THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1899.

RAIL TO THE NORTH.

We observe that La Patrie announces 120 miles. The Drummond County railway, lately acquired by the federal govto the north end of Vancouver Island.

This is a matter of great importance give them advantages in connection with avert the consequences. With his old reach. Last year an immense amount quite possible, however improbable in ern points that cannot be overestimated. ern points that cannot be overestimated.

If we had rail to the north of the Island cause they have become hackneyed, it United States government assay office at great ice-cap, say a fragment as big as If we had rail to the north of the Island ought not to be a very difficult thing to Seattle, because it could be disposed of British Columbia, may tumble from its and fast steamers running thence northward, it would be the favorite line of family that Consider and his wife and there at mint prices. While it is permoorings into the sea, and if it should, a ward, it would be the favorite line of family that Canada is worth attention feetly true that an ounce of gold is worth tidal wave would roll northward, that travel. The time occupied by the journal as a pleasure ground. The effort is cer- just as much without the mint stamp as would submerge every city on the sea course the scheme to be complete ought tainly worth making. to include a ferry to Vancouver from Nanaimo. This would put Victoria and Vancouver upon an equal footing as re-

province, in view of what has been done tion is disallowed, there is nothing to to be coined. We are unable to join to conform in its position to the new of the Dominion, and also in view of simply ceases to be law, and is as if it ernment will be firm in resisting the decirate of gravity. He says critically of the Dominion, and also in view of simply ceases to be law, and is as if it the very large contributions which we had never been enacted. pay to the credit of the general rev- We may also remind our contemporary enue. Putting the length of line neces- that the subject of provincial rights is in taken at the coming session towards the within reach of the forthcoming deluge, tions existing on this coast.

THE WHITE PASS RAILWAY.

sons having business in the Yukon valley. In the event of disallowance, the only previous year. Klondike may be ex-We have private advices confirmatory of many of Mr. Gray's statements. As is if they intend to try and keep the law strikers have issued a manifesto in which very meagre reference is made to their the expressed wish of the Imperial govthe railway as a transportation concern cern, there is no certainty that the Lieu- to come. and its managers. This document is calculated to create the impression in the the measure. If he did not, there would Canada during the last thirteen years minds of disinterested people that the almost certainly be an appeal to the strike has been engineered by outsiders. people; but there is no way by which The officials of the White Pass & the question can be got into the courts. Yukon railway and the Pacific Contract It may be found that the decision of company, which is the name of the corporation carrying on construction, have become pretty well known in Victoria and Vancouver during the past winter, and the people of those cities will be slow to accept statements to their discredit. It is gratifying to know that nothing has occurred to affect at all seriously either occurred to affect at all seriously either the work of construction or the handling the past winter, and the people of those cities will be slow that nothing has occurred to affect at all seriously either the work of construction or the handling the act forbidding the employ-ment of Chinese underground may take this whole subject of the jurisdiction of the local house. By section 91 of the local house. By section 91 of the local house. By section 91 of the local house are considered as an extra-this must be characterized as an extra-this must be c become pretty well known in Victoria ality of the act forbidding the employof traffic, and to learn that work will subjects, and one of these classes is thus the new era in the history of Canadian reference is specification which he has filled for so many years. of traffic, and to learn that work will be pushed rapidly forward, so that trains be pushed rapidly forward, so that trains and gold mining. In 1897 the Yukon makes of the St. Michael route for the trans. He was giving the greatest satisfaction be pushed rapidly forward, so that trains will be running to Bennett by June 1st. Aliens." Most people read this as though it were "Naturalization of aliens," but it may be held that by it the Imperial handling the extremely difficult work this side of the summit, that what remains to be done to reach Lake Bennett is a compary a paratively small matter. The company from now on will be operating in Canada, and their supplies will be obtained in and their supplies will be obtained in summer to be provided for a second one in the event of a canada as to the rights of aliens. Previous for the passage of the B. N. A. action of goods to Dawson. This like will, we assume, be credited with a small amount in 1898.

