MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

FREE NAVIGATION

seven miles from it is the town of Fort suppose that United States merchants Fairfield, Maine. Until railways were will not buy Canadian goods to send to found by ascertaining how it was under- their goods destined for Dawson City in stood and acted upon for years.

single obstacle was placed in the way of did not buy in Canada. The Post-Intel- tend that people shall have to walk in the passage of United States goods up the St. John to the Maine towns. Fredthe St. John to the Maine towns. Fredthe Maine towns. Fredtions of phenomenal ignorance in its the middle of the street when passing the new post office. Ask us something the new post office. Ask us something the new post office, ask us something the new post office. Ask us something the new post office, ask us something the new post office. Ask us something the new post office, ask us something the new post office. Ask us something the new post office, ask us something the new post office. Ask us something the new post office, ask us something the new post office. Ask us something the new post office, ask us something the new post office. Ask us something the new post office the new post office the new post office. Ask us something the new post office the new post office the new post office. Ask us something the new post office the ericton is the head of navigation for reference to this question. If the effect easy, good sir. We don't know. No ericton is the head of navigation for reference to this question. If the effect easy, good sir. We don't know. No have little in common except proximity cost to the government would not be coasting schooners, and these came reg- of its blunders was likely to be confined one knows. The time when a city coun- of situation, and there is no good reason great, say from \$50 to \$60 for a ten-acre ularly from cities on the United States to itself, we do not know that anyone cil will do what every reasonable man why they should be exhibited together. seaboard with goods destined for the would care very much, but thousands of in the world sees ought to be done at state of Maine towns, which were tran- people are going to be misled by just once may be said to be, like the English shipped at Fredericton at some stages of such statements as that to which we are judge said of the verdict of a petty jury, the water to steamers owned by United now referring. It sends broadcast the one of those things that Omniscience it States citizens, and at others to towboats also owned by such citizens. When the making for Dawson City with goods are with you that the thing is an outrage, of the 8th inst. appeared a letter from with you that the thing is an outrage, of the 8th inst. appeared a letter from Mr. Alex. Begg on the above subject, freight arrived at Woodstock, Florenceville or Andover, which were the points
on the river corresponding to Houlton,
Bridgewater and Fort Fairfield in the interior, it was there loaded on wagons and without the least delay was sent forward to its destination. Of course the said, the fact is that they are taking in both Canadian goods and American.

The Times says that the Colonist's moral and physical stamina poon which interior, it was there loaded on wagons advocacy of "small holdings," struck there is a middle of the street to and is of greater importance to this country than all the wealth of the Yukon gold region, because a virtuous and industrious peasantry gives the increased population required and there is a middle of the street to country than all the wealth of the Yukon gold region, because a virtuous and industrious peasantry gives the prosperity of British Columbia. He lays down his premises calmly and both Canadian goods and American. ansier was under the supervision of a both Canadian goods and American Canadian customs officer, but there was goods and they know that they must pay questions regarding the redistribution the life and progress of the race deactually no delay and practically no ex- the duty on the latter. If the Post-Inactually no delay and practically no expense. No one ever drear and of any such nonsense as requiring the shippers to pay the wages of a man to watch the stuff while it was in transit across Canadian that the matter an impression that the matter has been so settled by the platform builders. This being the case, we do not see why pense. No one ever drear and of any such telligencer had told this, it would have the wages of a man to watch the stuff which was expressly or ignorantly so writwhile it was in transit across Canadian ten as to create an impression territory. At 200 miles from the sea all that because large trading concerns the Colonist should withold its full the stream of fresh blood which flows to territory. At 200 miles from the sea all that because large trading concerns the state of Maine lying along the ing goods to Dawson City, they river, and everything sent into the are necessarily sending goods from woods at the head of the river had to be the United States only. Colonist readtaken out of the steamers and towboats ers may recall that this paper last sumand be carried around the Grand falls. mer, when the companies referred to This place is in Canada, but there was not | were making large purchases in Victoria. the slightest obstacle put in the way of pointed out how their action completely transshipping the goods, which went on answered the contention of the Seattle up the river with Canadian territory on one shore for 75 miles, without anyone dreaming that a customs escort was necessary. Nor did it ever enter the minds of the United States customs authority that it was necessary to have officers watch the boats that carried Canadian merchandise along this part of the river. So much for goods that were up the river with Canadian territory on papers as to that city being the best the river. So much for goods that were taken into the country. The goods taken out in those days were principally cedar shingles and saw logs. These went through the Canadian portion of the St. John valley unmolested by troublesome customs house officers. The the Yukon against the routes from the cording to the thing.

