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by necessity into the cities to swell because they do not see how their cause the army of the unemployed is much would be strengthened in any way

to be deprecated. Canada needs Brit- thereby. Nevertheless the Liberals

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skilled laborers born and brought up chief subject of their talk. Mean-in the United Kingdom and those while Mr. Asquith preserves his THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST

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Sent postpaid to Canada and the If they cannot do some kind of work United Kingdom.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN

Edward Payson Weston has finishthey can do another. Moreover this ed another transcontinental walk. A country is their home and they have perforce to be content with the condi-

The evening paper, with its cus- tions they encounter. The British un- As far as can be judged from seed tomary habit of printing things cal- skilled laborer, comes here full of time, the crop prospects on the Prairculated to discourage faith in the hopefulness. He- has been told of ies are very good. The area sown to city, says that, although the time is abundant work of the country, and grain will be much larger than last near at hand when the Canadian if he finds himself disappointed in his year.

near at hand when the Canadian a ne must himsen unseptended way Northern must begin construction on anticipations he cannot tell which way Mr. G. E. Foster has sufficiently re-Vancouver Island, "there is yet no to turn. Far away from his friends sign of activity." If this were true, the wisdom of printing it would be canadian Northern has nearly two is ill prepared mentally or physically

months in which to make a begin- to face them. Those who are engaged Lord Milner says that, if the tariff ning of work. The undertaking of in the promotion of emigration from reformers had confined their efforts the company is a very large one, and Britain to Canada ought to bear these to securing the imposition of duties on it is well known that since the pas- considerations in mind. foreign manufactures, they would have sage of the legislation by the Provinswept the country. He does not seem to be much pleased with the outlook. POLITICAL GOSSIP. cial Legislature, Mr. Mackenzie, Pre-

So much interest attaches to everysident of the Company, has been in England making necessary financial thing relating to the political situa- to come to Canada and explore the Sir Edward Shackleton is planning arrangements for the work to be undertaken in British Columbia and give some of the current gossip with- a good cold job, he might come to elsewhere. A great enterprise such out, however, expressing any opinion British Columbia and search for the as the Company has in hand cannot one way or the other on any of the remains of the Liberal party.

as the Company has in hand cannot one way or the other on any transfer on any transfer one way or the other other one way or the other ot hesitate before giving circulation to any thing calculated to create the impression that the line on the Is-land would be delayed. For some in-conceivable purpose, however, our contemporary seems to take a delight in publishing statements, which have a depressing tendency. But the truth, is that there have been signs of activity on the Island as well as hesitate before giving circulation to litical atmosphere is heavy with ru- increased attention to the possibility

of activity on the Island as well as the view of all concerned. t is said declining to recognize the strike at on the Mainland. The Company's that the Unionists are not anxious for Greenwood will give a great deal of engineers are now engaged in check-an election. for they are not prepared satisfaction to the general public; but ing up the surveys on the Mainland, to risk everything on the result of an it will also serve to impress upon and have already checked up the sur- appeal to the people on the Veto ques- miners and other labor organizations veys' on the Island. If we are not tion. It is freely stated that the King the fact that foreign control is not mistaken, this fact has already been is opposed to an early dissolution, and quite as good a thing as they thought on this point the London correspond- it was. temporary, and yet it sees fit to ig-ent of the New York Sun says: ...

temporary, and yet it sees in to is nore it, although it is the prelimin-ary step towards construction. May we ask what possible purpose is to be served for the publication of such pessimistic statements as that to which we are referring? If some political advantage could be accom-plished by it, we might see some ex-cuse, but none can be, because iong before anything political can arise out of the Canadian Northern work will be under way under a contract that calls for the completion of early iam specified time. The only effect that can be produced is upon the minds nore it, although it is the prelimin-

This correspondent does not credit money-maker for himself. Sir John can be produced is upon the minds of persons who are thinking of in-vesting or doing something else on the strength of the railway prospects of Victoria. It may be very likely of Victoria. It may be very likely they are discredited both by the