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AN AGREEABLE PROSPECT.

A writer in the New York Herald for each of a shipment, so as to be able to provide for a second one in the event of accident. In addition the transportation must be wholly in foreign bottoms, for there is not a Canadian vessel in the lower Yukon. On the other hand, we reason to suppose that he would not be British Columbia. As the full plans of the several provinces did not, if we re- of our present civilization. It is not have Canadian vessels regularly plying interfered with, but this did not suit Mr. the company contemplate a line to Fort
Selkirk, it will be seen that carrying
them out will mean much for our busithem out will mean much for our busithem out will mean much for our business houses. The people of the Coast cities of British Columbia ought to give the enterprise their heartiest encouraged may have possessed, the power to deal it may be given.

At the South Pole there is a great in the unexpected position in which he ists, which by June next will be in a position to land any quantity of freight at in the unexpected position in which he finds himself placed, and that the hope finds himself placed f connection with the Skagway terminus were under the direct supervision of the area at 3,000,000 square miles, which is going by way of St. Michael may be the perhaps not very far astray, and guesses going by way of St. Michael may be the White Pass & Yukon railway will be governors were then appointed by the that it is from twelve to twenty miles whole season in reaching its destination, come a factor of inestimable value in our

CANADA AS A RESORT.

Scenery, climate, sport and luxurious uralization" only, but on the motion of falls during the greater part of the year 250 tons at Dawson by July 1, if it is tions of the possessors of great fortunes means of travelling are ready to hand, Sir John Macdonald it was amended by in the Antarctic zone, and as it never sent via Skagway.

cient interest in the British public concerning the Canadian highway to make Intercolonial, and the Grand Trunk al-

ALIENS IN CANADA.

prohibiting the employment of Japanese the miner will have to pay it. Probably on a much bigger scale. He supposes In view of the likelihood of the seal- in British Columbia is disallowed the case if we coined gold in Canada, no very that this whole 24,000,000 cubic miles of ing business having to be given up, the will be carried to the highest court of large proportion of it would be in actual ice will break into fragments, and thus people of the coast of British Columbia appeal, because "we have a government circulation, and we do not know that permanently alter the level of the ocean, people of the coast of British Columnia in this province that will stand up for any one wants a gold currency. Most of not by reason of the displacement of have a very strong claim to exceptional in this province that will stand up for treatment in this regard, but when we provincial rights." This is a funny misask for a subsidy for such a line we are take for our usually well-informed con- of the country, but we would benefit by surface would be inconsiderable, but only claiming what is our due as a temporary to make. If the act in questhe fact that the gold was brought here by causing the whole ocean to move so as and is likely to be done in other parts take to any court of appeal. The act with the Gazette in hoping that the gov-centre of gravity. He says evidence

sary at 200 miles, the full subsidy of no way involved. If the law is establishment of one. \$6,400 a mile would come to \$1,280,000, allowed to remain on the statute book. the interest upon which at 3 per cent. and an attempt is made to disregard it, would be \$38,400. This amount then its constitutionality will come up would be repaid at once to the Dominion for consideration, in which case it would treasury if the construction of the rail- undoubtedly be carried to the highest way led to the influx of 2,000 settlers court of appeal. It would be the duty way led to the influx of 2,000 settlers court of appear. It would be the duty into Vancouver Island. It would be of the government in such a case to gold-producing countries. The product balancing weight could be added to the more likely to lead to the influx of province to enact such legislation, no state of the province to enact such legislation, no state of the province to enact such legislation, no state of the state of the province to enact such legislation, no state of 1898 is put at \$13,700,000, of which province to enact such legislation, no state of the to be the first piece of railway construc- matter what might be the personal feelto be the first piece of railway construction to receive aid from the federal treasing of its members in regard to the
thorities do not seemt \$10,000,000 as the ury, but it should be one of the first. Japanese question. But as far as we If any subsidy act is passed during the have been able to gather from the corcoming session of parliament, and this respondence between the two governline is not included in it, the govern- ments, no question has been raised as yet ment will lay itself open to the censure as to the right of the provincial legisof every one who understands the condi- lature to pass the measure referred to. The objection is as to its policy, and the THE WHITE PASS RAILWAY.

