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AN HALUSTRATION

Premier Davie yesterday rose to question of privilege for the purpose of correcting the Times in regard to the votes on Chinese restriction. "Questions of privilege" are favorite amusements with the premier and several of his followers, and perhaps these gentlemen will not object if the Times in turn indulges in the pastime. We have already said something of the record of Premier Davie and his party on this Chinese question, the plain conclusion from this record being that the slippery politicians referred to express different sentiments at different times. The near approach of an election has a remarkable effect on their opinions. By way of illustration we recall a few more facts in regard to the famous coal mines regulation act. It may be remembered that in 1888 Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Beaven, proposed to amend that act so that Chinese would not be allowed to work underground in the mines. The government strongly opposed this, and among the speakers who argued against Mr. Humphreys' bill was Mr. Davie. Those who voted for the bill were Messrs. Beaven. Grant, Semin, Humphreys, McLeese, Ladner and Thompson, while the "nays" were Messrs. Dunsmuir, Turner, Martin, Croft, Thomson, Anderson, Duck, John, Fry, Allen, Vernon, Davie, Robson, Baker, Higgins and Mason. In 1890 the Of course it is inspired with a consuming government and its supporters had a anxiety to keep in line with the premier. change of heart, and in the session of When Mr. Davie takes snuff Mr. Mcthat year they consented to the passage Lagan and the world are bound to sneeze of a bill introduced by Mr. Haslam mak- and when Mr. Davie favors a politica ing the change previously proposed by opponent with a sample of his peculiarly Mr. Humphreys. That was on the eve offensive malignity the organist feels of the general election. In 1891, imme- obliged to second him. Why this "dead diately after the election, Mr. Keith in set" on Mr. Kitchen by the premier and troduced a bill to make the Haslam the two parrot-like organs in Vancouver amendment operative, but the govern- and Victoria? They must consider ment had a new lease of power and him a most dangerous opponent. We felt independent enough to go back to its fancy, however, that Mr. Kitchen is not eld position. Instead of consenting to likely to feel much hurt by the comthe passage of Mr. Keith's bill, the min-bined attack. On the contrary, he has isters and their friends gave active sup- reason to feel proud over the amount of port to the bill introduced by Mr. Croft attention he is receiving from the preto repeal Mr. Haslam's amendment. We mier and the government's journalistic take the liberty of reproducing Mr. Da- thugs. They pay him the best complivie's speech in support of this repealing ment that is within their power when bill, as it affords a very good illustration they abuse him. of the premier's ability to take a sharp curve on the political path. The report reads as follows:

Hon. Mr. Davie said he intended to vote for the bill. He had said a few days ago that while the present act was in force they should vote for a bill to make it more workable; but now that this bill would repeal the present act he would vote for it. Last year the house had passed the act, led away by the petition sent down by the miners, and by the advocacy of the gentlemen from the Nanaimo district. Upon further consideration, he found that it merely strengthened hands of the union, and that he was not prepared to do. . He found that the ridence did not show that the Chinese ore dangerous in the mines. The evi-ence, indiced, was to the contrary. It was simply the result of political agita-tion to keep the Chinese out of the mines that this act had really been brought in. 1879, for the instance spoken of by Mr. Forster, of an explosion being caused by a Chinaman, but had been unable to find it. He had no hesitation in rescinding his vote of last year, since he had

To any person who peruses this utterance of the premier the real value of his recent professions will be plainly apparent. There was no good reason for opposing in 1891 a bill that was considered good in 1890; the sudden turn is fully explained by the intervention of the election. Mr. Davie and his friends were in fact of the same mind all through as in 1888, but they dared not honestly and openly declare their opinions when going before the electors. And the record on this exclusion question is the best indication of what the government really thinks on the Chinese question in gen

A FRENCH ALARMIST.