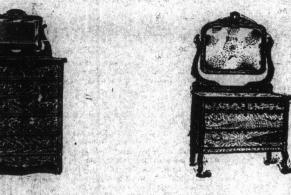
o discourage such persons. We can Unionists and Liberal leaders. Natur- Possibly the somewhat alarming readily understand how a person, to ally those who have the ear of the story alleged to have come from whom it has been represented that ministry are not saying very much. China, in regard to possible disturbthe future of Victoria is rosy because but there seems to some reason for ances due to the appearance of Halthinking that they look for the per- ley's comet is only a revival of a might point to our contemporary's sonal influence of the King to be ex- similar tale told a few wooks ago, to reference as a reason for refusing to believe such representations. Again we ask what purpose is supposed to ronto Globe says:

be served by the publication of such statements? The Budget he has brought about the Salvation Army Immigration Department, estimates that 150.000 persons will leave the United Kingdom for Canada this year. Of these about solutions are sent which suggests the possibility that to an even greater extent those contrivances may be left out of the server the sector of the suggest of the sector of

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Chiffoniere-Made of solid oak, golden finish. Top measures 20 x 34 in., 5 full length drawers. Top drawers have serpentine front. This is a very attractive chiffoniere.

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Dresser-This style has a British Bevel plate mirror 14 x 24 in, Made of solid oak. Finished golden. Has 3 long drawers. This is an excellent design, and is special value

Dresser-Like illustration above. This is a stylish dresser, made of solid oak, finished in the golden. Top measures 20 x 40 in., 2 short and 2 full length drawers. British bevel mirror. Price\$16.00

Chiffoniere - Same as illustration above. This chiffoniere is made of solid oak, nicely finished in the golden. Top measures 19 x 33 in. Has 5 full length drawers. Special value

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Dresser-This dresser has 2 long drawers and 4 small drawers for collars and small articles. Made of solid oak, finished golden. Top measures 19 x 40 in. Has a Colonial style British bevel plate mirror, 22 x 28 in. Price \$18.00 Dresser-This style has 3 drawers, serpentine front. Top measures 21 x 42 in. Made of solid oak, golden finish. Has a shaped British bevel plate mirror. Splendid value

style to this chiffoniere. Has 5 long drawers. Top draw-

Chiffoniere-Made of solid oak and nicely finished in the golden. Top measures 19 x 33 in. Has 4 long and 4 short drawers. Has a Colonial style British bevel plate Washstands-We have washstands to match the above

Stylish pieces, made of solid oak and finished in same manner as dressers and chiffonieres. 19 x 30 in. tops:

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Chiffoniere-This is a very handsome furniture piece in polished mahogany. Has 2 full length drawers and 2 smaller drawers with "swell" fronts. Large bevel plate mirror. Dresser-This is a golden oak style.

Selected quarter cut oak, finely finished. Has new "swell" front. Two full length and 2 smaller drawers and an oval bevel plate mirror. Priced at\$37.50

Dresser-This is a splendid style. New idea in serpentine front. Has I full length and 3 small drawers. Has a massive oval bevel plate mirror. ished mahogany. Has 3 full length Dresser-A very nice mahogany dresser with serpentine front. Has 1

BRITAIN BOUND BY AGREEMENTS

Friday, May 6, 1910.

