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tion is not taken along the lines sug-

possibly be built. Messrs. Mackenzie,

ready to transport freight between these

points by September 1st. If this can be

done it will mean more to the Yukon and

more to British Columbia than can be

have invested hundreds of thousands of two years.

CARTER STON

Colonist. The

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1898.

A CRITICAL MOMENT. The people of this city, in common with those of the whole Coast region of British Columbia, are face to face with a crisis of the gravest possible kind. The issue is one that appeals to their interests in the most vital manner. There is not a class in the community terests of the railway company. that is not deeply concerned in the way in which it shall be solved: It is this: Shall the trade of the Yukon be controlled for the time being by United tablished to Teslin Lake as soon as the river opens. Instead of climbing lofty States cities; and later be carried directly to Eastern Canada, or shall British mountains, or threading their way along narrow ravines, miners would have a

Columbia secure it now and keep it? We do not think any one will dispute the transcendent importance of this question to the very large majority of the people of British Columbia. The trade of the northern gold fields is well worth striving for. If the wealth of that ern gold fields. The merchants and transregion prove equal to present indications, this city and the other Coast cities will be made rich by its trade, if they can

secure it, and the Coast farming regions will have the first call upon the best market in America. The farmers of the Fraser valley and other points have already felt the beneficial influence of the northern demand, but what they have so far enjoyed is small in comparison with what they may expect in the future, if the trade is not diverted from this province. The merchants in the cities have experienced a foretaste of the great business which they will do with

ment has set in, provided they can secation. If the traffic of the North can gested in this article. be secured for the Coast cities the cat A railway should be constructed from be secured for the Coast cities, the ad- Glenora to Teslin Lake as soon as it can vantage to owners of real estate will be very great, for these cities would Mann & Co. say they can have a line double in wealth and population in a We would enjoy on the short time. Coast a boom, which would assume great proportions, and would permanently en-

the North when the full tide of develop-

kind. In this general prosperity labor now measured. Let it be known that a ing men would share. There is a cer- road will be ready to transport goods to tainty that a very large number of peo- Teslin Lake this fall, and every available ple will be employed in the northern gold pound of hay and grain will be sent in fields, and it is also certain that prac- for the use of teams on the Stikine and tically everything they will consume in the Yukon during the winter. It would the way of food, clothing, shelter, tools mean thousands upon thousands of doland luxuries must be taken to them, lars to the farmers of British Columbia. from southern points. British Columbia That a winter road would be maintained will get all this trade or will lose it all. in connection with the railway and from Surely there can be no more vital in- both its termini is certain. This would terest before the people than this. The give employment to hundreds of horses.

fight to protect our welfare in this Moreover there would be hundreds of other horses in the country which would emergency is a fight for life.

If this province had only the compe-tition of the cities of the United States year the demand for animals for packing the main artery of travel unble life and province that he well. But it does know that the Nation tition of the cities of the United States year the demand for annual or annual to the coast, a gentleman, prominent in well. But it does know that the Nation public life, said yesterday that he con- is a very readable paper and is improved the importance of the manual of the main artery of travel public life, said yesterday that he conto fear, there would be reason enough to points on the main access. The cry is would be greater than ever. The cry is would be greater than ever. The cry is ceded the importance of the proposed ing every week. to take vigorous steps promptly to get would be greater than even the state of the proposed the importance of the proposed railway and the necessity for its immeditrade into the channels favorable to going up that something should be alway and the necessity for its immedi-But we have more than this to for the farmers. The way to answer it ate construction, but he added, "The Dous. But we have more than this to for the farmers. The not the northern market. are construction, but he added, "The Do-dread. There is a prospect that the is to secure them the northern market. minion government will build it." We whole strength and influence of Eastern This can only be done by a road to a desire to point out that there is no reawhole strength and inducate of Eastern Liss can only be done by a from the son to think so. So far as can be gathuanadian trade centres may be thrown point accessible by much and the ered from the expressions of the mini- but if it ever came to a European comtempt may be made to force the govern-line from Edmonton is built, the north-isters, the Dominion government is ment to consent to abandon all inten- ern market will be supplied from the averse to the adoption of any plan which meteor flag" would wave side by side tion of building a line to the Coast and prairies. No one who has the interest will necessitate any large outlay of with the star spangled banner.

