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Hands
 My fathers and be good. There is nothing
 fighting now; your term half out. Money
 spent; railways, laughing at you, and
 come to us and buy. We have that dish
 LAKED BARKLEY; new and nice.
 A cup of OUR BLEND TEA is very re-
 freshing hot tea.

Self-sealing Jars, \$1.00.
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Miners' Outfits
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NOTICE
 Is hereby given that application will be
 made to the legislative assembly of the
 province of British Columbia, at its next
 session for an act to incorporate a com-
 pany with power to construct, equip,
 operate, by any kind or kinds of motive
 power, and maintain either a standard
 narrow gauge or light line railway, for the
 purpose of conveying passengers, and
 freight, including all kinds of merchandise,
 from, or near Victoria, Esquimalt dis-
 trict, Vancouver Island, via Sooke, San
 Juan, in the said district, and Alberni, by
 the most direct and feasible route along
 the west coast of Vancouver Island, and
 point on the extreme north end of said
 Vancouver Island, or other points of Har-
 bor or Nahwilt bays, or thereabouts, with
 power to construct, equip, operate and
 maintain branch lines and other necessary
 roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves,
 docks and coal bunkers, and with power
 to build, own, equip, operate and maintain
 steam ferries and steam or other vessels
 and boats, and with power to construct,
 equip and maintain telegraph and tele-
 phone lines in connection with said rail-
 way and branches, and to build and
 operate all kinds of plant for the pur-
 pose of supplying light, heat, or any
 kind of motive power, and with power to
 acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or
 other aids from any government,
 municipalities or other persons or
 bodies corporate, and with power to
 enter into contracts with railway, steam
 boat or other companies, and with power
 to build wagon roads to be used in the
 construction of the railway, and with
 power of the same, and to levy and collect
 tolls from all parties using, and on all
 freight passing over, or on the roads
 built by the company, whether built be-
 fore or after the construction of the rail-
 way; and with all other powers, necessary
 or incidental rights, powers or privileges
 which may be necessary for the attainment
 of the attainment of the above
 objects, or any of them.

NOTICE
 Is hereby given that 60 days after date I
 intend to make application to the Honorable
 the Chief Commissioner of Lands,
 Works and Mines, to purchase 160
 acres of unsurveyed, unoccupied and un-
 reserved crown lands, situated in Cassiar dis-
 trict, described as follows: Commencing
 at J. F. Fell's northwest stake; thence
 40 chains west; thence 40 chains south to
 Leahy's corner post; thence east 40 chains
 to T. Taylor's northwest post; thence
 north 40 chains to place of commencement.
 Dated this 29th day of July, 1898.

HENRY (OTHERWISE SAMUEL) GLAPHAM
 Late of Galleanland, Br. ish Columbia; and
 formerly of Eylesbury, in the County of
 Huntingdon, England, Deceased

NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that at the ex-
 piration of three months from the first pub-
 lication of this notice, I shall register the
 title of Amelia Franklin, of Eylesbury, St.
 Neots, in the county of Huntingdon, Eng-
 land, the wife of Stephen Franklin, and
 Mary Ann King of the town and county of
 Leicester, England, widow, the two eldest
 children of the said deceased, the sole co-heiresses
 and next of kin of the said deceased under
 the will of the said deceased, and that other
 persons are entitled to claim heirship to
 the said deceased, with the said Amelia
 Franklin and Mary Ann King.
 Dated the 14th day of May, 1898.

RAMS FOR SALE.
 High-grade Shropshire rams and three
 registered ram lambs. GEO. HEATHER-
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 school; experienced teacher, holding first-
 class certificate, grade A; duties to begin
 October 1st, 1898; references required.
 Applications received till August 22nd. E.
 C. Arthur, secretary.

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MR. BEAVEN'S TASK

Much Speculation as to the Outcome of the Political Situation.

Some Precedents Which May Influence His Honor's Action.

History is being made with remarkable acceleration in British Columbia, and as is not uncommon with epoch-making historical events, it was the unexpected which happened.

