THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8.

WHAT THE CITIZENS DO WANT.

According to the Times it is exceedingly stupid to say that there are many things which the citizens want more than they do a redistribution of the wards. All that we have to say to this is that there are a great many stupid people in the city, for there are vew few of the citizens who care a pin about having the wards redistributed, but there are very many who want purer and sweeter water than they can get, who want the cab stand on Government street removed, and who want the streets made smoother and cleaner. The great majority of them, too, would feel much relieved if they could only feel sure that the City Councillors would stop blundering and save the city's money.

Messrs. Marchant and Macmillan and their backer, the editor of the Times, no doubt consider the demand for a reform in the civic administration exceedingly stupid, but citizens who for the last month or two have been trying to calculate what the Council's Conservatives for their extravagance. Ellice blunder have cost them already, ated upon the folly and the danger of and what they are likely to cost them in lavish expenditure. When there hapthe future, naturally feel that a Council pened to be a deficit they wept crocodile blessed with more common sense and tears over it, and when there was a surless political ambition would be a great plus they declared that the taxes were deal cheaper, and would suit them much too high, and that the surplus was an better in every way than the present indication of bad and reckless adminisgifted councillors who talk so much and tration. The financial mismanagement do so little. It may be stupid in them of the Tories was a topic of which they to want something for their money, but | never wearied. that sort of stupidity is very common in

JUDGE DRAKE'S DECISION.

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between three and four millions, perhaps much more. This is the difference between three and four millions, perhaps much more. This is the difference between Grit profession and Grit practice.

The Greenback party honestly believed valuable, district. The skeptical valuable, district. The skeptical valuable, district. condemned them for not replacing the old bridge without unnecessary loss of time, and he shows, too, that their interpretation of the agreement between temperature of the description of the agreement between temperature of the shows are considered as far as money is concerned, and now the shows, too, that their interpretation of the agreement between temperature of the shows are considered as far as money is concerned, and now the solvent of the second that a district which, like Kootenay, produced enterpretation of the agreement between the shows are considered as far as money is concerned, and now the Silverites are convinced that Government can in some mysterious way three months of last year, at a time, and the shows are considered as far as money is concerned, and now the Silverites are convinced that Government can in some mysterious way three months of last year, at a time, and the shows are convinced that Government can in some mysterious way give a fictitious value to silver. the Corporation and the Company has the Government had in the banks four been erroneous. The conclusion that is million of dollars, against which is to be the control of public affairs in the United to be drawn from the judgment is that set, however, a temporary loan of \$2,- States the world will see repeated in another form the assignat experiment of stupidity of the Council have not only dollars is likely to have to be provided, been the cause of inconvenience and loss therefore, before the 1st of July next, from Esquimalt, but have made the city liable for legal expenses to a considerable at Ottawa or the Provincial capitals, and Col. Prior in the matter of the subsidies, Council have committed in connection with this bridge business are too many to be excused. If the Council were en- to the Liberal party's record in power. deavoring to show how hopelessly stupid and how incapable they are they could not have accomplished their purpose more effectively than they have done. And it is likely that we have not seen the last of these mistakes. When individuals or corporate bodies are both litigious and conceited there is no saying how many blunders they will commit or to what lengths of folly they will go.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

way and the British Pacific, he said what another issue was demanded by both was not true. It will be observed that the Government and the people. the Government of the day had agreed then the nation had not enough and have been little difficulty in arriving at to subsidise the roads mentioned, stated the cry was for more circulation. In a settlement if the men had made their facts. Both of these papers, which set issued. The depreciation still continued without as much as threatening themselves up as authorities on matters and specie was fast disappearing. The to strike. The operators have fact that railway subsidies are never low par. The paper money politicians and without due preparations, and placed upon the estimates. They are declared that this depreciation was ow- the public have been put to a good otherwise provided for by statute. An ing to the intrigues of the English, and deal of inconvenience. It is now adact is passed granting certain subsidies to show that they cared nothing for Brit- mitted by the best class of workingmen to railroads and the sums granted are ish influence another issue of 300,000,000 that a strike is a clumsy and a very unnot in the estimates. Let a volume of francs was ordered in December of the certain way of obtaining a redress of the Statutes of the Dominion be exam- year last named. But the assignats, as grievances, and that it should not be reined for any year in which sub- may be easily supposed, continued to sorted to until all amicable means of it will be found that those grants are in- made the assignats were over 30 per and have failed.

cluded in an act which is entitled "An cent. below par. Still the French peo-1893 subsidies were granted to as many in circulation. as nineteen railways and not a word is

Blair's answer to Mr. McInnes. the Province.

