PLAIN TALK TO VICTORIANS.

ess interests in this city, spoke yesterday to the Colonist concerning the Coast, including the Yukon, is the great progress that is being made in Vancousaid that in his opinion the great draw- be put forth. In this there is enough to back to more rapid progress here was make Victoria a rich, prosperous and that too many of our citizens feel en- populous city. Is the effort worth maktirely comfortable as they are, and do ing? We think it is. We do not say not realize the need of any effort to improve the conditions now existing. We the efforts of our citizens may be put have a few remarks to address to this forth with benefit to all, but we do claim class of our citizens. The only city on that of all the fields in which we can the Northwest Coast that equals Vic- work there is none in which we have toria in age is Portland. Younger than such advantages over all possible rivals. Portland and yet among the older of the We shall refer to this important subtwo cities, neither of which has any citizens to an appreciation of what can special advantages peculiarly its own, be done and to promote discussion as to have a united population of something the best way of doing it. Depend upon like 180,000 people, or more than the it that we cannot afford to sit with foldwhole province of British Columbia, and ed arms and wait for fortune to come to perhaps seven times as many as Victoria us. We must help ourselves. We must can claim. What is the secret of the reget out of the atmosphere of personal markable growth of these two cities, prejudices. We must take a view of our many other localities, with quite as excellent natural advantages? There is can make Victoria one of the most prosonly one answer, and it is that the perous as it is now one of the most deestate holdings, the men who might have not we may suffer severely for our been content to sit down and let cities apathy. grow up around them, were active in promoting every project for the development of their respective localities. If The action of the city council in reyou take the history of Portland and ducing the amount named in the Port Seattle and look for the names of the Angeles Ferry by-law by one-half is an men who were foremost in promoting act of doubtful utility. We commend all improvement schemes, we find the the course of Alderman Hayward, who names of the large holders of real estate. made an effort to get the best terms pos The Colonist has in mind one Seattle sible for the city, but fear that the other man, a Canadian, who, early became pos- members of the council, who compelled sessed of a considerable amount of land him and the other aldermen voting with in that city. You cannot find a single him to accept \$8,750 or to have the byproject of any great moment, calculated law rejected and a lawsuit fastened upon to advance the interests of Seattle in its the city, in case the company should deearly days, on even more recently, in cide to take the matter into the courts, which the name of John Leary is not was not as well considered as it might connected. What does the name of have been. Ladds signify to a Portland man? Why We are not in the confidence of the were Henry L. Yesler and Arthur Denny company, and cannot say whether or not made in the transmission of the news, men who all Seattle delight to honor? the sum mentioned will be accepted by or that the story was intended for stockpayers in the city, men who paid yearly think that if any money is to be given seem, however, to remove all doubt, and anything in the way of municipal im- feel satisfied with. Probably the ques- with the Transvaal. In connection

The people who really benefit the most good service. personally from the advancement of a city in population and wealth are those THE TRANSVAAL DIFFICULTY. his utmost ingenuity in framing a docu-

is worth mentioning in passing.

up the city and make it take its place stock if the insolent demand of Kruger Natal. This must be kept in mind or beside the other cittes on the Coast.

to speak of Vancouver and the other under which hostilities will be carried on, the borders of these countries. One of

ributing centre of that part of the prove. We mention this as an illustration only, and for the purpose of leading up to the statement that Victoria's great field A gentleman who has large landed and lies nearer home. The development of various interests in this city, spoke yesver, and while expressing his satisfaction wards placing ourselves in a position to rapid strides, said it was time the people of Victoria were aroused to action. He developed in these localities that every will be greatly reduced. There is danger that this course may be considered to action. He

principal centres of population in this ject again, for we think the time has part of the continent is Seattle. These come when it is necessary to arouse the

which has enabled them to outstrip so position that will embrace a wider area pioneeers, the men who had large real lightful cities on the Const. If we do

THE BY-LAW VOTE.