Constrained to Follow Russian and Japanese Plans in Regard to Railway Building and Operation in China

QUESTIONS ASKED 8 **OF GOVERNMENT**

New Japanese Tariff Also Cause of Some Worry-Chamber of Commerce England Urge Action

LONDON, May 2.-Earl Winterton gave the government another busy few minutes in the House of Commons with new questions relative to those inter-metional exceements. new questions relative to those inter-national agreements on account of which Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, has been endeavoring to ex-plain the peculiar curves of the gov-ernment's Far Eastern policy. Sir Edward Grey, last month, an-swering the questions of Sir William Bull, contended that Great Britain was unable to join with America actively in the Chin-Chow-fu-Atgun Railway ne-gotiations because she was bound to regard the Anglo-Russian agreement of 1899. On April 13 he admitted that an 899. On April 13 he admitted that an agreement had been reached between the British and German financial groups in 1898 relative to railways in China, an 1898 relative to railways in China, German interests in the Shan-tung peninsula and British interests in the Yang-tse Valley, but held that it was not a formal understanding between the governments, so that when the Germans protested that the agree-ment did not apply to the loans for the Hankow-Canton. and Hankow-Sza-Chuan railways the British because Chuan railways the British backed down. Earl Winterton asked "whether down. Earl Winterton asked "whether His Majesty's government was con-sulted and was a consenting party to the Anglo-German financial agreement, whether the same financial agreement was formally and specifically recog-nized by the subsequent Anglo-Russian convention, which embodied the princi-ple of subergs of influence recording

ble of spheres of influence, regarding railway concessions in China." McKinnon Wood, under secretary for foreign affairs, who represented the government, sought shelter in his an-swer of April 13, adding:

"His Majesty's government was con-sulted and assented to the agreement between the two financial groups, but it never became an agreement between the two governments. The answer to the second part of the question is neg-ative." "Are we to understand that His Maj-

esty's government did, not recognize the agreement as binding?" Earl Winter-ton asked.

"Between the two financial groups the government approved the agree-ment," replied the Under Secretary. "Will you say whether the gov-ernment is prepared to support the English group of financiers in China. In getting the agreement carried out?" persisted Earl Wintedton.

"That must depend on cfrcumstanc-es," returned Mr. Wood. It was not an agreement binding on the German

government." Thus the government dodged the ef-fort to force a new line of action which would disturb Great Britain's apparent obeying of the orders of Russia and Japan.

Russia and Japan. Great Britain is worried at the pro-jected new Japanese tariff. Sir Gil-bert parker asked Mr. Wood wheth-er it will injure British trade, es-pecially Lançashire and Yorkshire goods, and also spoke of the possibi-ity of cheap Japanese goods under-selling the British here at home. Mr. Wood said:

Canada this year. Of these about 5.000 will come under the auspices of the Army. This organization has learned valuable lessons in this kind of work and it now is very careful to select only persons, who will be self-supporting. The Army officers have learned by experience that the most unfortunate person possible is the im-migrant, who is dumped on the shore of an unfamiliar country without knowledge where to turn to make a dollar. We noted the other day that some of the charitable organizations in the United Kingdom proposed to bring up in Parliament the policy of the Dominion grovernment in

in the United Kingdom proposed to bring up in Parliament the policy of the Dominion government in refusing admission into the Dominion of assisted immigrants, who have no guarantee of work. Clearly the offi-cers of the Salvation Army will not be among those who object, for they be among those who object, for they larly anxious to bring on a contest litical opponents and of indulging in at all, if they can avoid it, and the constant carping and miserable inwith no work in sight, is very likely question of ways and means also looks sinuations is growing so common that to be in a worse plight in Canada than he was at home. Col. Howell says that hereafter perfore the Army will that hereafter, gefore the Army will cannot afford it, and the Nationalists men needed in office. undertake to pilot people to Canada,

they must measure up to certain standards. They must either be abl to fill the demand for domestic service, to be qualified to become farm hands or be skilled artizans. In addition they must be able to pay their own traveling expenses and not loop to the Army for assistance "except in cases of unforescen emergency arising after arrival in Canada." The Army has reached the conclusion that persons, not meeting these requirements must be assisted at home and not be brought away. Col. Howell speaks most encouragingly of the progress of the colony sent to the fruit lands of the Okanagan, He is very sanguine of future success. It is to be haped that in the efforts made to promote British emigration to Canada the lesson of the Army's experience will not be lost. A plan of assisted emigration that regults in in a number of persons being forced

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large and 2 small drawers and a large, oval bevel plate mirror. Has I full length and 2 smaller drawers. Has a large, oval bevel plate mirror. Priced at \$40.00

Here's Something Real New in Oak

Here is something real new and very attractive in golden oak bedroom furniture. This suite is finished in that pleasing "wax" or "dull" finish, and this finish combined with carefully selected quarter cut oak and neat design, combines to make a most attractive suite. There are four pieces-chiffoniere, dresser, dressing table and somnoe. The four pieces for \$140.00.