A BAD BEGINNING.

they were continually denouncing the waterworks blunder and their Point They grew eloquent when they expati-

Well, the Grits have at last got command of the Treasury. Have they be-If the editor of the Times would only gun to practise economy? Have they let the city taxpayers know how much strained their ingenuity to cut their coat the oratorical brilliancy and the political according to their cloth? They have astuteness of members of the present done nothing of the kind. On the con-City Council have cost them not only in trary they have provided for the exdollars and cents but in sorrow and suf- penditure of a great deal more money fering, he would do them good service. than they can expect to get. They have It strikes us very forcibly that he will with their eyes open made preparation

one, that the city has ever had. If he year is not likely to be more than \$37,predicted from the first that such would with preparation and every hill is covered with its knot of prospectors, anxinquires, too, he will find that for one loop,000, and it may be considerably less. be the result, but the people not only be the result, but the people not only look to the race. Time taxpayer who wants the wards reLast year's revenue did not amount to would not listen to them but treated was—and not so very long ago arranged there are a hundred who are more than \$36,500,000. Well, the Libthem as their enemies. With this leslonging for reforms in civic administraeral Government has provided for an exson before them it does seem singular
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Columbia as a gold producing country Mr. Justice Drake's decision on the about seven millions. They deliberately france where everything except comprovide for an expanditure of pagely 20 France where everything except complements with the rejoinder that "when the met with the met with the rejoind application of the Consolidated Railway provide for an expenditure of nearly 20 Company for an injunction to restrain per cent. more than they can expect to of trade appeared to be in Company for an injunction to restrain the Corporation from completing the receive. Part of the 44 millions is to be favor of the believers in flat money. expended on capital account and is to be have been pleasant reading for the mempaid out of loans, but the ordinary exUnited States. In that country, where ve been pleasant reading for the mempenditure, chargeable to revenue, is very
the people are supposed to be educated, ventions—as it would be folly to suppose we that the aldermen who would ave the citizens believe that they have between three and four millions, perhaps millions believe in the power of them to be—then there is a career before that country which might be entered by its mere word to make that country which might be entered by its mere word to make the many a more widely will be many a more widely will be the many and t first to last. The Judge incidentally We have seen what it is in other mating the miraculous power of Government have at last been silenced, and people in the miraculous power of Government have at last been silenced, and people

At the beginning of the present month to the citizens for want of means of some source of outside revenue, and the communication with Victoria West and only practical way is by a loan. The present Government will not break the rule of all its Liberal predecessors, either amount. The blunders which the City it will, like them, add to the debt. And, but it has not the honesty to acknowlhowever it may juggle with the tariff edge its mistake and the candor to conschedules, if it provides enough revenue for its declared needs, it will increase

AN IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT.

Many people still believe that Governments in some mysterious way can make time had great faith in the moneymaking power of the Government, and the Government taking advantage of this belief undertook to create money in large quantities. This was little more than a hundred years ago. The National Assembly being very short of cash, and The Province, which in all matters in order to show Europe that its memthat relate to Dominion politics is a bers understood the resources of their mere echo of the Times, repeats what country, resolved to issue notes to the the evening daily had said about Col. amount of 400,000,000 francs or \$80,000,-Prior's statements regarding the subsidy 000. These notes were secured by the to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway property of the nation and bore interest Company. The object of both the Grit at 3 per cent. They were called organs is to produce the impression that assignats. This issue of Government when Col. Prior stated that the Tupper paper seems to have had a stimulating Government had agreed to aid that rail- effect on trade, and in a few months