logs were driven down the river for fully | Coast. There is no use in people dedealing with the navigation of the opening of any part of the province, but laying of the trans-Pacific cable. Ynkon and the Stickeen.

there is no escaping the facts of geo-

adian Yukon, being in Canadian view taken by Hon. Mr. Sifton was that Pass coal, does any one suppose that the grows to a much larger extent; the hands, no matter who may do it was useless to talk at present of an all consumers will not pay that? Can any this cannot be done unless the the Yukon. By and by there will be a consumer in the end does not pay, exthe town," and so as he is related to the Secretary of War grants Canadians the railway through the district referred to, cept the tax on the precious metals? privilege of erecting trading posts on St. but until that is built traffic will go By treaty, first with Russia in 1825 Michael's, and this it does not believe he around by water. Much of it will go by and later with the United States, British subjects have the right to the free navigation of the Yukon and the Stickeen. merchants, which it thinks "as likely WE think we shall let the Columbian The Route to the Klondyke." The edi-There appears to be some misapprehen- as not will be in the tariff." Has not wrestle with the mortgage tax unmo- tor in a note says that the paper was

sion as to what this means. To say that our contemporary taken leave of its lested. It persistently avoids the dis- written in 1895 and that no small degree it means what the words imply is not senses entirely? Was it ever heard that cussion of definite propositions and takes of the interest attaching to it is from the definite enough. A very great deal of one government ever requested of an- refuge in the vaguest generalities. There fact that the writer foretold the great needed light is cast upon the question other that it would open a part of its is not the least use in hammering over rush of gold-reekers that has taken place. by the operation of the latter treaty in territories to foreign goods upon differ- these. We are all agreed on its being a Mr. Phillipps-Wolley has by this article regard to the river St. John, New Bruns- ent terms to those exacted in other por- hardship that when a man borrows added one more service to the many he wick, in which United States citizens tions? We have seen some extraordin- money on mortgage the lender makes has already done for British Columbia. have rights identical with those that ary diplomatic correspondence emanate him pay the personal property tax on British subjects enjoy in the Yukon and from Washington, but never any quite the money secured by the mortgage. Stickeen. This is proved by the fact so nonsensical as such a letter as this Not a man can be found in the province say that the development of the Yukon that the paragraph in the treaty of would be. It is true, we are asked to who disputes this proposition, except is of no benefit to this province. It pro-Washington covers all the rivers, the imagine the Washington government as the man who lends the money. The poses to say some things that may not same language therefore applying to saying, that Canadians and all other point to be got at is how to remove this be flattering to those who think other-British subjects are entitled to the free hardship from the mortgagors. We have wise. It has already said the most un-The St. John rises in the State of navigation of the Yukon, but we refuse said over and over again that we are pre- flattering thing conceivable so far as it is Maine and flows entirely within that to let them enjoy it, unless Canada agrees pared to support any feasible plan, and itself concerned. state for about 150 miles. Then it forms to let Seattle merchants sell goods in its have asked our contemporary to suggest the international boundary for 75 miles, Northwest Territories without paying one. It has none to suggest. What, and after that its course for over 200 duties. We do not believe that the Uni- then, is the use of talking about it? No miles is through New Brunswick to the ted States politician has yet been born good can possibly result. We tell the sea. Very extensive lumbering operations are carried on upon the head phenomenal ass of himself. But this is waters in Maine. The whole 75 miles sea. Very extensive lumbering operations are carried on upon the head where the river forms the boundary are thickly settled on both sides. About of War does in point of fact refuse to the sea. Very extensive lumbering operations are carried on upon the head who would be willing to make such a phenomenal ass of himself. But this is not the silliest part of our contemporations are carried on upon the head phenomenal ass of himself. But this is not the silliest part of our contemporations are carried on upon the head phenomenal ass of himself. But this is not the silliest part of our contemporation, it is not a thickly settled on both sides. About of War does in point of fact refuse to theoretical but a practical one, and we can use that we are as much opposed to the in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited and the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited in the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited and the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited and the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be benefited and the next session of the Dominion out, in which settlers could be sentited in the next session thickly settled on both sides. About let any but United States citizens establish warehouses on St. Michael's, satisfactorily amended. We can suggest the open the river is the thriving town of Houlton, Maine; 20 miles further up the can our contemporary suppose for an amendments, but none that is not open were in London last summer. To the river and about nine miles from it is the instant that he would forbid such per- to objection. Why does not our contemtown of Bridgewater. Maine; and 35 sons, as had warehouses there, to store porary try to deal with the question miles further up the river and about Canadian goods? Is it so abourd as to practically, if it can?