The publication in last evening's Times of the fact that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor had sent for Hon. Robert Beaven and entrusted that gentleman with the task of forming a ministry came as an unqualified surprise to the public and during the evening an atmosphere of suppressed excitement pervaded the principal places where men do congregate, the sole theme of conversation being the unlooked for turn of events announced in the evening paper. Surmise was rife in many quarters as to the constitution of the course adopted by His Honor, although the doubts entertained in this regard were speedily dispelled by the testimony of those who were better posted on matters of constitutional procedure.

To finally dispose of any such question the following quotation from an official pronouncement of Sir Michael Hicks Beach, secretary of state for the colonies in 1897, relative to the dismissal by Lieut.-Governor Letellier of the De Boucherville ministry will be timely. Sir Michael wrote:

"There can be no doubt that the Lieutenant-Governor of a province has an unquestionable constitutional right to dismiss his ministers if from any cause he feels it incumbent upon him to do so. In the exercise of this right he should, of course, maintain the impartiality towards rival political parties which is essential to the proper performance of the duties of his office, and for any action he may take, he is, under the 50th section of the (British North America Act) directly responsible to the Governor-General."

That matter of speculation being disposed of, the questions that next seemed to create the greatest wonderment were whether the act of calling upon Mr. Beaven was to be construed as a dismissal of Mr. Turner and his colleagues; whether any formal dismissal had been sent the premier; or whether the action taken had been so taken by His Honor by the advice of his ministers. Upon the last question wide differences of opinion were manifest, it being widely maintained by many that the action looked towards the formation of a coalition ministry and had therefore most probably been agreed to by Mr. Turner, if not actually advised by him. On the other hand it was held that the tenacity with which Mr. Turner had clung to office contradicted the idea that he had been in any way a party to the unlooked for denouement.

The advocates of the latter theory gained a certain amount of credence for their assertions by pointing out that the resignation of the De Boucherville ministry and the formation of a coalition ministry had been the subject of consideration, and that the resignation of the De Boucherville ministry had been the subject of consideration, and that the resignation of the De Boucherville ministry had been the subject of consideration.

Mr. Turner's surprise was the greater as he had received from the Lieutenant-Governor a communication to which he had not as yet replied, and neither he nor his colleagues had considered the letter received from His Honor as amounting to a dismissal. Of course the contents of that letter and the nature of the reply to be sent had been the subject of consideration at the cabinet meeting.

On the other hand His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor states that the letter referred to by Mr. Turner, while entirely courteous in its tone, as became the dignity of the office of the sender, was clearly a dismissal and not of a nature to require any reply. The letter had been placed in the hands of the deputy finance minister for immediate delivery to the premier at 10.30 and Mr. Beaven had been sent for at noon.

Hon. Mr. Beaven, while naturally preserving a necessary reticence, confirms fully the supposition that Mr. Turner would have known that His Honor's communication was a direct dismissal. This was about the extent of general information last night and the morning brought nothing new. But looking over the circumstances of the case more calmly, the first surprise having worn off, the interesting phases of the situation have been the subject of considerable comment during the day. And not least it is that in face of the statement had called upon Mr. Beaven to form a ministry, which was not a dismissal, the fact that the letter sent by him to the premier was unmistakably a dismissal, the latter gentleman should have failed to see the obvious. It is true that the fact that it should be possible is hardly surprising and the unpleasant opinion is given by those that the premier has fully displayed the same unwillingness to recognize the inevitable in this as in all

A FIRM ATTITUDE

Adopted by Britain in the Matter of Railroad Concessions in China.

Another subject which has been fully discussed from all possible and from some impossible points of view that the chances possessed by Mr. Beaven of securing sufficient support to enable him to succeed in the task entrusted to him. This perhaps the most speculative of all the questions in connection with the crisis, can only be decided by the efflux of time, and as Mr. Beaven is yet in a position to make an announcement regarding the progress he is making in this connection the public must wait for his own statement in patience and with results.

