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A BAD SYSTEM.

The Hon. David A. Wells proposes to contribute to the Popular Science Monthly a series of papers on Principles of Taxation.

The fundamental principle of that system is that land should not, under any circumstances, be private property. On this principle the whole system is built.

When we made this statement some time ago it was vigorously contradicted by some who did not know what single-tax meant, and by others who we feared did.

We are quite aware of the fact that there are men who consider themselves honest, who have argued themselves into the conviction that the Commandment of the Decalogue "Thou shalt not steal" does not apply to land.

the very men whose land has been stolen will, some day in the future, rise up and bless those who have robbed them. And here is where the single-taxers are strong.

Sensible men should consider that as soon as they are induced to admit that property in land is robbery, they are a good way on the road to join those who hold that all property is robbery.

We see indications that that step has been taken already by a great many. What, we ask, is the tendency of such talk as this?

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THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The British Columbia Board of Trade is an organization that has already done much good to the Province, and it is easily capable of doing much more.

A STRINGENT ENACTMENT.

The Hon. Mr. Casgrain has proposed a measure in the Quebec Assembly for the purification of elections.

for election purposes. His bill contains the following stringent clause, which seems drawn up so carefully as to make successful evasion of it impossible.

NORTH ONTARIO.

The North Ontario election has, as was generally expected, turned out favorably for the Government. The last account, up to eleven o'clock last night, was: McGillivray, 1,998; Brandon, 1,266; and Gillespie, 1,065, with three places to hear from.

At the last two elections the parties were pretty evenly divided in the county. The Conservatives had a majority, but, considering the number of votes polled, not by any means a large one.

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GREEN-WORLOCK ESTATE.

TO THE EDITOR:—In your report of yesterday's meeting of creditors of the bank a few inaccuracies appear.

INSUFFICIENT GAME PROTECTION.

TO THE EDITOR:—For a number of years I have done a great deal of hunting; in fact I have handled a gun ever since I was eight years old.

per cent. of the net profits and Mr. Worlock 25 per cent. besides his salary of \$250 per month as manager.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Suicide Near Port Moody—Fire on Protection Island—Proposed Teachers' Conference.

Burglary at Westminister—Royal Arch Masons—Doings in the Kootenay.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12.—The Vancouver school board will invite the Victoria school board to consider the following questions in conjunction with them:

The strained relations between the school board and Mr. St. George, arising out of the latter's bitter attack on the board on account of real or fancied wrongs complained of by Mr. St. George in connection with the whipping and expulsion of his children from school.

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NEELSON.

Paul Johnson, superintendent of the Hall mines is confident that the fires will be lighted in the smelter on the 1st of January. The company has been favored with wonderful weather ever since it began operations on the smelter and consequently the buildings are approaching completion.

CHAS. DROBIN & Wm. Douglas.

Chas. Drobin & Wm. Douglas returned on Saturday from the "Needles," where they have been doing development work on the O. K. They report the claim an excellent proposition.

Wm. Houston.

Wm. Houston returned last week from Cariboo creek, where he has been spending two months developing the "Queen of Cariboo," located by Jas. L. Davis this spring; the samples of rock he is showing lead one to think that Mr. Davies is all right.

S. B. Hencie & John S. Byron.

S. B. Hencie & John S. Byron of the Nakusp, have sent up Wm. Houston to open up the "Excelsior" a claim in which they are interested at the Needles.

VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Lord Salisbury's answer to Secretary Olney on the Venezuelan question will not be made public until the return of President Cleveland. It appears that Mr. Cleveland was aware of the nature of the answer before he left and it is believed that he had the entire text by cable, was a private communication and was not the formal submission of Great Britain's answer.