business advantages of their home. If tiation. One alderman spoke of a little would soon have a city here that, with pared called for a boat to accommodate the two countries just mentioned, but its unrivalled natural position, would be 150 first-class passengers, which such a we fancy that at present there is no subto be paid for a boat like the much will depend upon the manner in jority. The greater number of the people very little difference of opinion as to the these people doing to advance the wel- All upon which there is any disagreemore by them than by the wealthier citi- sorry, as the matter is to come before zens. The latter would not probably the ratepayers, if they are not to have spend if their incomes were increased, the opportunity of saying whether they but the former both could and would, are willing to pay sufficient to secure

day to day. What has the growth of a Great Britain would be content to make alienated what sympathy he might other- blow. city to offer to them? It has among a settlement now, which did not in some wise not unreasonably have counted on other things greater opportunities to earn measure compensate for the great ex- from other nations. It is a serious matremunerative wages. There is a dispo- pense made necessary by Boer trucu- ter to begin hostilities by being in the sition in British Columbia to put the lency, must have become manifest even wrong. man who is merely a wage-earner in a to the Transvaal president. Moreover, class by himself and to say that he has it is very doubtful if the Transvaal each other that we may hear of fighting mass of the people of British Columbia no real stake in the country; but this forces could be long kept together under at any moment. To make the situation will not have party lines in local politics. does him an injustice, for no one has existing circumstances. The Boer army a little clearer to Colonist readers, w more to expect from the prosperity of a is not a regular military organization. It may mention that Natal projects like a community than he. The landed proprieties a huge guerilla force, and we all know wedge between the southeastern portion posed of, we shall have something to say tor will get along somehow no matter that such forces are likely to go to pieces of the Transvaal and the northeastern in regard to the power of the city cou how times are, but the wage-earner's very quickly if not employed. The con- corner of the Orange Free State. A cil under the statute to deal with matters condition is pitiable when times get hard. dition of things in and around Johannes- railway runs from Durban, formerly of this kind. Discussion at present Under our system of municipal govern- burg is also such that something must called Port Natal, to Pretoria. After would be somewhat out of place. We ment, the man who is only a wage-carner be down. The natives are becoming the line enters the wedge a branch ex- may say in passing that we do not think has little voice in regard to anything troub esome, and, the Boers have no tends into the Orange Free State, the the view of the Times can be sustained touching the development of the city. claim upon the affection of the Kaffirs. junction with the main line being called in law, or by good sense.

When this class of the community suc- Great Britain could not comply Ladysmith. Another branch line excreded in relieving themselves substanti- with the request attributed to Kruger, tends northeast from Ladysmith to Dunally of all taxation they made a question- however much she might be inable gain, for they lost the right to make clined to make sacrifices for peace border than either Ladysmith or Dundee their opinions felt in a certain very im- Her interests in South Africa are that is it is nearer the point of the wedge. portant class of publis matters. It is too far greater than those of the South tate to remedy this now, but the matter African Republic, and to allow herself to spatches of Mafeking and Buluwaye. be dictated to as to how many soldiers The former is on the western border of The object of these observations is to she shall send into the country is more the Transvaal, the latter some distance impress upon the people of Victoria in than she could stand from a first-class to the north of that country. These all conditions of life that they are equ- power. British supremacy in that part points are a long way apart, and there is ally interested in what will tend to build of the world would become a laughing no direct connection between them and

received any attention whatever. We do not wish to be understood as Fighting seems unavoidable and may readers. Delagoa Bay is an important intimating that Victoria is not progress- be expected at any time. How long the seaport on the Indian Ocean north of ing. It is gaining steadily, but its growth war will last is beyond even a reasonable is not as rapid as that of some other approximation. We incline to the belief Portugal owning a strip of country beplaces, and our real danger lies, not in that it will be short; but it will be long the present supremacy of any rival or enough to wipe the South African Re- is rail from Delagoa Bay to Pretoria. rivals, but in the certainty that if our public from the map. It is not very city does not grow with something like easy, with such information as is availan equal pace with other cities, we will able at this distance, to do more than be left so far behind that we cannot speculate on the result of the first colli- southern boundary of the former. The overtake them. We ought to look the sion between the British and Transvaal two are bounded on the south, west and situation straight in the face. There troops. This will be a very different north by British territory. The Orange is a great deal of talk about our con- campaign to that which ended at Majuba Free State is bounded on the east by trolling the trade of the Kootenays. But Hill. One difference will consist in the British territory—that is by Natal—and are we sure that under any circum-stances we can do this? We can always in it. Modern quick-firing artillery of British Zululand and the Portuguese get a part of the trade no doubt, but not great range has so altered the conditions possessions. Six lines of railway reach