the opinion that the act is calculated to defeat the policy of the Empire in re-

act, the question may have arisen as to a mass of 24,000,000 cubic miles of ice, in less than two weeks from the time it personal matter. No small handful of and this every one will concede is a leaves Victoria. Moreover the latter will individuals or families can hope to spend The Critic, of London, strongly recomjects should rest, and that it was deemed tolerable large quantity. Piled up on be where track can be kept of it at all the income derived from it. It is a veritmends Canada as a pleasure ground, and best to vest it in the general govern- Vancouyer Island, it would loom 1,500 times. As to the matter of cost, we able imperium in imperio and while its by Britons on a holiday is about the only Some light is thrown upon this point ice at the South Pole is the cause of the would be quoted to Dawson via Skagway and the promotion of prosperity, it is not way in which the Mother Country can by the proceedings of the Quebec con- presence of so much water in the south than via St. Michael. We note that the difficult to see that it may come into reciprocate any trade advantages which ference, at which the terms of union been hemisphere, by reason of the date for leaving Victoria is not later than collision at some time with what the the Dominion may extend by tariff pretween the original provinces of the Dodisplacement thereby of the centre

June 3, and the date of arrival at Dawmass of the population regard as desirferences. That there is nothing in minion were settled. The first resolution of gravity to the globe. The accumuson is not to be later than August 1. able. As no one seriously proposes Burope comparable to Canada in the represeribing the powers of the federal lation of ice has been going on for no Any of the transportation companies to limit the amount of property which an spect mentioned must be conceded. parliament on this point specified "Nat- one knows how many centuries. Snow would undertake to deliver the whole individual may accumulate, the obliga-

A MINT

Intercolonial, and the Grand Trunk alfew weeks in the summer trip to British connection between these Columbia. Doubtless to the average in Canada. It thinks such an institution reported from the south. Furthermore points. We fail therefore to see why a Britisher of leisure a transcontinental would disturb our present system of curities in the cause of the contract of th third line should be subsidized unless it journey and an ocean journey seem like rency. We are not at all impressed with tronomers contend that the shadow of the purpose of developing that the strong a combination: but when the Greatest roughly rency. They enabled many a man to get on his portion of Quebec lying between the once he learns how little discomfort and how much enjoyment the two afford, he value of gold, but it is a certificate to all somewhat pear-shaped. The importance of the announcement, as it is made by a paper controlled by Mr.

Tarte, is that it indicates the intention of the government to embark upon a policy is much complaint in the south of France is much complaint in the south of France is much complaint in the south of France of the government to embark upon a policy is much complaint in the south of France is much complaint in the south of France of the government to embark upon a policy is much complaint in the south of France is much complaint in the south of France of the government to embark upon a policy is much complaint in the south of France is much complaint in the south of of railway extension. If this is the case and Italy of the absence of the free full value of it. He will always by ice-cap is about to break up, and he then we think the time has come when spending Britisher. He is going further there ought to be a strong demand made spending Britisher. He is going further the choice take it to the market where he claims that when it breaks up, the centhere ought to be a strong demand made afield for his amusements. Egypt and will get the nearest to its actual value. tre of gravity will be re-adjusted, which other African points attract him. So The Gazette may be able to prove that will send the accumulated waters flowgreat has the financial loss been to Italy he will get just as much from it at a ing northward, and there is sufficient of This is a matter of great importance that a discussion has taken place in the bank as at a mint, but the miner will them to submerge all the inhabitable to Victoria and Vancoaver. for it would parliament at Rome as to how best to seek the mint, if there is one within parts of the continents. It is doubtless

> with it, if it must pass through a number coast. This would be only a temporary of hands before it gets the mint stamp, affair, just like a wave caused by throw-The Columbian says that if the act thing, however small, for his trouble, and York writer contemplates is something mand for a mint, but on the contrary now in progress. would be glad to see the initiatory steps | Fortunately for the value of real estate

CANADA'S GOLD PRODUCT.

