civilized world. The govern- set themselves to work and secured a the best that could be obtained. What congratulation on all sides. The British City, and the great majority will not go ment may claim that they only meant splendid share of the North-bound busi- we propose to speak of is the emergency Columbia cities see, not only daylight near that place. And if a man were at Great Britain to profit by it, and if the ness. Then began a campaign of false- of the moment, which the Ottawa paper ahead, but the rising of the full orb of Dawson City he could not get a license, benefit has extended more widely, it hood on the part of the Post-Intelli- thinks is not so pressing but that prosperity. But while the first and most for there are none there, and there will was through no fault of theirs. This may gencer that has never been equalled in precious time may be spent in talking direct benefits will be felt in this prov- be none there for several months yet.

ince, the secondary and greatest advant-THE CANADIAN PRESS. the most glaring character were re- exists, and one of the gravest character. for the manufacturing establishments of THE STIKINE-TESLIN R.R.

Finally, one or two very important arguments for the early construction of the railway and the early establishment misrepresented; the men who looked to impossible without a railway. Unless a ply most of the products that will be ing the German and Beigic treaties. So far as this was due to the action of Sir Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, we are not disposed to withold any credit. It is a good thing, and if it came nels. There are, however, arguments of another kind that deserve consideration. peals to the government of the United velopment of the wealth of the region they are unduly favorable to the connational courtesy in order that the mer- must be either to a point in Canada or emergency does not exist.

THE regulations made by the United States government in regard to traffic means of getting supplies into the coun-trough Alaska are very satifactory so try are provided, as well as more expedi-tious travelling facilities for the public that subject, hardly call for any observa-tions. There is a disposition among the members of both parties here on the responsibilities there, and the most imtation companies may adopt this course, velope that great region and secure its absurdly and monstrously silly? Was Canadians. This difference is of the In order to meet the provision as to humanitarian, demand that we shall not d utmost importance. It concerns not f Victoria and Vancouver alone, but the whole Dominion. The enterprising peo-be ple to the south of us have made all their arrangements to control the Yukon brade, and a part of those arrangements The sixth paragraph refers to the write itself down as completely out of Victoria and Vancouver alone, but the bonding, we think it would be advisable We repeat that we hope the Seattle ple to the south of us have made all culties of transportation, and any large number of human beings in want of food The arrangement for depositing duties to be refunded is the same as that made should be penned up in that inhospit-able land, the name of Canada would for the transportation of goods through Canada en route to Alaskan points. On the whole, this is quite satisfactory. We do not see how the United States gov-ernment could be expected to have appear and the government would receive unsparing censure. Thousands, we re-peat, are about to rush into the Klon-dike. Many of these, absorbed in the eager hunt for gold, will be careless the states to make By all means let the ordinance be wholly in the hands of Americans. It ernment could be expected to have the trade of the Yukon will be almost By all means let the ordinance be wholly in the hands of Americans. It done anything more. The para-passed. Let Seattle publish that her is the knowledge of this that has led to business men are afraid to have the the agitation in British Columbia for an graph as to the free admission of adequate provision for a winter of adequate provision for a winter of articles required for the present comfort whose terrible severities they know business men are afraid to have the the agitation in British Columbia for an graph as to the free admission of truth told to those who come there to all-Canadian line. Every one who has articles required for the present comfort little or nothing. It is therefore pro-vided that the railway must be comthey have not been mentioned in the trade. By all means let it be known as come out to the Coast and looked into of passengers is quite liberal. There is widely as possible that the business men the matter for himself agrees with the nothing at all unreasonable in the reguwidely as possible that the business men of Seattle fear they will lose trade unless they can hedge their city round with an ordinance that will enable their morn-Domville and he has, or thinks he has, ordinance that will enable their morn- Domville and he has, or thinks he has, any one in Canada that the right to the ing paper to deceive everyone who comes there as to the real conditions. The tapping of the Yukon from an Alas-agent to victoria. Increase not many site those of the American cities that distance in the table of the Brit-vacant offices, but we dare say he can have been the rivals of the Brit-find one, and he can publish the advan-ish Columbia cities in competition supervision of a customs house officer, it are transfer to Canadian steam supervision of a customs house officer, it are transfer to Canadian steam averted. All fair critics will admit that the government is dealing with a prob-lem of great gravity and difficulty, that



Senate, gives notice of motion to i tigate the Drummond County ra subsidy affairs. Mr. Davin will ask if the govern intends to develop a route to Klo

via Edmonton. Mr. Reid gives notice of a bill to

lish a railway commission with po regulate freights. Mr. Foster will ask for papers r ing the fast line, also respectin

dredging rights given to parties Northwest. Mr. Penny proposes to lop off so he religious holidays in Quebec. Mr. Taylor proposes to strength

with all the prominence which the leading place in its editorial columns and the use of double-leading can give, the Post-Intelligencer calls for a prohib-itory license upon these areas where the View of the city he represents to every-one else advocates an all-Canadian line. It is of the utmost importance that such the Post-Intelligencer calls for a prohib-itory license upon these areas where the View of the city he represents to every-one else advocates an all-Canadian line. It is of the utmost importance that such the Post-Intelligencer calls for a prohib-itory license upon these areas where the View of the the utmost civil-itory license upon these areas where the View of the the utmost civil-itory license upon these areas where the View of the the utmost civil-itory license upon these areas where the View of the the utmost civil-itory license upon these areas where the View of the the utmost civil-the View of the the utmost civil-the View of the the utmost civil-the view of the utmost civil-the doing business in Seattle in order "to hindrance. Victoria merchants do not the head of Lynn Canal unnecessary. make an exhibition of international divert Alaska and Klondyke trade from fear such competition.

