

Imperial Budget Increases Taxes

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Makes Statement of Great Britain's Finances.

A Deficit of Forty-One Millions Pounds For the Year Estimated.

Duty on Coal Exports and Sugar Imports For Revenue Raising.

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Discussing The Budget

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Praised for His Courage and Candor.

But Some Disappointment That Sugar Producing Colonies Not Favored.

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Up-to-Date Styles at WELLER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods is the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtains line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last parading.

Rithet to Run On the Fraser

The accident to the river steamer Ramona and the recent burning of the steamer Royal City left only the steamer Beaver in service on the Fraser and the C. P. N. Company, in view of this fact have decided to place the steamer Rithet on the Fraser.

Salaries Will Be Increased

At the special meeting of the school board last evening the question of increase of salaries of assistant masters, was taken up for consideration, and while the members of the board freely expressed their willingness to accede as far as possible to the request, the financial aspect was the big stumbling block.

CUMBERLAND FIRE

Chinatown Destroyed, Including Joss House and Nearly Forty Dwellings.

MORE BOER REVERSES

Forced to Blow Up a Long Tom—Prisoners Captured.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

Sixteen More Cases Reported at Capetown.

MR. McNICOLL DENIES

Reported Charges of Officials in the West Are Not True.

Montreal, April 17.—(Special.)—Vice-President McNICOLL denies the rumors of reported charges in lending C. P. R. officials in the West.

Kingston, April 17.—The steamer Nero left for Pictou at 8 o'clock to-day on the first trip of the season. This marks the opening of the season's navigation.

SIAMROCK TRIALS

The King Will Likely Be Spectator of the Races.

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