to adopt in lieu thereof a route from of British Columbia farmers at heart money on this railway. While willing to dopt in lieu thereof a route from of British Columbia lateners at name of any give a liberal land subsidy, it has not the people of the United States as the Edmonton. If this plan succeeds we can afford to refuse his support that will bring the been prepared to commit the country to most ingenious in the world; but a very may bid farewell forever to any hope reasonable project that will bring the of realizing anything out of the northern rade of the northern gold fields to the trade of the northern gold fields to the of realizing anything out of the northern trade of the northern gold neuge to the this is an error. We believe the Domin- the various patent offices award the doubtedly a very expensive one, is en-tirely feasible. It is being forced to The extension of the railway to a point all the money needed for the road; but the front by strong influences. The Sen- on the British Columbian Const is of there does not seem to be the least rea-

ate has ordered an investigation into it. prime importance. It matters very little son to hope it will do so. The most that The Toronto Globe has all along been where the port is, so that the harbor is we look for is that anything which this a strong advocate of it, although sup-a good one. We suppose as a general province will do will be supplemented by porting the Stickine-Teslin project, when proposition that the shorter the rail and a federal grant. This will doubtless be the government took it up. Potent the longer the water carriage the better; dents. combinations are behind this proposition but this is a matter of detail to be set-If no rival route was being pressed up-

tied bye and bye. What we want to see is a railway that will bring the traffic might afford to wait to government, we Colonist has no sympathy for such of its to tap the Yukon district from the East, tied bye and bye. What we want to see and we need not hesitate about



not longer be endu forth by the Presi States in his mess April 11, 1898, up of congress is livit Resolved—First, f island of Cuba are to be free and inde Second, that it i United States to d hereby demand that Spain at once relin government in the Withdraw its land ar Cuba and Cuban wa Cuba and Cuban wa "Third, that, the United States be a inter states be an excited and empowers land and naval for States, and to call the United States m states, to such an ex cessary to carry the officet." London, April 13.-pondent of the Daily at 5 o'clock this eve Gen. Corres, minister Xiquena, minister of told me in a conversa that the government ed to repel every at direct, on the sover Cuba. They also sa sure this line of cond Spain would certain the European power because the negotiati an acknowledgment because the negotiatin an acknowledgment eighty in Outs. The conduct of Spain was that of the United face of the factors naval and military p United States Spain in carrying on her pr the minister said to tion at the cabinet c unanimously and we with all the necessary SPAIN'S WARLING Madrid, April 13.— to so favorable to the criticises in the sha surrender to the pow energetic attitude to States. It is clear th of the rights of Spain cessation of assistance the insurgents will a the insurgents will re of the cabinet in the cessive humiliations. The Imparcial bold honor of Spain can or the truce is short and to complete naval and

tions and the sending of battleships, cruise torpedo vessels to Hi The ministerial L

The ministerial L Conservatives like t best to allay public of displeasure by showin position has been shi ture developments in sented to the proposa powers. They try to all concessions must c by withdrawing war give insurgents assis and respecting the ri the new autonomous New York; April 1 World from Madrid censor again stops al crimment's naval and tions from being ser Madrid papers publis The ministers' of wan publicly stated that a tilities will not stop ations, especially, at of Ferrol, Cadiz and men are working nig

The Cortes, directly The Cortes, directly asked for considerable ships and completing. Spain abroad. Crew

Spain abroad. Crew out to take out two fi bought at Hamburg. Is negotiating for the eral wessels for Spain war is pushing work fences of the Balear hands, also the Spain coast et Morocco. In circles it is believed be unlikely to lead the Pope and the pow the same pressure up dent McKinley and foncestions in the fi the Guban question, w cult to force the Spa cept unless, her rights her debt charged to. Madrid, April 13.-from Carthagena confi

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ting that from an eastern point of view of the Canadian gold fields to a Canaan interesting case can be made out in dian port without traversing any except of those who are insisting upon a road favor of it. The case is not a strong one, for it can easily be shown that a southward from Glenora will do this, Bouthward from the Yukon to the Coast of British Columbia is what Canada needs alle section of the province, besides afmost, but it is unnecessary to say to those persons who are familiar with the

How are these things to be secured? manner in which subjects of this nature are discussed in the East, that when it Manifestly they rise far above party comes to a fight between British Colum- politics. They strike deeper than any we? Our salvation is in our own hands. bia and the East as to the best way of consideration of personal success. They Do not let us stand idle awaiting to see reaching the Yukon, we may almost des- touch the very marrow of business. The pair of success, so profound is the ig- question seems to be not what will the able to impress upon his colleagues the ington Star. norance existing in the East as to the government ask the house to do, but desirability of taking up his land subfacts of the case, and so strong the what will the people insist shall be done. sidy scheme. No one knows that he will prejudice against any project that does There are times when the people should be able to impress upon them the desir-

not appear to be directly tributary to brush aside party considerations as ability of doing anything else. that part of Canada. Hence WE CAN-NOT AFFORD TO DELAY. AC-TION OUGHT TO BE TAKEN NOW. THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT IS APPARENTLY UNDECIDED WHAT TO DO. BUT THE KEY TO THE SITUATION IS IN THE IF PROMPT ACTION IS TAKEN vie with the ministers and their support- be built some time in the indefinite fu-VICTORY CAN BE SURELY WON. whereby the above momentous works can and be pushed through to completion as