A few weeks ago Lord George Hamilton and a few other distinguished gentlemen were engaged in the work of scaring the people of Great Britain over the condition of the British navy. Their line of alarmist argument was that the rule of maintaining Britain's navy at a strength equal to the navies of any other two nations had been departed from, and they repeated several times with all possible emphasis the assertion that Russia and France could put forth in case of war a combined fleet greater than that of the "mistress of the seas." Scares are contagious, so it is not so prising to find the work of the Britisl alarmists duplicated in France by M. Lockroy. That gentleman finds the French navy, after the expenditure of some milliards of francs, made up of vessels "inferior in number, speed and everything else to those of other powers." Not only that, but the coast defences are not in proper condition. Cor ruption and peculation have been running riot, says Deputy Lockrey, leaving the country with a poor result from its very large outlay. What a pity it is that M. Lockroy did not make his alarmist speech before Lord Hamilton and his tellows took it into their heads to harrow up the feelings of the British people, for then the effects of their efforts must needs have been modified. It is also a pity that the governmental system in Russia precludes any criticism of the condition of the navy there, or we might have an alarm from some patriotic Russian gentleman that would still further counteract those efforts. Probably the fear of a sojourn in Siberia will effectually restrain any inclination to raise an alarm in this way among the Muscovites. In the meantime some of

the war vessels take occasion to raise scares on their own account. H. M. S. Resolution, caught in a storm in the Bay of Biscay, rolled so badly that she nearly sank. When one of the largest and supposedly best built vessels in the navy behaves thus in a storm the British taxpayer may well be excused if he fails to look with cheerfulness on the outlay of his money in further investments of the same kind.

THE FAITHFUL SERVANT.

Mr. McLagan also "rises to a question of privilege," Mr. Kitchen having of exhibiting himself as an eager up holder of Davielsm. The verdict of those who read his effusion will be that Mr. McLagan is putting forth peculiarly claborate efforts to make a mountain of a molehill. Who cares whether Mr. Kitchen was right or wrong in stating that the premier had prematurely given the grinder of the Vancouver organ a copy of the Public Accounts? We do not know that if Mr. Davie had done so he would have added any to the offense which he did undoubtedly commit in respect of that volume. At all events. everybody knows that if Mr. Kitchen was wrong he was honestly in error, and that he was not guilty of the wilful falsehood with which Mr. McLagan tries to credit him. We fancy that the very many people who know the two men will have no difficulty in correctly appreciating the World editor's effort.

It seems that the delegates who at tended the recent P. P. A. convention in Hamilton were carefully "instructed," and among the "instructions" these

"(1.) That strict attention must be paid to all our words and actions during our visit to the city, that the secrecy of our order may be observed, as we will be surrounded by many enemies who will be eager to catch a word that may lead to our mission. (2.) Care must be taken in the formation of new acquaintances, that we may not fall a prey to our many enemies, who will ever be on the watch to entrap us, and thereby gienn some information that will lead to the true mission and purpose of our visit to the city of Hamilton. By observing the above caution we will be able to conduct our business with the

The P. P. A. must be a very questionable organization indeed when it feels the necessity of preserving such close secrecy. In a Toronto paper's report of the convention we find the following, which seems to need no com-

ment: Many of the delegates are staying at private houses, and those who have filled the hotels are registered in scores of instances under assumed names. A prom-ment London citizen is entered on the register as hailing from Camlachie; half dozen Toronto delegates claim Milli ken's Corners as their home. Guelph del egates are proud to be natives of Norval, and St. Thomas crizens hide their identity under the assumption that they are from Glencoe.

Laurier in commencing his speech said: 'Let me say that the basis and aim of Canadians in the fullest acceptance of the term; Canadians at Quebec: Canadians at Toronto, and Canadians from the shores of the St. Lawrence to the famous mountains whose feet are kissed by the waves of the Pacific and whose crests are refreshed by the balmy breezes from the Orient. Our great object is the development of the work of confederation; it is to draw closer, bind and cement togetther, the different elements scattered over the face of the whole of British North America, and to weld them into one nation. This is, as I understand it. the role of the Liberal party in the confederation, and as long as I shall have ferm the honor to take a part in the shaping of our destinies this is the ideal towards which it shall gravitate." The Canadian people known that the Liberal leader is as sincere as he is eloquent, and that he of his opponents.