we must not lose sight of the fact that paigns is of very little guide to laymen, north to Bu'uwayo, along the western Nelson claims, and with a pretty good Of one thing we may rest assured, frontier of both the Transvaal and the and for so doing, to be the future dis-uting centre of that part of the prov-British being caught napping, as they The general character of the country is were at Laing's Nek, and there will be open. no withdrawal of a force determined to ranges, and very few places are so rough avenge a defeat as there was after the that artillery cannot be handled success

affair at Majuba Hill. duration of hostilities is concerned, upon the course which the Orange Free State military operations on a large scale, as the course which the Orange Free State military operations on a large scale, as sees fit to take. If it acts as a neutral, great bodies of troops can move freely the resistance which the Boers can make in almost any direction. For a considpossible. The Transvaal Boers are not areas being burnt over every year; but likely to respect the boundaries of the when the rains begin there is usually a Free State, and if they cross over and fine crop of grass in nearly every localattack the British from that quarter, it ity. In the event of a prolonged cam is difficult to see how the British can re- paign, the Boer forces will be put to spect the frontier.

The news of the proposed purchase of Delagoa Bay from Portugal is of great the country are not very great, and there interest in this connection. It will give, will be no available means whereby they Great Britain a new and very important can get supplies in from the seabase of operations, if one is found neces sary, and after the war is over it will complete the territory of the Empire in South Africa.

the war fever is at its height in Great Britain. The British are a fighting race. In the pining times of peace, they pay very little attention to the pomp and paraphernalia of war: but when once the old fighting blood is aroused they display an enthusiasm unsurpassed by the people of any other country. We trus that now that there is little or no doubt that fighting will shortly begin, Canada will give a practical demonstration of her loyalty to the Empire. New South Wales has set a splendid example, and the people of Canada will expect Si Wilfrid Laurier to give them the oppor tunity of showing that they are not any sense behind their southern breth-

HOSTILITIES BEGUN.

The news that the Orange Free Stat troops had crossed the border into Natal was received in this city with some sur way menaced by what was transpiring and whose territory would have been respected by Great Britain, should have taken the initiative in military operations. This led many persons to sup the last to feel called upon to sanction pose that some error must have been

It was because, though the heaviest tax- them; but in the interests of the city we jobbing purposes. Later despatches Doubtless the Premier will have an exinto the city treasury upwards of \$20,- the amount ought to be large enough to it is evident that Great Britain will have of any actual indifference to the duty 000, they were the first to take hold of secure such a service as the public would to deal with the Free State as well as provement or calculated to increase the tion may be a matter for further negothat a general uprising of the Dutch in the example of these men were emulated 100-foot passenger boat being put on. No South Africa is probable. Color is given by the wealthy men of Victoria, we one wants this, and the by-law as prethe admiration of Canada and the scene boat would not do. Not a dollar ought stantial foundation for the report. Very fidelity with their blood, but now that But the wealthy men are not in a ma- Garland, for example. There is which the campaign opens. If the Boers back, and we have every confidence that score anything like a conspicuous sucof Victoria are in fairly comfortable cir- desirability of rail connection with the cess, the hold of Great Britain upon the cumstances and that is all. What are continent by way of the United States. loyalty of the Dutch will become greatly weakened; but if, as is altogether prob- Africa, if they reach the scene of operafare of the city? They can do very much ment is the price which ought to be paid able, it will be made apparent at a very tions in time to take part in them. It is if they unite on any line of action, for for it. So far as \$8,750 is concerned, it early stage in the game that British sucthey car carry any project which they does not seem to us to be enough to entake up. The benefit to be derived from able the city to make any satisfactory the growth of the city will be felt even kind of an arrangement, and we shall be and be guilty of no overt act of dis loyalty.

It is a strange fatality which led President Kruger to put himself so completely in the wrong as he did by sending in his ultimatum. If he had exercised in the class between the rich and the poor. Their actual gain in any one instance may not be nearly so great as in the case of a single rich man, but the proportionate gain is greater.

Then there is the third class, who simply have what they can earn from which there is no possible retreat. That

The opposing forces are now so nea

dee. Newcastle is nearer the Transvaal Mention has been made in the de

otherwise the despatches may mislead Durban. It is in Portuguese territory. tween the Transvaal and the sea. There The Transvaal and the Orange Free State adjoin each other, the northern boundary of the latter forming the

cities of Eastern Canada as competitors, that the experience of previous cam- them starts from Capetown and extends

A good deal depends, so far as the gion is free from timber. It ought to be

HORRIBLE IF TRUE.

