

person who has the interest of the principles advocated by the Conservative party at heart should assist in every honorable way possible Messrs. Schultz, Barnard and Duck. A revision of the voters' lists costs money, and it is not at all probable that there will be another revision within the next three or four years, and as it is absolutely certain that the Dominion elections must take place next year, it behooves every man who is entitled to vote to see that his name is on the list before October 15. Remember, now is the accepted time. The Liberals are using every endeavor to get names on the list, and although the Conservatives in this city are as ten to one, yet there is such a thing as being too sure.

The fair Victorian had refused the young man's offer with scorn, and he had gone back to his home a broken-hearted man. "My child," exclaimed the mother, "why did you do that?" "You ought to know, mamma," replied the girl coldly. "Perhaps I should; but I don't. Isn't he rich?" "Yes, mamma." "And of good family?" "Excellent." "With social recognition?" "Plenty of it." "Of excellent habits?" "Better than most men." "And he loved you?" "Sincerely," he said. "Did you love him?" "I did, mamma," and the girl sobbed. "Then why in the name of goodness didn't you accept him?" The girl stepped close to her mother and whispered in her ear. "Heaven's!" exclaimed the mother in horror; "what a narrow escape. Who would have ever thought he came from Vancouver."

In many respects the Victoria exhibition may be said to be a grand success. But there was one drawback—the bad state of the weather. If it had not been for this, the anticipations of the gentlemen who devoted so much of their time in bringing together the grandest collection of British Columbia products ever exhibited would have been realized. However, at this moment the dark clouds give promise of clearing away, and there is just a possibility that the box office receipts will be equal to at least the expenditure. I may take occasion to refer at greater length to the general results of the exhibition next week.

We are glad that Fruit Inspector Cunningham has taken the action which was long since called for, and has sent back to Oregon a quantity of apples shipped to British Columbia, which were infected with the Codlin moth. British Columbia has too many fruit pests already, and the only things to do are to prevent any more being brought in and at the same time to get rid of those we already have. Are the parties interested sufficiently alive to the duties they owe to themselves and their neighbors?

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

Some parents need an introduction to their own children.

Will some man please name a greater evangelist than the inventor of soap?

The best paid preachers have the most time to attend to their business.

There is not much money up on the result, but the sympathies of the bystanders are with Japan.

The difference between penuriousness and economy is that the one is a vice and the other a virtue.

Japan has been spoken of rather slightly as a bantam by those, doubtless, who are coachin' China.

Society is often more concerned about the way a man enters and leaves a room than about his fitness to enter the room at all.

A telephone girl receives calls, but she does not pay them. This part of the business is attended to by those hiring the instrument.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying that he is wiser than he was yesterday.

Get a man full enough, says a contemporary, and he can make a big speech. Most of the big speeches, however, show that they were made by men who were empty.

ACCORDING to the report of the Ontario Fishery Commissioners the fisheries of that Province are becoming rapidly depleted. What do Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Wilmot say to this? Have they had anything to do with them, or if not what remedy can they suggest? Surely with the vast amount of information they have on the subject they might have something to say, and perhaps find occasion to do something, since they do not appear to have any special desire to cross the continent.

LORD SWANSEA is at present making a western tour through the States. His lordship is head of probably the largest smelting concern in the world. If he could be induced to take a look at some of our silver mines he would no doubt be astonished, as there has never been their like seen in any other country. His good word spoken in the Old Country would go further than the word of any other man living. It would be good policy to invite Lord Swansea to take a trip through the Lardeau and Spocan, says the Kootenay Mail.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

On November 12, the Provincial Legislature is called for the despatch of business, and those who know say that the session is not likely to be a long one. What is there to come up is a question which will suggest itself to many and they will pass over in their minds a variety of subjects, some of which will hardly be likely to obtain attention this year. We are inclined to think that only matters of the most pressing import will be dealt with, the close proximity of Christmas and New Year rendering it hardly likely that the session will last more than six weeks. Railway and financial matters are certain to be the most important matters dealt with. The Fraser Valley floods and dyking works will also form subjects of debate. As for legislation, the question has often been asked:—ought there not to be a let up—is not all the legislation necessary already on the statute book, except, of course, in cases of urgent requirement? The fact is that the laws of the Province and the amendments thereto will soon become such a mass of entanglement that only the cutest lawyers will be able to unravel and expound them. Let us have something more done in the shape of codification and less done in the way of affording garrulous members something to talk about.—*Commercial Journal*.

THE New York sugar men, not content with the present prices, are shutting down, in order, if possible, to put up the price of their product. In default of the tariff meeting their views they are bound to meet the case by diminishing the supply and in that way they seek to create an enhanced value.

THE Canadian ship canal at Sault Ste. Marie is expected to be ready for navigation during the next month and then an end will be put to the delays which nearly always occur in the passage of cargoes to and from the west and to the annoyances to which Canadian shippers may at any moment be put in the prosecution of the carrying trade by their being as at present forced to make use of an American canal. The passage of this canal may at any moment be surrounded with such restrictions as to virtually close it to Canadian vessels should at any time any misunderstandings arise between the two countries.

THE sealers are coming in, sometimes singly and at others in small fleets. Some have done exceedingly well while others have been exceptionally successful, the *Triumph*, having, it is said, had the largest catch ever taken. The catch this year bids fair to be a heavy one, and all the time the unfortunate seal are being protected for the slaughter by vessels of both the United States and British navies. There is something wrong when under a system that was designed to protect, the slaughter should be augmented and the last days of the seal brought nearer than they need be. It is evidently a case of catch all you can and the devil take the hindmost.