According to the last report of the Director of the Geological Survey, Can-broken up would weigh quite as much as ada has taken the fifth place among think the estimate is rather under than tion opened up by the article referred to thorities do not accept \$10,000,000 as the desire to learn as much as possible of the it is well known that much gold is produced in British Columbia that is never reported. Naturally the Director of the way, and if there are signs that the Geological Survey would prefer to give great southern barrier is breaking up, the Imperial government is very clearly of even though he may have had good reason to believe that a larger value might

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lacking is "the fashion." It is not federal parliament should exercise "all water has been drained off from the informed of the conditions of northern fashionable to come to Canada for a powers necessary for the performance of northern hemisphere, because, as the transportation as it indicates. As tenholiday, and the average pleasure seeker the obligations of the provinces as part centre of gravity moves, any moveable dcrs do not close until April 3, and theregoes abroad to be seen as well as to see. of the British Empire with foreign coun- part of the earth's surface must move fore no contract will be awarded until How can Canada be made fashionable tries, arising under treaties between correspondingly, and the moveable part then, there is plenty of time to correct Great Britain and such countries." The being water, there has been a vast piling the mistake. British Columbia repre We fancy that the Canadian Pacific decision of the Judicial Committee may up of old ocean at the south. The depth sentatives intend urging upon the departcould contribute more to an answer to be that this provision of the B. N. A. act of water in the southern hemisphere, as ment the necessity of recalling the adverthis question than any other single debars the local legislature from impair- compared with that in the northern tisement. to give a subsidy for a railway on the agency. In these days when so much ing in any way the rights of aliens as hemisphere, supports this view. All south shore of the St. Lawrence from attention is being given to Oriental matters, it might be possible to excite suffinorthernmost part of his journey deeper the need of a bankruptcy law. The The Montreal Gazette is very much is nothing in the north comparable to law is required, not in the interest of in-

> resorts coming into disfavor, perhaps be- of Canadian gold was taken to the may be, that at any day a mass of the each person handling it will want someling a stone into water. What the New

> > the prophet leaves out of his calculations one interesting yet not unimportant fact, namely, that the breaking up of the southern ice-cap would not disturb the world's centre of gravity. The ice inference is that the world is growing warmer. And this recalls the theory, which finds acceptance with many well-

YUKON SUPPLIES.

of broken quantities from Vancouver to of a written constitution. Even in the Kaiser did. It is a little late in the day Tagish, the route not being specified. In United States, where the constitution is to criticize Her Majesty's course in matordinary advertisement. It is difficult Dr. Pope, Chief Superintendent of able ground for wonder that her fidgetty did, any enactments on such subjects but the writer in question accepts its steamers on the river between the railwere under the direct supervision of the area at 3,000,000 square miles, which is way terminus and Dawson. Freight joy a prosperous future. Crown and subject to the direct control thick in the centre, tapering to half a with a chance of not getting there at all. and Goulds is put at \$900,000,000. The of the Colonial Office. It is easy to mile at the edge. Supposing the aver- On the other hand, freight sent by way rate of increase is very rapid. Such understand that in framing the B. N. A. age thickness to be eight miles, we have of Skagway can be delivered at Dawson enormous wealth as this is not a mere miles in the air. The existence of this venture to predict that a lower price interests are all for good government

passages the time required for the jour- a resolution was adopted declaring it to been a gradual piling up of ice there, sending out this advertisement, for we very apparent. THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA

desperate. Yet he is an industrious and intelligent man, who never wronged another out of a dollar. He has been unfortunate, and, unless parliament comes to his relief, must drag the weight of his misfortunes along for an indefinite period. He is only a type. There are hundreds like him in the Dominion, and their inability to get relief, the absolute impossibility of their getting a new start, while in such a condition, is a loss to the whole community. It is to be hoped that the government will take up the