Some time ago a statement appeared built, all the traffic of the portion of the trading posts on the Upper Yukon, eyen in the Post-Intelligencer purporting to State of Maine referred to was, during if it were possible to induce the Secretary come from George Duncan, city passenthe summer season, carried on by way of War to become a party to a trick of ger agent of the C.P.R. at Quebec, to of the St. John, and then, as now, many Seattle merchants to increase their trade? the effect that miners could purchase millions of feet of lumber were driven The suggestion of the Seattle paper goods as cheaply in Seattle as elsewhere, down the river from the Maine is grotesque in its absurdity. It is pain- and that on some articles Seattle mer- the output from the smelters and the of clearing a holding could be shortened forests. Thus it will be seen that ful to see a newspaper of any pretensions chants can undersell those of Victoria mines which are shippers, showing conthis would enable a large number of down the river from the Maine is grotesque in its absurdity. It is pain- and that on some articles Seattle merthe opportunities of interpreting the to information make such an exhibition and Vancouver with the duty added. A meaning of "free navigation" were of itself. But our contemporary says statement like this from a Canadian many, and were such that United States | that there is no reason to expect that | Pacific employee seemed very remarkcitizens were the beneficiaries of the in- "American supply concerns" will be able, and Mr. F. Elworthy, Secretary of terpretation. It seems reasonable, there- driven out of Dawson. No one ever sug- the Board of Trade, took occasion to fore, to claim that where the treaty must gested that they should be. The people make inquiries of Sir William Van be interpreted beneficially to British of Victoria have no desire to see them Horne about it. Sir William replied by subjects, at least as favorable a construc- driven out of Dawson. The concerns re- telegram that the matter had been fully tion will be put upon it. Precedents ferred to bought thousands of dollars investigated and he was satisfied that count for much in matters of this kind. worth of goods in Victoria this year and Mr. Duncan made no such statement as They make the law, in point of fact. To will buy thousands of dollars worth next the Seattle reporter attributed to him. the question: What is the meaning of year. These companies have disproved This adds one more to the long series of the words "free navigation" in the the whole contention of the Post-Intelligentreaty? the most appropriate answer is gencer, for they have bought the bulk of cer has been guilty in this connection.

Victoria or elsewhere in Canada, and A CORRESPONDENT wants us to tell him It may be sufficient to say that not a they expect to pay duty on what they how much longer the city council in-

plank are irrelevant. "The government pends. I Let us look at the mother country. endorsement and declare that it also is it from the country were cut off, within in favor of redistribution at such time three generations it would be a city and in such manner as the government in power shall decide. We do not know is the nursery that supplies it with men that this is enough for the present.

the St. John valley unmolested by done it could not compete as a route to the capers of a two-days' old colt as acwith this wicked world or by the in-

200 miles, and State of Maine lumber- ceiving themselves about a matter of this THERE have been so many other mat- ated in his nature, for not only has he men brought their horses, outfits and kind. No one will carry goods in a wagsupplies into New Brunswick and used on 800 miles when they can be carried Pacific cable project has been allowed to power to religion itself but loses much of what gives life its chief charm and best them without giving bonds or paying for all but a little over a hundred miles sleep. We note with great pleasure treaty was supposed to secure them, the free payingtion of the river that is duties. In short, they had what the towards the same point in a steamer. If that a number of our contemporaries are

the Post-Intelligencer of Thursday.