at all the political meetings Col. Prior | The assignats soon began to deprewas careful in what he said about the ciate and, singular to say, the advocates that the railway operators' strike is promised aid. The Times and the Pro- of paper money declared that they were over, and that it has been settled by vince contend that because the subsidies not at par because there was not enough arbitration. It is a pity that the operapromised were not on the estimates of them. So more assignats were issued. tors and the company did not come to drawn up by the Tupper Government, In a short time there were 1,200,000,000 an understanding before the men struck. therefore Col. Prior, when he said that francs of them in circulation. But even From what we have heard there would what was not in accordance with the Sune, 1791, 600,000,000 francs more were grievance known to the proper official political, are evidently ignorant of the assignats were from 8 to 10 per cent. be- gained nothing by acting hastily

Act to authorize the granting of sub- ple had not paper money enough, and at sidies in aid of the construction of the the close of 1792 3,400,000,000 francs had

One of the effects of this immense said about railway subsidies in the esti- issue of paper money was to raise the to rake in boodle and he has been found mates. In 1894-95 as much as \$1,310,549 nominal price of commodities of every out. There is nothing easier than for a was paid in railway subsidies and no kind; but the wages of labor did not inprovision was made for such payment in crease in a corresponding degree. Anthe estimates of that year. In the or- other consequence was the almost total when the friend did what it was intenddinary course, therefore, there would disappearance of coin. The Government, ed he should do. If Mr. Tarte had not be no record of the Govern- in order to keep up the value of its paper, ment's intention to grant a subsidy enacted laws limiting the prices of goods, until there had been presented to the making the sales at the prices fixed com- a word about the contract-mongering of House of Commons the resolution on pulsory. The declared object of this Mr. Tarte's protege. Mr. Petit, or whowhich the subsidy bill would be found- legislation was to make the paper ever he is, would have pocketed his ed. This being the case no capital as good as gold. "Laws were boodle. The contractor might have against Col. Prior can be made out of Mr. passed punishing with imprisonment growled a little under his breath, but From this it is seen that there is no sell assignats at less then their nominal have determined to repay himself for

hood against Col. Prior, but the ignor- Frenchmen in foreign countries punish- tract, which, with the knowledge of the ance—charitably assuming it is ignor- able with death." But in spite of these practices of the department that he had ance—of the editors of the Times and draconian laws the depreciation of the obtained and paid for, he would be pretassignats continued. Still neither the ty sure to get. Government nor the people were cured of their infatuation. They could When the Grits were in Opposition Government to give a real value to paper principle that "business is business, which the people began to regard as you know" appeared in the local organ 000,000,000 francs had been issued. The never made. It is difficult to believe else in assignats rose to a degree that at corrupt or as addle-headed as the author this distance of time appears ludicrous. of the article. The Times has made an gold was worth 288 francs in paper. columns. Some accounts speak of sugar as being 500 francs a pound, and soap 250 francs. Carriage hire cost 6,000 francs a day.

the depreciation of currency." penditure of about \$44,000,000. Here we have the Liberals in their very first would ever try to repeat the experiment would ever try to repeat the experiment when speaking before a London audience

give a fictitious value to silver. If moreover, when it was by no means en-Bryan is elected and the Silverites get joying the full favor of the English

STILL BLUNDERING.

The Times evidently sees that it has been blundering and falsely accusing with our explanation. It is this:

"The amount in aid of the commenceof subsidies for presentation to the House money. The people of France at one and will be in again when Parliament meets after the election.

The amount was no doubt placed in the proper list to be presented to parlia- 15,000. Of the 16 towns now missing 9 ment in the proper way. It was not put are considered as safely Republican, in the wrong list, as the Times evidently expected, and intended the public to placed in the Estimates, and no one claim that local issues were too sharply acquainted with the usages of Parlia- drawn to permit an expression on the ment would look in the Estimates for them. When a list of the subsidies 10,000 which the Tupper Government proposed to grant and to present to Parliament in the usual way is seen the subsidies which Col. Prior spoke of at the political meetings will be found among them. There can be no doubt of that.

THE STRIKE ENDED.