Ex. Ald, W. H. Lewis, of Ottawa, has returned to the capital after having gained some experience as a farmer in the Red Deen district, Alberta, and has given the Ottawa Journal his views on Northwest affairs. Mr. Lewis was formerly a faithful Conservative, but his faith in the Conservative policy seems to have been rudely shaken by his Northwest experience. Here is a paragraph from his statement to the Journal:

"The settler is at the mercy of the C. P. R., and to find outside markets he must cross a continent. To the north is n desert; he is not allowed to go south. If the Calgary and Edmonton district could only get railway competition and access south to Montana and Idaho. which are mining states and the natural market of the rich | agricultural and noon the commercial stock country on the Capadian side, all rial government.

would be rosy. I am a loyal Britain or Canadian, whichever you like every-ledy knows that—but I tell you that six months in the Northwest under existing tions regarding annexation.

"Messrs. J. K. Osborne and L. M. Jones (members of the Massey-Harris Agricultural Implement company) came to Ottawa the other day and interviewed several of the Dominion ministers in reference to the duties upon agricultural implements and the material required by manufacturers of the implements. Before leaving for home Mr. Osborne stated that he and his company were opposed kindly afforded him a fresh opportunity to any reduction of the duties upon implements and decidedly against the accentaince of the offer of free trade in agricultural implements contained in the Wilson tariff bill." This is the unvarying tale set forth in Ottawa dispatches these days. The manufacturers make no concealment of the fact that they are opposed to the slightest reduction in protective duties. In their view there are no "mouldering branches."

In the Colonist this morning under the head "The Lie Circumstantial" we find the statement that the Times "invented" a division, in which all who voted against restricting Chinese immigration were, with the exception of Messrs, Sword and Grant, on the government This, we respectfully submit, is an instance of the "lie direct," not the 'lie circumstantial." The Times "invented" no division list but published that which appears in the journals of the nouse. If our neighbor is bound to lie it should learn to lie with some discre-

CANADIAN NEWS.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

Henry Ingram, formerly reeve of Enaiskilien, was appointed treasurer of the county of Lambton, Treasurer A. E. Vi- poses, all that portion of False creek lydal having resigned on account of illhealth. Mr. Vidal, who was a son of the late Senator Vidal, late county treasurer of Lambton, died on Monday, aged 46. The Conservatives of Brockville have ominated R. J. Kelly, reeve of Elizabethtown, to contest the riding at the oming elections against Hon; Christopher F. Fraser. John N. Buel's biscuit factory at Brock-

ville was badly gutted by fire. Much stock was destroyed and machinery dam-The Kingston & Pembroke railway company have decided to reduce the wages of their employes from the first of

A. E. Prescott, market gardener while driving into Chatham was struck by a train at the railway crossing, receiving injuries from which he is not expected to recover. A meeting of the creditors of Shea &

Co., general storekeepers, Port Arthur. was held in Toronto, when the offer of the insolvent was accepted. The failure of Andrew Somerville, registrar of the county of Huntingdon, who kept a private banking institution, shows

Alexander McKay, M. P. for He ton, and one of the government's parliamentary whips, states that parliament will not meet for the dispatch of business before March 8 or 15.

T. W. W. Jones, for years past the Toronto agent of the White Star steamship lide, has been dismissed from that posi-He is charged with fraud by the eashier of the American Express company and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

A Halifax society item runs as follows: Mrs. Charles Wylde gave a large poker party on Monday. About twenty guests were present, and play went on up to late hour. Poker at a 5-cent limit is a harmless amusement enough, and I hear many of the ladies make more careful and judicious players than their husands. Poker is understood to be a card game, in which the betting feature pre-

A. T. Davidson, Toronto, wins the first ordize and trophy, valued at \$100, in the "Let me say that the basis and aim of Canadian Chess Association tournament, our ideas and hopes as Liberals are that James Eee & Co., merchants, Montrewe are before and above all Canadians; al. have assumed. Liabilities, \$19,000;

> For months past the postal authorities of Montreal have received complaints from all over the country of extensive pillering from the post office there. Derectlives were nothified and caught John Cummingham, of the mailing department, in the act of stealing.