A recent speech of Sir Charles Tupper has led to a discussion of the B. N. A. The Comptroller of the Mounted Police strict legal application of the B. N. A. advertises for the transportation of 250 act, there would be found many things

est debtor a chance to make a new start

The wealth of the Astors, Vanderbilts and in these days of fast trans-Atlantic adding the words, "and Aliens." Later melts, so far as is known, there has There must surely be some error in terests with those of the public becomes to study how best to harmonize their in-

A BANKRUPTCY LAW.

ney is not great. The one requisite still be the desire of the conference that the The result of this has been that the would not like to think Mr. Sifton as ill-

than was expected. Nevertheless there Colonist agrees with him that such a solvent debtors alone, but in that of creditors as well. The insolvent laws of 1869 and 1875 did a great deal of good. be for the purpose of developing that too strong a combination; but when portion of Quebec lying between the learns how little discomfort and that the mint stemp olds nothing to the court the court the court that is the purpose of developing that the snadow of the court the court that is the court that is the court that the snadow of the court that is creditor class suffered to any appreciable degree because of them. Undoubtedly under the second act especially there was a great deal of property wasted in law costs, but this is an objection to the details of the act, not to its principle. We have forgotten in what year the Insolvent act of 1875 went out of operation, but it must be nearly twenty years since the country had the advantages of such legislation to any great degree. The experience of those two acts showed that there are in the country a great many people, who are industrious and honest, but who cannot get along because their credit is killed by an overshadowing indebtedness, that they cannot hope ever to discharge. Many of them are only engaged in business in a comparatively small way. Men with large liabilities have a leverage in the very magnitude of their indebtedness. They are kept going, because to let them stop would occasion too great a loss. They can also more readily arrange to compromise with their creditors than persons whose debts amount to only a few thousand dollars. It is the small trader, the small business man, who feel the great need of a bankruptcy law. Without betraying the personality of our correspondent, we may say that he is what he signs himself-an insolvent. He would pay his debts if he could; but as he is situated, he is belpless. With judgments hanging over him, he cannot get credit, and having neither cash nor credit, his position is

subject of insolvency and give the country a law, which will, while protecting the creditor against fraud, give the hon-

Mr. L. H. Gray, traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon railway. It will be disallowed, if it is disberted with great interest by all persons having business in the Yukon wallar.

The papers are making a great deal of last year, which was \$7,673,000 over the provious year. The papers are making a great deal of fuse because Dewey's hair has turned proaching a period in its history, when that it will be disallowed, if it is dispersion of the B. N. A.

The papers are making a great deal of fuse because Dewey's hair has turned proaching a period in its history, when that under no circumstance with many well-way to be interferred with. We hardly think any one will seriously contend an equitable climate with many well-way to be interferred with. We hardly think any one will seriously contend that the admiral is 62 an equitable climate will prevail and the that under no circumstances should the years old, the surprise would be if his conditions of life will be much more fundamental act of confederation be hair was not grey. This reminds us that favorable than they are at present. In other words, just as the story of the Charles as taking any such position. It many of Mr. Gray's statements. As is always the case when a railway strike in existence, is to call the legislature documents of control of the strikers and others have found their way into print. The strikers have issued a manifesto in which strikers have issued a manifesto in which since the strikers have issued a manifesto in which since the strikers and others have found their way into print. The strikers have issued a manifesto in which since the statement that Dewey is 62 with a considerable amount, the mines of Kootenay will increase their output, and those of Omineca will make a more formidable showing. There is reason to the legislature would vote contrary to the contract of the words, just as the story of the words, just as the story of the words, just as the story of the delightful era preceding the coming the other words, just as the story of the words, just as the story of the delightful era preceding the coming the other words, just as the story of the delightful era preceding the coming of the delightful era preceding the coming the other words, just as the story of the delightful era preceding the other words, just in the history of our planet, when, so favorable will be the conditions of life, in its formation and an argument against the two statements. But the chances are own grievances, and much is said against ernment on a matter of Imperial conown grievances, and much is said against ernment on a matter of Imperial conthat man will no longer have the incentaltering it. The argument is not conthat it is not true, but that the silver ive of self-preservation to incite him to deeds of violence and wrong.