That paper is alarmed at the point made by the Colonist about the permanent to spend any money on by the Colonist about the permanent trade of the Yukon, that is of the Can-

outfitting. It says that land route from the Canadian Pacific to one suggest a tax on anything that the

In the Badminton Magazine for November is a capital paper by Clive Phillipps-Wolley on "The Stikine River:

It has remained for the Columbian to

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

THE OUTPUT OF KOOTENAY. short of the amount which this journal down. named, as already the figures reported exceed by a considerable sum \$7,500,000. -Vancouver World.

A POINT WELL TAKEN,

The suggestion that the Northwest in the ore exhibit would lead to confu-

SMALL HOLDINGS.

To the Editor:-In your impression

in power shall decide. We do not know and women and also supplies the guarthat we would not be willing to go dians of the Empire—the army and further than this, but, having some idea navy-upon which we depend for our of the government's intentions, think of the earth. What then can be of

greater importance to this great country still in its infancy than to increase the

fluence of his moral environment has feeling or sentiment ossified or obliter

the free navigation of the river, that is the free navigation of the river, that is the sentinel will content itself with ask. The the free navigation of the river, that is the sentinel will content itself with ask. The the free navigation of the river, that is distributed to the river of the r this will be the spirit in which the treasury authorities at Washington will interpret the treasury when it comes to dealing with the nevigation of the which we see in the social life, in the municipal, political and judicial institutions of an adjacent country. It was once said that America has been the dumping ground for all the rescality. It may be as well in this connection as in any other to refer to an editorial in sible for them either. Will the Sentinel The Colonist never said that a coal tax one connection as in any other to refer to an editorial in sible for them either. Will the Sentinel The Colonist never said that a coal tax one connection as discount of the colonist never said that a coal tax one connection as discount of the colonist never said that a coal tax of t

busy haunts of men, but even here, if there is a high moral tone and the principles of honour and honesty pervading the community, his depredations are less felt; and here I do not mean mere acts of fraud but that more subtle and danhe guise of virtue.

From what I have stated, and as every reflecting mind will see, it is of surpass-ing importance that the men who reach right stamp—men who shall raise and preserve the moral standard in the community in which they dwell, and shall have in themselves the elements of sucmerely as the means of showing how

they can be overcome.

There can be no doubt the government of the country is desirous of doing every-thing possible to encourage such a class of settlers, but feels as a rich father sometimes does towards his sons. As a father his feelings would prompt him to spend part of his fortune in promoting their well-being in life, but is deterred by the fear which he has reason for, that such aid would lessen their motive and power for individual effort, and by in society. Still I think there are vari-

this subject. The greatest difficulty in the way of were in London last summer. To the commerce of the Pacific coast province this cable is of great importance, and we cannot afford to let the matter rest while our southern neighbors are moving in a and his family, and as a rule the most similar direction, and the powerful company which now controls the Suez line means to carry them over this time. A pany which how controls the Suez line is urging that the alternative cable to Australia be laid by way of the Cape of Good Hope, and not by the Canadian Pacific route.—News-Advertiser.

Heans to carry them over this time. A man may get occasional work, and the only help many at present have, but when he is so employed it takes him of course away from his holding, where he would need to be every day in the year when weather permits. If therefore From time to time we have chronicled there was any means whereby the time he output from the smelters and the of clearing a holding could be shortened clusively that if the \$10,000,000 notch is settlers to come in which at present can-not reached by the 30th of next Decem-not make the attempt, and this means ber, the sum total as declared by the can be furnished by the use of powder customs officials will not fall very far in removing the stumps of the trees cut

A man single handed can fell a tree he can burn it and can clear the ground of all but the big stump, which defies his strength. Of course he can dig out all the small roots around it and pile them on with other wood to burn it Mining Association send an exhibit of where it stands, but some of the largest minerals to the Paris exposition of 1900 is a good one, but the advisability of West Kootenay or British Columbia joining with Washington is to be questioned by the paris exposition of 1900 accomplish this, while a charge of powder costing about a dollar will do the same thing with half an hour's work. stumps will take a man a whole week to tioned just now. The ownership of the Those stumps remaining in the ground mines on Slocan and Quartz creek is —and one can see many holdings dotted gradually, but surely, passing from American into Canadian and British besides great obstacles in the way of culhands; in general the quality of the ore is different, and the districts represented ment were to grant a settler with limited means sufficient powder to clear his place, this would at least enable him to can do by hand labor in three, and the holding, and an officer appointed in each issue a certificate for what was required, and thus such government aid would not only serve the very purpose for which it encourage the settler to renewed ef-

THOSE SMALL HOLDINGS.