At Ste: Adele, Terrebonne county, Quebec, two boys, Francis Bigras, aged 16, and B. Deshauriers, aged 13, were playing cards, when a dispute arose which ended in Bigras drawing a pocket kniffe and stabbing his companion in the arm The blade out the main artery and the boy soon bled to death. Bigras has not en arrested, his father having barricaded his house and announced his de profination mot to allow his son to be ken without a struggle.

Mrs. William Houston, who died at Ramsay at the age of 85, was the mother of twelve children, among whom are two distinguished sons, Rev. Canon Houston of Niagara and Rav. Dean Houston never uses patriotism as a mask, in of Iroquots. She came to Canada and which respect he differs much from some settled with her father in the township of Dalhousie. While her future husband was preparing her home for her at Rain was ready, she, with her betrothed, trav elled on foot from her father's house to Perth, eighteen miles, to have the marriage ceremony performed, and immediattely proceeded with him, walking a fur ther distance of twenty-one miles, to their new home. In that home she lived continuously up to the time of her death.

> General News. London, Jan. 30 .- The Swedish bark Wilhelm has been wrecked on the coast of Cornwall. The capitain of the bark and five of her crew were drowned. Berlin, Jan. 29 -- A national farmers congress opens in Regensburg, Bavaria. to-morrow, for the purpose of bringing nto existence a Bavarian farmers union. The call was issued by the high protectionists, and the avowed object of the movement is to initiate an attack upon the commercial policy of the impe-

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

conditions kinds of upsets a fellow's no- Dr. Watt's Anti-Chinese Resolution Ruled by court judge could try supreme court Out of Order by the Speaker.

DISCUSSION ON MORE DOCUMENTS

The Attorney-General Misses Another at Maple Ridbe and Mr. Kitchen Misses One at Surrey Centre-Another Short Session of the Fight.

Monday, January 29. The speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The private bills committee reported that the rules had been complied with in connection with the bills to incorporate the Delta & New Westminster railway Davie explained that a man would not and to consolidate the British Columbia and to consolidate the British Columbia be compelled by the bill to give evidence Southern railway acts. The report was against himself. The committee rose, re-

The petitions read on Friday were received The house went into committee to consider the message from His Honor the Mr. Gauvreau and Captain Moore re-Lieutenant-Governor enclosing bill intituled "an act to provide for the establishment of a bureau of labor statistics, and also for the formation of councils He said the title fully expl of conciliation and arbitration." The bill It was read a second time. was reported to the house and read a

Hon. Mr. Turner introduced a bill intituled "an act to consolidate and amend the acts respecting the provincial board of horticulture." It was read a first It was read a first

Mr Horne moved: Whereas by an act

of certain public property to the provincial government," chapter 7, 54 and 55 Victoria, the governor-general in council British Columbia all the interests of her foreshore and bed of every or any stream. other territorial waters of Canada within ing to the east of Westminster avenue, the tidal lands of the same, and the right the legislature. to dam and drain the said portion of False creek; be it therefore resolved, that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying his Honor to take such steps as he may deem necessary to have that poring the said tidal lands conveyed to the corporation of the city of Vancouver."