The argument is not condeeds of violence and wrong.

The argument is not conwedding story is only a bit of lurid a very strong prima facie case. Pos- imagining on the part of some ingenious sibly if everything that has been done scribe, who thought the Manila story since 1867 in Canada were tested by the needed a little embellishing.

tons of supplies to Dawson via St. that would not stand. But Anglo-Saxons fact that the Queen did not send any Michael from Victoria, also for 200 tons can never be kept within the four corners telegram to Kipling, while the German view of the experience of last season and a sort of fetich, things have been done ters of this kind. There is no reason to

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MR. MOORE' To the Editor of the Sir:-The difficulties ish government has b ing to the determination restrict the influx of rise to discussions of the If one looks at the Lor Colonial papers and retions of the different views presented are so almost ludicrous. Eas versely refuses to look are the employers of Cindignant that the sur should be checked. Of point of view, the gen ation. Again, there who enlarge on their they work themselves somewhat after the preachers-with this preachers are, I thin whereas I do not believ and speakers are quite rate, I notice that sor risen to prominence a tical positions by the ing the Chinese. statesmanlike commun premiers of the difference Canadian colonies, in a Canadian colonies, in the truest and most Chinese question. I not the matter from a d to take a view of the not been taken in any of I have read, simply bed had not lived in China a zant of the proceedings their own country. I maintain that the has in several instance with the stipulations of England. For example, contrary to the terms combination of guilds (ish trade, and various (to British subjects per esced in by the Chinese

will especially notice or convention of Peking of

, after formally grand chinese to emigrate an British colonies, the clear direction: "The aforesaid (i.e., the vio nese emigrants as al stances of the different Now the question ar done? The answer is, was even attempted. under the joint surveil government and the Bri n China, it is probable ces which have arisen our territories from the tion of Chinese would entirely, or at any rate been much minimized. ferent points to which migration were directed or agents would have see that the Chinese la treated in all respects. have been the business report at once to China treaty stipulates, the I tives in China concurr nese authorities had direct this emigration, then in that they would have the Dominion and Colon and the emigration would diately checked, as soon such dimensions as to are such dimensions as to ar and discontent of the Also, had the emigration trolled, the Chinese, in would from the first have ertain specified avocatio vine plantations, etc., poured at hazard over th pete with the whites in ployment. This last through his excellency til Canton, which, in contra treaty and with the most gard of the welfare of its the whole course of emi trolled by private enterprivate allowed the poor emigrants tims of private greed. These ers, slaves in everything their passages furnished to had to toil for years to re nipotent companies for nominal, which had beer In short, the whole system one would not have expect potic and so-called patern it was a development of system under its most oppi eous form. Much has been ten about acts of injustice emigrants by the working c but these occasional insult annoyances are mere "trifle compared to the wrongs w continuously and persist them by the greed and cruel

GREAT BRITAIN AN The provisions of the t Great Britain and China. rights of subjects of the Erin British possessions, ac don Times, are as follow the Treaty of Nankin, sign 1842: "There shall hencefo Queen of the United Kin Britain and Ireland and H Emperor of China, and be spective subjects, who shall curity and protection for the property within the domi other." By article I. of other." By article I. of Tlentsin of 1851, the treats 'renewed and confirmed." of the same treaty the Chir upon the employment by in any lawful capacity." the convention of Pekin, 24, 1860, it is provided: "ratifications of the treaty