To THE EDITOR:—Your correspondent 'G.S." in this morning's paper, by the the increased population required and the prosperity of British Columbia. He lays down his premises calmly and wisely when he claims that "a virtuous and industrious peasantry gives the moral and physical stamina upon which ife and progress of the race depend." It will require many plans and details to secure and locate such settlers; without them, however, the population required to make this province prosperous cannot be obtained. Unfortunately, under the resent provincial colonization policy. there appears but little hope of making

he necessary progress.

It was in order to advance or introduce this mode of settlement that I applied for a temporary reserve along portion of the land granted to the Stie keen & Teslin Railway Company, so tha the colonization branch of that co might assist settlers by granting free them alternate small holdings, and if necessary, assist them by making a start in their new homes by aiding in the erection of dwellings, etc. The chief commissioner of lands and works, however, put a veto on my good intentions and refused to grant any reserve; thu shutting off this rare opportunity from a probable large number of valuable settlers and leaving the door open for a host of speculators, who grabbed each from 640 acres of land downwards. It will be interesting to analyse the names them are likely to become bona settlers or add to the prosperity of the province by entering the open door—which will be locked "when the steed is ALEXANDER BEGG. 23rd November, 1897.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Not a Music Box—He has come for her in a buggy and she objects to the turnout.

"You are very particular; you put on more airs than a music box!"

"Well, I don't go with a crank, any-

A Thrust.-Miss Sears (an old rival)-You

Why He Objected.—Adolphus Dudington (pleadingly)—Don't be cruel and hard-hearted, colonel. Give me your daughter's

The Waiter's Description.—Madame (entering a restaurant)—Do you know if Mi Miller is here?

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Mr. Paterson Nest Pass undertak an important annou postal rate changes, the government has cents shall in future mail matter to any Empire. At present to take half an our Kingdom and a hi other parts of the En

NEWS OF TH

Survey for Overland Vacant Judgesl (From Our Own

OTTAWA, Nov. 26. returns to Ottawa he and the Minist question of the trou sixth Battalion. I regulations provide ing a man of anothe will apply to Army I Frank M. Pebbles, arrived here to pain the Premier.

It is understood Victoria, was the ch Mowat for the long

on the Supreme cour Mr. Justice McCreig the chances are the will shortly be anno Mr. Sifton has ord D.L.S., who recently ton trail for the gove survey of the overla kon from Edmonton

A CURIOUS Recently Developed in

The theory of the police that the killin White—found dead ly, with a bullet wot was the work of an appears to find confiliar coincidence jus finding of the body. now transpires, was identical spot where gomery was murdere and White was the n crime. The jury co White was acquitted be shot in the exact afterwards, is not ye

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United States Consul

WASHINGTON, No Sprague at Gibralt to work in progress is not generally knows; 3,000 men daily e labor on the externow going on in the and other governm Steam Heat

PADUCAH, Ky., N ger train on the E the Illinois Centra DeKoven, Ky., with heater in a crowd scattering pieces of directions. Railros is extremely unus occupant was more jured.

Another Klon DES MOINES, Ia., dyke company ha with State Auditor Cummings, of the committee, among is said the company ng valuable cond dian government.

To Join D PITTSBURG, Pa. N and Belgian glass Pa., met last night Washington and Democracy. In M men will leave, and the entire colony

WACO, Tex., Nov yesterday of the c Gerald, who wou killed the Harris bi verey arising out trouble, it was show was justified, and l the court. It was did not draw his self was under a Harris brothers.

LIMA, Nov. 17 .tants of Arequipa, ment of the same meetings to protest congress last week. in this city and (signing an address the attitude of Dr. dent of the senate dilatory tactics of senate by entertain