Mr. Horne said the mud flats mentioned were a nuisance to the city. The water was not navigable, and therefore the transfer of the mud flats to the city would not interfer with navigation. If t was owned by the city it could be reclaimed and put to many useful pur-

Hon. Mr. Beaven thought Mr. Horne was moving in the right direction. The latter lines, however, he thought were out of order. If the tidal lands were transferred to the province, it could only only be dealt by a recommendation of the government of the day to the house. It would of course be well for the government to afterwards transfer the land to the city. The provincial government had an incontestable right to the tidal lands This was shown when the graving dock was built. The minister of marine objected to the province taking the land for the dock, but the government took it, and the Dominion government never contested it. Passing resolutions of this kind recognized the Dominion government rights to the tidal lands, which they had

Hon. Mr. Davie said the subject was some time ago in connection with the The government of the day same land. had referred the question to an eminent lawyer, who was here at the time, and he unheld the right of the Dominion to the foreshore. A judgment of the su-preme court of Canada also upheld the right of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. Beaven—That does not refer

to British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Davie-It refers to the pro vinces generally. The matter is likely to be settled shortly, as he had been given to understand that the Dominion government intended to transfer the tiday land, to the province. The resolution, he thought, would quicken the acthe land should be dealt with by the

The resolution was passed. Mr. Sword moved that an address resented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to send down to the house a return showing the amount of taxes due and unpaid in each distirct at the close of the financial year, 30th June, 1893. Also a statement showing how much of these amounts has accrued each year."

The resolution was adopted. vernor, praying him to cause laid before this house a return of all the nospitals receiving aid from the legis ture, showing-1, number of directors or trustees, and how elected or appointed; 2. number of patients, male or female. who may be accommodated in each; 3, number of patients treated during the year 1893, number discharged; number died, and ages of those died or discharged; 4, number of free patients, number of paying patients; 5, totals of income and spenditure for the year 1893, receipts show amounts from legislative grant. from paying patients, from subscriptions or other sources; 6. cost of buildings erected, showing amounts of subscriptions from private sources, amounts received from government; 7. number of hospitals aving infectious or isolation wards or buildings; 8, number of hospital boards sending in copies of annual report to government; 9, number of hospitals inspected during the year."

The motion was passed. Mr. Watt's motion asking for an amendment to the municipal act to tax employers of Chinese was laid over at the equest of the speaker, there being a constitutional question involved.

bill to amend the supreme court act vas introduced by Hon. Mr. Davie, read ject of the bill was to make the electoral court district. At present there were a on 23rd May, 1887, authorizing the guar-

they had to be transferred to Victoria. Interest thereon, the interest not to ex.

The bill provided that the Nanaimo counced 6 per cent, per annum.

Mr. Kitchen asked the honorable the chief commissioner of lands and works what portion of Vancouver Island is included in the coast district. Hon. Mr. Vernon answered that the coast district did not include any portion of Vancouver

'Mr. Kitchen's other questions were laid over, as was also Mr. Keith's question regarding the constitutionality of the coal mines regulation act. Hon. Mr. Davie, referring to the latter question, said he would be better able to give a satisfac tory answer if it was laid over.

The house went into committee, Mr. McKenzie in the chair, to consider the witnesses and evidence bill. Hon. Mr. ported progress and asked leave to sit again. Hon, Mr. Vernon presented a return

of the correspondence between himself, garding the Gauvreau expedition. Hon. Mr. Davie moved the second reading of the fraudulent statements act. He said the title fully explained the bill.

ing in regard to Dr. Watt's motion to early answer, which, it was intimated, give municipalities powers to tax em- would be favorable. The report was ployers of Chinamen

The resolution of the hon, member for Cariboo (Mr. Watt) proposes to inaugurate a system of indirect taxation, which the province not having power to adopt terview with Premier Davie regarding entitled "an act respecting the transfer for its own purposes, cannot confer on a municipality (see sec. 92 B. N. A. act, didates for the local legislature. sub-sec. 2.) The tax, although paid by the employer in the first instance, would may by such instrument as he authorizes | indirectly be paid by the employe, as the for that purpose transfer, without pecu- amount would be deducted from his wagmary consideration, to the province of es. In view, too, of the decision of the supreme court in the cases of Tai Sing majesty in the rights of Canada in the v. Maguire and Regina v. Wing Chong (British Columbia law reports, vol. 1. river, lake, harbor, bay, open sea, or parts 1 and 2) in which it was sought by the province to enforce unequal taxation the limits of this province: and whereas on Chinese, I think it would be a waste the corporation of the city of Vancouver of time and money to allow a resolution is desirous of obtaining, for public pur- of the nature to go through, since the principle it involves could not be enforced. therefore rule that the motion imposes in the city of Vancouver, together with a tax that is ultra vires of the powers of D. W. HIGGINS. (Signed)