Everybody will be pleased to hear sidies for railways were granted and depreciate. When the last issue was coming to a settlement have been tried

The Times talks about "Mr. Tarte's lines of railway therein mentioned." In been issued, of which 2,800,000,000 were vindication." There has been no vindication in the matter. The Minister of Public Works gave his friends chances man in that situation to make loud proquarrelled with one of his political friends the country would not have heard for twenty years persons who should he would have kept quiet and would other foundation for the charge of false- value, and making investments by what he had lost out of the next con-

BEYOND THE BOUNDS.

worthless or the next thing to worth- of the Dominion Government on Saturless. Assignats continued to be printed day evening. A more direct and a more until at the beginning of 1796 over 45,- barefaced attempt at corruption was country was in fact deluged with Gov- that the man who wrote it was sober or ernment paper money which the law sane. It is quite impossible to reply to compelled the people to take at its face such an effusion seriously. It was value. The effect of this attempt to written on the assumption that those to create money can be easily imagined. whom it is addressed and whom Prices of commodities and everything it was intended to influence are as "A gold louis of 25 francs was worth incredibly stupid blunder in allowing in the market 7,200 francs, or 1 franc in such insulting rubbish to appear in its

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

The London Mining Journal says that Historians record that the laboring British Columbia, as was expected in classes were the ones to suffer most by many well-informed quarters, has at It strikes us very forcibly that he will with their eyes open made preparation find that the present Council is the dearest in many senses, except the right ending June, 1897. The revenue for that the transfer of the many senses, except the right ending June, 1897. The revenue for that the front as a gold mining country. After a long period of unmerited neglect, the whole district has begun to resound with preparation and every hill is covmon-sense and the inexorable laws he met with the rejoinder that would Kootenay began to ship, London would isten to her, and English capital would flow to her assistance.

Kootenay has long since been shipcapitalist, is rather to be exploited than contemptuously rejected as unworthy of consideration. In proportion as serious attempts are being made to get en rapport with the mineral contents of the country, the descriptions founded on prospecting and exploratory works are becoming more and more enthusiastic.

ELECTIONS IN CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 7.—Of the 196 towns in the state, elections were held fess its ignorance. It repeats what Col. in 162 yesterday. Returns have been and too gross, as well as too expensive, or its declared needs, it will increase the taxes. It will in this, also, be true Prior is reported to have said at the received from 146 of these towns, those Metchosin meeting. That utterance was not heard from being isolated and withperfectly true and altogether consistent out wire communication, and containing so few voters as to be of inconsiderable importance. Of the 146 towns heard ment of that line was put upon the list from 133 have elected the Republican ticket, which shows a gain of twelve towns over the election of last year. These towns have given a Republican majority averaging about 100, indicating with insignificant Republican majerities. At Democratic headquarters, however, while they concede an apparent Repubbelieve. Subsidies to railroads are not lican majority of 10,000 or 12,000, they national issues, and that the Republican majority in Connecticut will not exceed

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COST OF LIBERAL OBSTRUCTION

Toronto, Oct. 6. — (Special) — In an editorial the Mail says that before parliament was prorogued this session it or four weeks would be laid up with a severe headache and sick stomach. Since using Chase's Pills I have not had an attack of either.

"I may add that Dr. Chase's Ointment for piles and skin diseases in just ment for piles and skin diseases i was called upon to vote the supplies or four weeks would be laid up with a which the Liberal obstruction of last

MINISTER SIFTON.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 6.—(Special)—Lord Aberdeen is expected to pass through here on Friday for the Pacific Coast. It is stated that he may swear in Attorney-General Sifton as minister of the interior

Saunders, Esquimalt road, of a daughter. GRIFFITH—At 33 Green street, on the 1st inst., the wife of T.O. Griffith, of a daughter. STRELE.—In this city, on the 4th October, the wife of Peter Steele, jr., of a daughter.

DIED

Daly—At Keremeos. B.C., September 15th, 1896, Thon as Daly, a native of Campbellton, New Brunswick, aged 40 years, formerly Road-master on the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway, and afterwards Superintendent during construction on con-tracts 62 and 92, C.P.R. OSCOE—At his residence, Pandora avenue, on Monday morning, Rufus A. Roscoe, a native of Nova Scotis, aged 55 years. Canadi

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