LET BRITISH COLUMBIA LEAD be secured without a day's needless de- rapidly as possible. e secured without a tar-ay. Depend upon it, delay is most dan-gerous. We have said there is no politics in the matter, and this statement can be made true beyond all question. It would be a most praiseworthy step on the part of Mr. Semlin to say to the Premier that of Mr. Semlin to say to the emergency may be a most praise of the emergency of the emergency details to the stand in the way of se-mile stand in the way of se-mile stand in the way of se-ter the stand in the way of se-meated_to himself. "Fo' hundred dollars!" "En you say he gone wid it?" THE WAY. This province can force lay. Depend upon it, delay is most dan- Can the immediate construction of the the hands of the federal government and parliament by prompt action. The following are needed at the earliest pos-needed at the earliest posfollowing are needed at the earliest possible day: A wagon road from Glenora to Teslin of Mr. Semlin to say to the Premier that negative. In view of this, are we not

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A railway from Glenora to Teslin he is prepared to give his support and to Lake. A railway from Glenora to a British

Columbia seaport. They are needed in the order in which they are stated.

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A wagon road is needed as soon as it can possibly be made. After navigation opens on the Stickine thousands of people and thousands of tons of freight will In the name of the people of British Col- ant work at the earliest possible mobe on the way to Teslin Lake. A wagon umbia, we ask him and every other ment. The farming districts, as we road can be rushed through so that there

will be practically no interruption of sight all other considerations than how derstand the case to see how deeply they travel; that is to say, it can be got the great interests of the province now are concerned in a northern connection ready by the time the frost is out of the hanging in the balance may be adequate- being established without delay. Said a ground, if the work is done in connec- ly protected. gentleman who knows the lower Fraser The people directly interested should as well as any one in British Columbia, tion with a railway, and, under the same conditions, it can be kept in repair dur- make their influence felt. Victoria, "The man who ventures to oppose any ing the whole season. We do not know Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westmin- well-consedered plan to secure the imwhat such a road will cost in the first ster should speak with no uncertain mediate construction of the proposed place or what it will cost to keep it in sound. Business men should agitate railway, will be visited with the venrepair, if it is done by the province, but publicly and privately until public opin- geance of the indignant farmers, who the amount will unquestionably be very ion is fully aroused. Let the govern- have experienced this winter something

their hands. That all depends upon the nature of the suits. ture will bring forth; but the competition

From Cairo to the Cape is on the cards, but there is likely to be a lot of ery serious fighting before the job is

even if it feels so inclined. But we cannot wait to see what the

"Let me see," said the man who had picked up an old volume; "'don' means to put things on, doesn't it?" "It depends on circumstances," replied the friend, who was reading a newspa-per. "At present the Don's sole purpose seems to be to put things off."-Wash-ington Star. Dominion government will do. It may do nothing at all, and if so, where are

what Ottawa will do. Mr. Sifton was

though they were so many cobwebs, and British Columbia must help itself in this is one of them. This is one of the this emergency. What is more, whatmost pregnant crises which British Col- ever is done must be done with a definite Sunday in three years? Farmer Corncrib—So I hadn't. So I hadn't. But what's the use now Times air gettin' as good as they ever was."—Judge. umbia ever faced, and it ought to be and specific object. There will be little dealt with regardless of any political use to offer aid which no one stands considerations whatever. The gentle- ready to accept and begin work at once. men who compose the Opposition should We are not urging that a railway shall "Well, Uncle William," said the presi-dent of the emigration society, "I s'pose you hearn de news?" "No-whut's stirrin'?" "Wy, you ain't hearn 'bout de treasers in an effort to discover some plan ture, but that it shall be begun at once

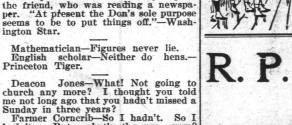
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ask his friends to support any reasonable measure that will secure the trade of the northern gold fields for British Col-umbia. If he will do this he will at one stride place himself and the policies of this province upon a plane far higher than they have ever heretofore attained. In the name of the people of British Col-umbia, we ask him and every other member of the legislature to sink out of sight all other considerations than how

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