Speaker. Hom. Mr. Davie rose to a question of privilege. There was a leading article in last Saturday's Times referring to a vote taken last year on a resolution simtion of False creek and tidal lands re-ferred to transferred to the province of week. The article gave a list of mem-British Columbia, for the purpose of hav- fors who, it said, voted against the resolution last rear. As a matter of fact, and the election will take place at the last year's resolution, passed without a division. He was of opinion that the Returning officers and polling scrutin were of no use to any one, and in fact division referred to was taken another time, when he was in Nanaimo. There as another thing that he would refer to. In the report of the legislature in the Times of Friday last Mr. Kitchen was | electric light. reported to have said that Mr. McLagan had a copy of the public accounts several days before he (Mr. Davie) had shown them to Mr. Kitchen. He did not know that he would have noticed this had he be owned by the city corporations, the not received a letter drawing his attention to it. He read a letter from Mr. McLagan denying the accuracy of what McLiagan denying the accuracy of the Henry George system. had a copy of the public accounts. In fact he had only taken one copy over to

Mr. Kitchen—A copy of the public accounts was an Mr. McLagan's hands at Maple Radge, and I can prove it. The of the province. It was not the same here is in the other provinces. Here the province had all the rights to the lands that the Imperial government had.

counts was in Mr. McLagan's hands at the discussion. A description of the street the province had all the rights to the lands that the Imperial government had. at the Maple Ridge meeting. Mr. Sword had certainly understood

public accounts at Maple Ridge. Mr. Kitchen said the aftorney-general was quoting from the public accounts of ried.
1892-3 at the Maple Ridge meeting. He (Mr. Kitchen) was quoting from the es- city hall to hold the meeting in was timates for the same fiscal year, when Mr. McLagan produced the public acnot a new one. The question came up counts and showed them to him. The government papers had been insinuating to or interested in single tax. that the documents he had referred to A discussion arose as to how the other day were only drafts of letters would be effected.

The document he had referred to was a printed document. The only written tion of the Radical club of London document he had received from the at- He said that the card canvassers, who torney-general was a statement of appeach took a district of the city, would propriations and expenditures for West- certainly be snubbed, but who ever minater district.

Hon. Mr. Davie said he had certainly handed the public accounts and a written document to Mr. Kitchen at Chilliwack, at different times. Mr. Kitchen said the attorney-general

gave him all the documents at one time. He said again that Mr. McLagan had a copy of the public accounts in his possession at Maple Ridge. If the attorneyzeneral denied it he would obtain affidavits to show that it was so. He would ask him if he did not lay a copy of the public accounts on a table at the Maple Ridge meeting when Mr. McLagan was

Hon. Mr. Davie said he certainly had a copy of the public accounts at the Ma-ple Ridge meeting, and no doubt laid it on the table, where Mr. McLagan might mave glanced at it. That was different

to having a copy in his possession.

Mr. Kitchen—I said before that Mr. Mr. Watt moved "that an address be bresented to His Honor the Lieutenant-accounts in his possession. He would now like to draw the attention of the house to a statement made in the V vource World, which intimated that took a document from the attorney-general at Maple Ridge. Hon. Mr. Davie said he did miss a

> on which Mr. Kitchen had his hand. Mr. Sword-The attorney-general seems to forget that Mr. Kitchen also missed a document at Surrey Centre, which the attorney-general put in his pocket. As I said at the time, I thought the attorney-

document at the Maple Ridge meeting,

general had done it by mistake. Hon. Mr. Davie-The document that Mr. Kitchen lost at Surrey Centre was one of several hundred circulars that he (Mr. Davie) had had printed for circu lation. It contained a copy of one of his speeches. He had distributed all he had left, and asked Mr. Kitchen to lend him his copy, which he did.