The reported assassination of Convns ham Greene, British Diplomatic Agent No one will feel surprised to learn that at Pretoria, created a profound sensation in this city last night. It was felt that the Boers had cut the last tie that bound them to civilization. Savage tribes respect envoys whose mission

If this report is correct, Great Britain can be counted upon to take terrible vengeance. At the same time the savagery which the act indicates will cause great anxiety to those British subjects who are still in the Transvaal. Further comment would at this stage be

A CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

The news that a Canadian contingent is to be sent to South Africa will be well received all over Canada. The people of the Dominion are as loyal to the Empire as are those of any other portion of it. Much regret was expressed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was apparently, at least, so dilatory in giving expression to the feeling of loyalty reason why a government, not in any that swept over the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Sir Wilfrid has ever been foremost in his protestation of devotion to the Union Jack, but unhappily he seems to have been almos practical demonstration of that feeling which Canada owes to the Empire, bu this will never remove the impression

That the young men of Canada wil rally to the support of the Mother Land there is no doubt. Every one will regret that the occasion has arisen when it i fresh honor will attach to the name of Britain, and Canada by reason of the work which our boys will do in South ter what may transpire, it is almost impossible that all of those who go to the front will return to their homes. Canada has given a number of her sons in defence of the honor of the flag, but the present is the first in which as a Dominion anything has been done. That it

The Province thinks that no matter what the Conservative convention may resolve or how its action may be followed by any Liberal convention, the great

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WILLIS-At the P. L. Jubilee hospital, or the 9th lost. Mort n Willis, a native o Roston. Massachusetts, aged 69 years. WARNER—At his late residence; Alston street, Victoria West, on the 7th inst. Orlando Warner, aged 58 years, and anative of Pugwash, Nova Scotia. Michael Powers, a native of setts, U. S. A., aged 40 years.

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The American bark is a total wreck on Vancouver Island, ei the Carmanah lig stone's throw of the lumber schooner Ves few years ago. The John reached sho camped on the beach. day last that the bark having evidently mi Beale light for the Ca thinking that she had traits. This is the by strangers to the trance to the Straits bound for the Soun which port she left having taken a cargo Eureka, Cal., to the Details of the accident received, the news of received here yesterda received here yesterda brief telegram from crew of the C. P. N. apa, which left here of passed the scene of the

miles westward of Ca close to Remarkable v days from Honolulu. urday night. Crew of Considerable sea runn vessel will be a total tons register and is co Murchison. She left 27 with a lumber can Honolulu on Septem that she had sailed f was not known unti of her wreck. It is that the information earlier, as the vess telegraph stations. (manah, and within a
It is probable that
bring the captain an on her return trip. Uncle John ran ash exposed to the full storms. It will be when the Vesta struc ously damaged, but a

FIRST SEALI Schooners Dora Si

Catch Before a piping we Dora Siewerd, Captai and Ocean Belle, Cap der, returned to port sez sealing grounds catenes of 1,233 and 75 IV. Captain Siewerd a total of six sealer lives in Behring sea ing whites and the otl schooner Borealis wa craft losing the white men being known to "Gus" and "Lieth I worked on the scho year. The fate of their vessel in the caught in a storm whe quickly to allow the return to the vessel, them and they lose men. The schooners similar conditions, the

The Dora Siewerd ing catches: Mary 10, Ainoka, 725; A 692; August 22, Vic 25, Umbrina, 840; A 400: August 28, Gen. 30, City of San Diego Favorite, 650; Septemb August 29, Umbrina, Otto, 700; September 700; Viva, 600; Penelo 10, Libbie, 776; Septem Louise, 700 and Tere above catches will h since the schooners Libbie only hunted her gear became de to put into Ounalaska realis and Penelo the same time as the should be here soon. loubly unfortunate a hunter named Jo died from sickness of Captain Siewerd say weather on the whole for sealing this year. tuous, but very unreli other hand were fair

> THE DYING O Fear of Dissolution Human !

Joseph Jacobs, in Death as a motive i modern spirit is the fluence directly bearing life. Here, more than the greatest contrast times and the middle a little doubt, that death out mediaeval Europe only reigned, but gove of the church consisted in the appeal it could tive. The institution priest, indulgences a were in the most in with the financial sid organization. With world all this has chaing. The church in devoting its attention this life than any garded no longer os but rather as a kind us to bed when our The fear of death is the joy of life. The sinking low and eve poor attractions for Full life here and no what may come after what may come after of itself.
On all sides death rors. We are dying