

The Colonist.

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POLITICAL NEWS.

Several rumors relative to Cabinet changes are afloat. Very little dependence need be placed on the greater number of them. Those that are not guesses, pure and simple, are conclusions which any man of common sense must arrive at without the aid of the telegraphic oracle.

Neither did it require the gift of prophecy to name Sir John Abbott's successor. The man who has the best right to take the Premier's place by the position he holds, by his services and by his proved ability, is, without doubt, Sir John Thompson.

When the Ottawa news caterer goes a step further and tells the world what cabinet minister is to resign, who is to be made governor of a province, and who is to be transferred to the Senate, and who is to be elevated to the Bench, he is in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred doing nothing more than guess.

There are some newspaper correspondents who deal almost wholly in accomplished facts, and who keep their imagination under the strictest control. The COLONIST'S Ottawa correspondent is one of this class and our readers have no doubt observed that he hardly ever makes a mistake, and that it is perfectly safe to rely implicitly on the news he sends.

The Opposition and the quasi-independent newspapers, for want of something important to comment upon, have made a good deal of fuss about the crude statements made by the president of the Toronto Young Men's Conservative Association.

It may be that their glee is ill-timed, and that their predictions will be falsified by the very men in whose expression of dissatisfaction they are now glorying.

One of the principal subjects discussed at the Congress was judicial oaths. The Socialist party are opposed to the religious sanction being required to an oath.

be puffed up by the compliments and the encouragement he is getting from those who are trying to use him for their own purposes. If he is as sensible as he ought to be to perform the duties of the position he occupies, he will see through the men who are now making much of him, and estimate them at their true value.

It is not to the disputes in the Young Men's Conservative Association that the opponents of the Government should look for signs of decadence in the Conservative party. Let them take a view of the country at large and try to find whether or not it is losing the confidence of the men who vote.

AN IMPERIAL HONOR.

The unveiling of the bust of Sir John Macdonald in the crypt of St. Paul's cathedral, London, was a graceful and well-deserved tribute to Canada's greatest statesman.

SOCIALISM IN GERMANY.

The growth of the Socialist party in Germany is something remarkable. This growth was illustrated a few days ago by a statement made in the Congress of the party held in Berlin.

SENSELESS REJOICING.

The Socialists of Germany have a large representation in the Parliament of the Empire and in the deliberative bodies of the different states. In Saxony four parliamentary seats had been won, and the Socialist vote had increased from 15,000 to 34,000.

but their character for truthfulness became so well known that the affirmation of a Quaker came to be taken in the courts of justice quite as readily as the oaths of men whose consciences permitted them to swear to what they said.

THE NEW PREMIER.

The accession of Sir John Thompson to the premiership will not be a surprise to anyone. He has, we suspect, been virtually premier for some little time.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The United States of America is represented in Europe as the home of freedom, and the men who find the governments of that continent too restrictive are told that in America speech is free, and that liberty of action there has the widest possible scope.

WOMEN TO THE FRONT.

No part of the world are women so energetic in advocating what they believe to be their rights as in the United States, and in no country have they advanced so far and gained so much.

THE DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

The exact result of the presidential election is not yet known, for the official count has not yet been completed. But the returns as far as received give the result with sufficient accuracy to enable those interested in the public affairs of the United States to form a fairly correct estimate of the proportionate strength of parties.

FRENCH ANARCHISTS.

The Anarchists are causing trouble in France. The Government of that country are blamed by all conservative people for the timid way in which they are dealing with men who deny all authority and who do not scruple to incite men to commit outrages of the most horrible kind in order to intimidate the authorities and to frighten the law-abiding portion of the community into permitting them to have their own way.

by the French authorities much too tenderly, and it was not until considerable pressure had been brought to bear upon them that they could be induced to treat him according to his deserts.

The Government is now accused of treating the Anarchists of Carnaux too indulgently. The dynamite explosions planned by some of them have exasperated the people, and the Government is blamed for not having acted more firmly and promptly with the Carnaux agitators.

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THE CITY.

The official registration of the Comfort Hotel company was completed on Monday, and arrangements are being made for going on with the early date. The shareholders missing enterprise include a number of leading citizens of Victoria, every reason to believe the venture a thorough success.

UNDERMINING THE ROAD.

A survey party coming in stream the other day noticed Chinamen engaged with pick and shovel work on the road, undermining the road a short distance from the Victoria Gardens. A litte wagon filled with rich loam stuff having been removed from the road for garden purposes, had been reported to the Prov. and the Chinaman employed upon to explain on what grounds he himself had been permitted to take out the lake 3,000 tons by the first of April. He has a fine outfit of horses, mules and sleighs.

THE MARKET WELCH BE.

Several months ago a new weigh bridge was purchased and placed in position on the market yard. It stands to day, but is so far from being in use that the inactivity of the Board. Although set up for months no attention has been given to the road level. The machine, right, but there is no approach which a cart can pass. It might be in the possession of the Board, but it is still being used by the city scale is necessarily idle.

WATER WORKS AT ALBERNI.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & H. notice in the Gazette of an act to be made to the legislature, and also, for an act incorporating a company for the purpose of operating and maintaining the town of Alberni, with power to convey water from Spruce Lake, Somass and Stamp Lake, and to construct, extend, alter and to build flumes and aqueducts, lay pipes, erect dams, and do all such things as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

THE ERICSSON CREW.

The mate, second mate, and crew of the Ericsson arrived in time for the morning, in time for the day's work. The crew of the Ericsson, who were on the boat when she was wrecked, are now in the hospital, and are being treated by the medical staff. The crew of the Ericsson, who were on the boat when she was wrecked, are now in the hospital, and are being treated by the medical staff.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The sample copy of the Christmas Number of the Daily Colonist is now ready for distribution. The number is a special one, and contains many interesting articles and illustrations. The number is a special one, and contains many interesting articles and illustrations.

A RAILWAY FROM LARD.

In yesterday's issue of the Daily Colonist, it was stated that the Government was considering the possibility of building a railway from Lard to the north-west shore of Lake Superior. The railway would be a standard gauge, and would be built by the Government. The railway would be a standard gauge, and would be built by the Government.

TO BE EXTRADITED.

Waldeck's Case to be Extradited. This morning in the Supreme Court. Embzeiler Waldeck, alias probably spent his last day in the city. He was inclined to leave the city, but was stopped by Detective Anthony, having been entered in the local police files. He was then taken to the police station, where he was held in custody.

ALL ON ACCOUNT OF BEHANZIN.

The Chief of the Petty Tribes of Dahomey, Allogher Demoralized-General Dods' Hands Full. PARIS, Nov. 25.—An official despatch from General Dods, commander of the French forces in Dahomey, says that in consequence of the flight of King Behanzin, the chiefs of the country are in a disorganized condition. General Dods is actively engaged in reinstating the authorities and is taking measures to occupy the coast territory of Dahomey. Six hundred negroes of the north of Abomey have submitted to the French. The health of the French troops is good. Abomey, the capital of Dahomey, is now in possession of the French, who have recently captured the city. The sanitary condition of the place is good.