Mr. Punch introduced a bill to incorpe rate the Delta & Westminster railway. Mr. Kitchen asked: "On what date and on what terms or conditions, was \$20,000 granted to the Island Mountain Quartz Mining Company?"

Hon. Mr. Turner-The grant to the Island Mountain Quartz Mining company a first time and a second time by consent. was made on the 23rd of May, 1837, by Hon. Mr. Davie explained that the ob- authority of "An act to aid the development of quartz mines," and in accord district of Nanaimo a separate supreme ance with an order-in-council approved.

number of cases pending, and it would antee and repayment within five years of a sum not exceeding \$20,000 with the ceed 6 per cent, per annum. The com pany obtained \$20,000 from the Bank of British Columbia, and failed to comply with the conditions of section 5 of the acherein referred to. On the 31st of March 1890, the amount, together with accumu lated interest was paid by the govern ment to the bank, amounting in all \$22,937.44, which, in accordance with the act, stands as a charge and claim against the property of the company.

THE SINGLE TAX.

Proportional Representation Advocated as the Only Sure Remedy

The small hall of the Single Tax Club in the Salmon block was crowded last night; there was not even a vacant chair. Ald, Munn and ex-Ald. Bragg were among those present. The mee ing was opened shortly after 8, Chair man Howell in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted

Mr. Berridge and W. G. Cameron r. ported that they had waited upon the trades and labor council to ask that body to co-operate with the Single Tax club in electing representatives of their own to the provincial legislature. Both said the council had given the delegates The speaker rendered the following rul- a fair hearing and had promised an received with thanks and the committee

J. A. Cohen reported that he and the chairman had arranged for an in the abolition of the \$200 tax upon can premier had written a very kind note making the engagement, but he did not appear at the appointed time. They wait ed a while and left without seeing him. Chairman Howell substantiated these remarks. J. A. Cohen moved that at the new

meeting an exposition be given of proportional representation, the system adopted in Australia. In British Col mibia two-thirds of the voters returned one-third of the members of parliament and vice versa, all by a clever manipu lation of the voters' list. This kind of thing could never be overcome success fully if they had not proportional representation. It was of great importance to bring that matter to the attention of the public. This would defeat the political wire-pullers. Motion carried. To illustrate the working of this system the following were nominated: Promier Davie, Hon. Robert Beaven, W G. Cameron and H. Mung as candidates These names will be printed on a ballot next meeting of the Single Tax Club eers will be adopted before that time. An invitation was extended to Mr

Brown, M. P. P., to speak in the City Hall on the corporate ownership of the Rev. Mr. Arden suggested that the tramway system be added. He said it was a principle of single tax that the electric light and the tramway should same as the state should own the railways, according to the theories of single tax. "This was all on the princi street car system of Victoria was bac stockholders only. This was a further reason with the public ownership of street cars should be embedied in the

together with the entire system at the end of 40 years. that Mr. McLagan had a copy of the A majority were in favor of the addition of the ownership of street cars, and the original motion as amended was car-

> A motion requesting the use of the It was decided to open a register for names and addresses of persons friendly

Mr. Arden told of the card organiza heard of a great cause being expounded

without opposition? The meeting asked what would be pu on the card. Mr. Arden replied, "Are you willing to be taxed for your industry?" If a man replied "No," the canvasser would know

he was all right, and if "Yes" that he Applause greeted this remark. The card system was adopted and a committee was appointed to prepare the cards and to divide the city into districts and report at the next meeting Messrs, Cohen, Cameron and Scaife

were appointed the committee. Mr. Berridge took to task W. J. Mc Donald, who wrote against single tax to the papers. The speaker made a lengthy defense of the principles of single tax and argued against the allegations o the writer

J. McMillan spoke at length on sin gle tax and capital and labor, and was followed by Mr. Foster, who showed what single tax did for the workman The truestion, of assessment was brought up, and the opinion of the meet ing was that the assessment roll should in the United States.