Mr. Beaven said to-day there was nothing new to report. After receiving the mandate of His Honor he at once conferred with Mr. C. Semlin, Jos. Martin and other leaders of the opposition, and invited them to a conference. Mr. Beaven believes that he will be able to form a strong government, although it will necessarily take some days to complete his work, the means of carrying out a number of prominent public affairs involving a delay that is unprofitable. Mr. Joseph Martin will be in London this evening, and no doubt will confer with Mr. Beaven, and Mr. Semlin will arrive to-morrow evening. The success or failure of Mr. Beaven will largely depend upon the attitude of these two gentlemen, and at present nothing is known as to their views on the new situation, which to them must be quite as unexpected as it was to the general public. Mr. W. W. B. Melness, M.P. for Vancouver district, who had resolved not one time to enter the provincial political arena but subsequently reconsidered his determination, came down from Nanaimo yesterday, and conferred with Mr. Beaven, presumably on the important business of cabinet making. For a day or two, however, no more news is to be expected. Mr. Beaven is entitled to any reasonable length of time to complete his cabinet, and so long as he is making progress that end he will undoubtedly be given all that he requires. The late government, although no longer advisers of the Lieutenant-Governor, will also be expected to transact the formal business of their respective offices until their successors are sworn in.

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San Francisco, Aug. 9.—A special to the Examiner from Manila under date of July 31st, via Hongkong, Aug. 8, says:

A heavy engagement took place to-night between the Americans and Spaniards at Manila. The Spaniards made an attack, attempting to turn our right. After hours of fighting they were repulsed. The Spanish losses are upwards of 200 killed and 300 wounded. Our volunteers made a glorious defence against upwards of 3,000 of an attacking force. The battle raged for three hours.

London, Aug. 9.—A dispatch from Hongkong says: The German steamer Patriarch, which left Manila on August 6th, has arrived here and reports that the Spanish forces attacked the American camp at Manila on the night of July 31st. The Spaniards were over 3,000. They charged the American lines, but were repulsed. The American loss was eleven men killed and thirty-seven wounded.

WATCHING RUSSIA

British Diplomats Having Their Hands Full With Chinese Situation.

Germany Thought to Have a Hand in the Game Against Britain.

London, Aug. 10.—The Standard, Daily News, Daily Chronicle and other morning papers comment editorially upon the unsatisfactory nature of Mr. Curzon's explanation of the Chinese situation. The Daily News urges the government to copy Germany in its dealings with China.

The Daily News says: "It now appears that a German, as well as a Russian, veto will have the effect of not means to reverse the threatened checkmate."

The question arises almost equal division on the continent, though Berlin papers are inclined to make light of the affair, and to believe that, as before, England will yield to Russian diplomacy.

The Paris papers, on the contrary, take the matter seriously.

The Journal de Debates, a cautious and moderate paper, remarks "when the Soudan campaign is ended, England by her arrogant attitude will provoke one or two of the powers to such an extent as to make a conflict inevitable, and then will see an alliance either with the United States or Japan."

The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"English agents are being made to obtain from Washington an official statement about the Nicaraguan canal. It is felt that if this project were assured the gravity of the situation would be relieved, as the canal would establish greater opportunities for the protection by Great Britain and America of their interests in the far east."

A declaration from Washington at the present juncture that the Nicaraguan project will be carried out, would materially strengthen the hands of Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister here. Mr. Parvill, Russian charge d'affaires, continues to exercise his influence against the Pekin-Hankow railway. Little doubt is expressed about the ultimate result of his diplomacy.

The concession represents the essence of Great Britain's future in China. If China yields to Russian menaces, the prospects of the Shan Si syndicate are imperiled. It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Parvill will demand a revocation by the Chinese government of the Shan Si contract. The private enterprise will avail nothing against the representations of Russia; and Great Britain will be barred from the commercial advantages which that agreement carries.

Dyspepsia in its worst forms will yield to the use of Carter's Little Liver Pills, and only relieve present distress but strengthen the stomach and digestive apparatus.

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