that city to their own." It complains that people have been sent to Seattle to steal the trade. It wants a prohibitive

GREAT BRITAIN'S BATTLE. The position taken by Great Britain in

license put upon people who are engaged the Orient has been received with a in that city in securing business for great variety of comment in the United transportation companies doing business States. A leading San Francisco paper from other places, and believes it would said a few days ago that the impression be possible so to frame the ordinance as prevailed in London, that the United to reach only those persons who are States would sympathize with the Britto reach only those persons who are simed at and no others. The last state-ment is quite true. The way to get at what the Post-Intelligencer wants is as easy as lying, and the Post-Intelligencer wants is as without foundation in fact, as would be without foundation in fact, as would be the first shotin in fact, as would be first shotin in the knows how easy that is. All that is shown upon the firing of the first shot in nocessary is to pass an ordinance to hang defence of freedom of trade. The allowed them therefor may or may not his luck in the gold fields. To-day's pawithout trial any man caught in Seattle inference from the article was that the be excessive. Under the best system of per is an admirable advertisement for soliciting business for any man or com- United States would take prompt steps calculating that can be devised this Victoria. It should be sent out by every pany doing business in Victoria. That to show friendliness to Russia or Ger- must remain an open question. We enterprising citizen who has outside will cover the whole case.

Solutioning business to kind the states of the st at last." The great city of Seattle, which an element in the Atherican press which boasts itself the Chicago of the North- is phenomenally 'ignorant and phewest, the Queen City of the Coast, the nomenally prejudiced. Like the Seat-metropolis of the Pacific, the gateway to the morning paper, it supposes that quibbling over details. They are rather in great clea over the announced intenthe Golden North, and any quantity of the President is on the alert to do die-disposed to say that contractors who in great give over the announced intenthe could in total, and any quantity of the result things. The COLONIST has all disposed to say that contractors who has a struggle for tion of the War Eagle people to sink a come to their assistance in a struggle for tion of the War Eagle people to sink a in a fair field. Its morning newspaper through the discussion taken the con-commercial supremacy in a field which shaft at once to the 2,000-ft. level. It is some one to put a fence round the town, of Great Britain and the United States they can control it, deserve liberal the confidence which the owners of this so as to save it from the rivalry of a city were identical in the Orient. At one treatment, and if they are able to make mine have in its wealth. The Miner which it has an exceed to deepise. Such time we thought, and so said, that the a handsome profit out of their enterprise says that a year from now should see will not begradge it to them. Washington administration was singu-larly unmindful of its duty in the pre-mises; but there is reason to think this a mistake, and that in point of fact there is a mistake, and that in point of fact there is the other base in the other base in the sould be the other in the sould be the other base in the sould be the sould be the other base in the sould be on record as the only place in the world is an understanding between London signify? We can hardly believe it does, that it is unwarranted. that is afraid to meet its competitors in and Washington. A statement was for if it did, it would approach the conmade in London a day or two ago to aideration of a question of this vital im- Topic upon its humor. We hope it will

With all the prominence which the tages of the city he represents to every- for the trade of the North. Every but this must always be the case where The government of Canada could not boorishness. It is their promulgation tures if they can be avoided, and under afford to stand back and permit Ameri.

AN EMERGENCY EXISTS.

The Ottawa Citizen says that the con-

fuse them permission to build further. by the Governor-General-in-Council in Delay in the matter of railways to the connection with placer mining oper-

WE must congratulate the Trout Lake

Let us briefly review the line of con-duct that has culminated in this exhibi-tion of commercial poltroonry. Seattle with commendable energy was first in the field for the Alaskan trade. Under

Mr. Taylor proposes to strength lien labor law. Mr. McInnes will question the rnment regarding the arrange nade by Mr. Sifton at Washington A deputation consisting of folumbia members had a lengthy iew with the government to-day mg American customs charges Dyea and Skagway. To-night's ngton advices on this subject a avorable character. The government has decided trant an extension of time to the

rant an extension of time to the lecto ship railway to earn the Dor ubsidy of \$10.000 a year for 23 The enterprise accordingly will be loned with a loss to British shareh

of nearly \$4,000,000. Mr. Scriver stated to-night the arefully considering the governi fler to him of the position of Lieut iovernor of the Northwest Terr he decided not to take it, owing dvanced age and ties in Huntin Of the worthow predictions number of the weather predictions, num ,963, last year, 7,323 were fully ve f storm warnings, 1,015 out of 1,1 The marine department contem bandoning the carrier pigeon ser able island owing to want of suc Patron member Rogers got ve ast session because he was charge ccepting a leather trunk provid arliament for each member houting for economy. The trun es in the lobby of the building

is name on in big letters. The usual state dinner was gi overnment House to-night.

SPEECH FROM THE THRO Some Interesting Measures Promised

Formal Greeting to Parliamen Feb. 3.-The speech

the Governor-General the third session of the ent of Canada was as foll

" Gentlemen of the Senate;

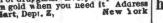
n of the House of Common.

have observed with great pl the remarkable advance in the pe importance and material prosper Canada during the year which has closed. The loan recently effect shown that the credit of Canad snown that the credit of Canad never stood so high in European kets and affords reasonable groun expecting that the burden of the will, in the near future, be mat reduced by the substitution of a lower rate of interest on our ind ness than that which now exists.

To dye or not to dye, that's the question. If dye you must on account of your grizzly

beard, use Buckingham's Dye; it is the best and cleanest.

"What are you doing, Jimmie?" "Readin' th' dictionary through." "How do you like it?" "Oh, some o' th' words is good, but others hain't much sense in 'em."-Judge.



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