W. J. Cameron moved that the city council be petitioned to print the assess ment roll. The motion was carried. Mr. Cohen said the assessment on im provements had been reduced by city council from 50 to 25 per cent. Ald. Munn as chairman of the finance committee was due the! credit. He was happy to see that gentleman pres-

The meeting closed at 10. General Dispatches. Paris, Jan. 25.—The court of appeal has confirmed the judgment of the lower tribunal, placing the affairs of the Mar-

quis de Mores in the hands of a trustee in order to prevent his contracting debts or entering business without their sanc The Staatsburger Zeitung says of the econcilliation "It is the dearest wish

all patriotic Germans to see Emperor Wil liam and Prince Bismarck shaking hands. The festal day will be celebrated througout the Empire." The Post says that the entire national ress unites in welcoming the event.

Carolina's Chief Exec

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HURLS DEFIANCE AT

ith His Constables A chester Rifles - Th Determined to Carry He is Not to be Fr or Bully Ragged.

Columbia, S. C., Jan ople want to get up um willing; I'll give the of it," said Gov. Tillman ing about the dispens Charleston. "What is "I'll have the legislatur in this effort to enforce state, and I want the derstand this. If they going to bluff, frighten or my constables they mistaken. I am not these toughs ride rous laws and the good peop intend going right ah have decided upon. constables as the police ston, and if its necess armed with Wincheste will be backed up by of the city."

The Hawaiian In Washington, Jan. 30 .nittee on foreign relat Hawaiian investigatio first witness was Mr. in the islands at the ti tion. He said there w among the people and I tween the natives and foreign element. The over the ground covered pesses, reviewing the to the revolution, and to certain facts given him Hawaiian attorney-ge Sunday morning that he would support the erly announced. Pete he (Stevens) could do i Wilson was marshal, appeared to have a wilson. Witness decla than 1200 were present a meeting, of whom 300 a curiosity. This was a declared the Hawaiian Reader declared dition existed on Jan. as a warrant for landi forces. There was a men on the streets for United States troops.

Harper's Theolog Chicago, Jan. 30.—D a noted Baptist divine to-day expressed his en able of the theological a lecture by President ago university. Presid ported to have said in and Abel was stories of the wooden Romulus and Remus.

A Green Goo Buffalo, N. Y., Dangles, who lives nea tauqua county, recentl luctive circular from goods" men, enclosing a sample. He drew \$ and haistened to New The "green goods" n Cosmonolitan Hotel gave him what he sun n counterfeits. He o on his return, only to sawdust.

The Grant's Eve Montevideo, Jan. 30. enue cutter Grant, 1 Sound, has met with and it was necessary t dry dock here. The ceived slight injurie will proceed south in a

Benham's and Da Gar

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Rio de Janeiro, battle between the one side and the ships under Admiral da Gan cipitated in the harbor Three American bark Benham they wished to piers, and they were e protected. Da Gar notified Benham that tempted to go to the on them. Benham re sels would go to the the entire American Early this morning hovered about the Ar dently waiting for th way, when they wou Meantime great activi board the America shrill whistling of th ing the crews to clea. ted guns, steamed al gent warships Trajan both of which were a six-pounder ball ac the Guanabara, where plied with what is sup

could be heard coming the American fleet. Detroit hoisted ancho Good News, one of th As the Detroit took from the Guanabara Good News. The De blank shot. The Det small shell into the post, and was on the a broadside at the Gu latter signalled she Meantime the agent visited all three Amer fered to tow them at nsurgents if they we piers. This they agree rangement, was signal

who replied, "It's too

broken. I must yie