Chiffoniere-Has 4 full length drawers Dresser-The dresser has a large and 2 smaller drawers. Has a bevel plate mirror of best quality, 2 shaped bevel plate mirror. Oak large and 3 small drawers. Oak drawer pulls. drawer pulls.

Dressing Table-Has 3 drawers and bevel plate mirror. Oak drawer pulls. Somnoe to match.

A Magnificent Suite in Polished Mahogany

If you are partial to mahogany as a bedroom furniture, we strongly advise that you see this very attractive suite in polished mahogany. A three-piece suite-dresser, dressing table and chiffoniere. All attractive designs and made of selected, well finished wood. The three pieces priced at \$150.00.

Chiffoniere of this suite has 4 full length drawers and 2 small drawers. Has an oval bevel plate mirror. Satin brass trimmings.

The Dresser of this suite has 2 large drawers and 3 smaller drawers. Has a large oval bevel plate mirror. Satin brass trimmings.

The Dressing Table of this suite has 4 small drawers and a large oval bevel plate mirror of best quality. Satin brass trimmings.



Wood said: "I do not know what the govern-ment will do. An agitation is under-way urging the chambers of com-merce of England to force the gav-ernment to call Japan to terms." But it is the Anglo-Japanese alli-ance which is causing Great Britain to obey Japan's wishes regarding China.

Miss Oliver to Be Married. OTTAWA, May 2.—The engagement is announced of Miss Clare Oliver, third daughter of Hon. Frank Oliver Minister of Interior to Allan Keer-er, son of Charles Keefer and Mrs. Keefer, o Elmwood, Rockliffe.

Nanaimo Customs Returns

Nanaimo Customs Returns NANAIMO, May 2.--Customs and inland revenue returns for Nanaimo for the month of April were the larg-est in the history of the city. The total customs receipts were \$13,757.77 divided among the various ports as follows: Nanaimo, \$10,618.64; Che-mainus, \$412.13; Ladysmith \$2,238: Union Bay, \$250; Port Alberni, \$122.25 Cumberland, \$77.75; Alberni \$21.17 and Courtnay, \$17.10. The finland revenue returns for the city during the month were as follows: Spirits, \$227.04; malt \$2,794.21; raw leaf and cigars, \$280.02; licenses, \$350 and other receipts \$200, a total of \$3,915. 87.

Murderer Goes Free

EDMONTON, May 2.—James Chapman, a negro, who confessed to the mounted police here to murdering James Mat-thews of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and who was to be extradicted by Sheriff Fox, of Stillwater, who is in the city, was set free by the district court judge Saturday in the proceedings for extradition on the ground of insufficient evidence. Fox will make another attempt to extradite the negro. Mrs. Matthews, wife of the murnegro. Mrs. Matthews, wife of the mur-dered white man, who has been living in the city for some time, was also su ful in her fight against extradition and was set free Saturday.

Northern Meteorological Station

EDMONTON, May 2-W. E. W. EDMONTON, May 2 — W. E. W. Jackson, of the meteorological ser-vice is here and started today on a long journey north to the mouth of the Mackenzie River to inspect the meteorological stations along the route. The farthest north official station is at Athebasca Landing, 100 miles north of Edmonton, but volun-tory observations are taken by the tary observations are taken by the Mounted Police and others at posts far into the north. The farthest north of these volunteer posts is on Her-schell Island in the Arctic. Ocean, where the Mounted Police have taken observations for years.