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A COSTLY ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Captain Bernier, it is said, will never find the north pole, but he has the distinction of having commanded the biggest nautical drunk ever paid for by the people of Canada. It is no reflection upon the captain, who is a brave and capable mariner, and would find the north pole if he could and were afforded the facilities which he requires.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS.

As we had anticipated, the eastern fanatic on the question of Sunday newspapers is to have his way. The Monday paper is to be permitted to be published by the employees going to work on Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock.

THE DIN OF POLITICAL WARFARE

The whole political system in Canada is permeated with graft from the victualling of an Arctic voyage, or the peopling of the West with immigrants, or the securing of lands, or the giving out of contracts, or the lubricating of the Intercolonial railway, down to the smallest detail in connection with the repairs of the steamer Quadra in Victoria.

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A FOSTERIAN PHILIPPIC.

Hon. George Foster is not loved by the Liberal side of the House of Commons. He has a tongue that runs free, as well as one burning with eloquence, and some of his speeches are masterpieces in their way, having just sufficient literary flavor to lift them out of

the ordinary and make them exceedingly interesting reading in themselves, apart from the topic discussed. The following is a characteristic extract from his speech by the North Atlantic Trading Company contract, which is one of the most scathing things in the Hansard of the Canadian Parliament, and there is little wonder that he has been cursed so liberally in the government press.

DISSEMINATING POLITICAL GOSSIP.

As a very good instance of the way efforts are put forth to injure the government, it may be stated that an article was recently published in the World of Vancouver purporting to detail the methods whereby, through Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, and other agents, the influence of the department in respect to a tender submitted by Messrs. Pendray & Sons for the lots in question, in order that they might bid over them, was too risky an interference for even the local opposition organ to indulge in; but there were other means found for the journalistic vultures who prey on political carrion, to disseminate the gossip of the World.

THE POPULARITY OF THE BIBLE.

Notwithstanding that the Scriptures are many centuries old, they still enjoy an increasing popularity. This is well shown by the reports of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which held its annual meeting at Exeter Hall on the 2nd of May last. From the point of view of literature alone it is doubtful if any book or series of books has ever been produced equal in interest to many of the chapters of Holy Writ.

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A correspondent asks us what we have to say to an article, a portion of which was published in the Times of Saturday, with reference to public school education, written by an Englishman in the National Review of May. All we have to say in reply is that the object of the application of this article to the discussion of the proposal made by the Colonist for private schools in this city, based on the model of Eton and Harrow, was simply to deceive the public in respect to the merits of the discussion or to prove most conclusively that the editor of the Times has but a very vague idea of the subject he has been discussing.

nothing, except the army or navy or the church. Lately, of course, some attention is given to the bar and to medicine, and attention is now being directed to the applied sciences. The conditions to which the writer refers are the conditions of probably 25 years ago, and much has been changed since that time, although his criticisms are to a large extent yet deserved, and are aimed at an aimless university career, of which tuition in Eton and Harrow is but the first stage. It is a criticism, notwithstanding the splendid traditions of Oxford and Cambridge and Dublin, which has always applied, and with greater force in older days than recently. Readers will remember the violent complaints which Milton made with respect to his Alma Mater, and Milton was, though perhaps a capricious critic, only one of a long series of writers who have animadverted in a similar strain on the general poor results to the ordinary student which have flown from a university career.

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From Tuesday's

Weeks of 104 Mount Ireland, has written making inquiry as to the of her brother, Robert, of Belfast, Ireland, who Africa about 20 years ago advised his attorney in his long of assisting British since then nothing further heard of him. Any information would be gratefully sister.

Northern Bank.—On Friday last, J. J. Wood, president of the Northern Bank, passed away on Sunday. Deceased was a native of Scotland, having been in this country for many years of age and had been for a considerable time, consequence he was well regarded here as a hardworking and successful man. He was manager of the New Westminster for two years, and was engaged in business.

Double Train Service.—An opportunity for a quiet day, where he spent a week in the office recently. The C.P.R. on Government Day, the manager, J. J. Wood, was coming to Victoria to go to join the staff of the British Columbia. He and his wife, Mrs. Wood, were in London and San Francisco, coming to Victoria to see him. He was manager of the New Westminster for two years, and was engaged in business.

Migratory Birds.—E. M. assistant curator of the museum, is back from the coast, where he spent a week in the office recently. He has a fine collection of specimens of migratory birds, which he has brought back with him. Among them were fish hawk ducks and red phalaropes, which he has brought back with him. He has a fine collection of specimens of migratory birds, which he has brought back with him.

"Canada Is Booming."—The firm of H. B. & Co., of Vancouver, B. C., returned from a trip to England and returned to Vancouver. They have a fine collection of specimens of migratory birds, which they have brought back with them. They have a fine collection of specimens of migratory birds, which they have brought back with them.

Visiting Autoists.—The C. & N. Railway Co. is taking up a fine collection of specimens of migratory birds, which they have brought back with them. They have a fine collection of specimens of migratory birds, which they have brought back with them.

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