

Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH, 1888. WOLSELEY SPEAKS OUT.

Lord Wolseley's spirited reply to Lord Salisbury in the House of Commons yesterday was the occasion of much interesting comment. Judging by the tone of the dispatch it would appear that the warrior was more than a match for the statesman and there is every confidence that as a result of his public and patriotic utterances the army will be placed on the first footing to sound the alarm. The speech of the Duke of Cambridge when he responded to the toast of the army at the banquet held in Fishmongers' Hall recently was practically a continuation of the opinion to which he had already expressed in the House of Commons on the subject of the army's equipment. From his official position and connection with the army, the commander-in-chief knows better than any other man the extent of the deficiencies of the army as regards its equipment and human constituents of the force they, as far as they may, and undoubtedly are good substantial working material, but they are consequently too small in numbers. The Duke has declared his conviction that, in view of the present conditions of European affairs, before the British army can be considered on a sound footing the establishment ought to be increased by at least seven thousand men. Every regiment ought to have its complete number of officers, and if emergency arises, as it could be obtained, and henceforth could be obtained. The distrust which he knows is felt by a large section of the nation, and which he admittedly shares, is caused by the consciousness that England is not in the position, as regards the means of defence, in which she ought to be when the whole of Europe presents the spectacle of a continent armed to the teeth and panting for war. Experience has shown that warfare has on each outbreak a tendency to become more and more a matter of sharp conflict and speedy decision, in which the force which admits of the speediest mobilization has the distinct advantage. Now more than ever the state of preparedness is the greatest of all guarantees against attack. While, on the other hand, the progress of the navy, its monstrous management, its preposterous inefficiency, are an old story now, it is a song which the people are listening to at last with an attentive ear. It is impossible for them not to see the increasing probabilities of an attack on Britain's possessions abroad—on certain which are essential to the safety of the empire, on certain which are essential to the safety of England depends for food, and even on the home seaboard. They note that while only a few years ago the man who talked of possible invasion was laughed at, now it is openly discussed as one of the cards by the greatest naval and military authorities of the day and the world. At the same time these outsiders, the people of England, observe that the sort of Minister, departmental and other, who has hitherto been always ready to "reassure" the country with a farrago of statements, half ignorant and half dishonest, is not so forward now in that very bad business; but, constrained by the presence of facts from which concealment has been stripped, makes admissions significant of more than should be admitted. And noting all this the country is fast waking up to its position at Albert, the soldiers hear already the first whispirings of a storm which the Government had better prepare for in time. An admiral or two have made themselves head in the plainest language of revelation and warning, and Lord Wolseley's speech will have left a profound impression upon all who heard it delivered and which will have its effect on all who read it in print. We know that Lord Wolseley is, we know the position he holds; we know the authority he speaks with; and while every Englishman must applaud the courage with which—stirred by the spectacle presented by army and navy in times like these, he denounced government by party, that curse of modern England, which is sapping and undermining the foundations of the country, which is depriving its children of the noblest heritage which was once their characteristic—while, we say, every Englishman, and son of Englishman, will applaud Lord Wolseley's courage in venturing on these denunciations, absolutely certain that such men are forced to say such things, they may be shamefully rebuffed if they would not speak as they are now speaking if they did not feel that all considerations of etiquette and the rest of it must be cast aside.

VICTORIA'S FUTURE.

In conversation with a gentleman the other day we were somewhat surprised to find that although residing in this city he had no faith in its future, but expressed very confidently his opinion that Vancouver would soon leave Victoria far behind. Since that conversation he has learned that they should be known as having substantial, solid reasons for prophesying Victoria's decline and fall. This we ought certainly to do whenever we hear them enlarging on the grandeur of the "terminal city," and so, of course, his wish is rather to his thought. Seriously, these disloyal Victorians are a dangerous element in our city, and it is most desirable that they should be known as having substantial, solid reasons for prophesying Victoria's decline and fall. This we ought certainly to do whenever we hear them enlarging on the grandeur of the "terminal city,"—we ought to ask whether they have invented their money there, and how far their lot lies from the centre of that city, and if they are away out in the suburbs it will be easily seen that they must make every effort to sustain the boom till their lots are reached. But, "we come to the question," will Vancouver's prosperity, if the above prophesies are fulfilled, hinder the growth and prosperity of Victoria? Certainly not. There is no reason in the world why Vancouver's growth should not be considered one of the factors in our on-

CURIOSITY FACTS ABOUT WILLS.

Delay of Men of Property—Legal Will. The numerous instances on record of the trouble and litigation which have arisen from the doubtful expression and intention of testators, combined with the fact that their destruction by vermin and otherwise, would fill an immense volume. It is to be regretted that men of property in making their wills do not become mentally incapable, or die before their wills are made, or as if they were executing a "death warrant" instead of settling a simple business transaction. It is to be regretted that among numerous celebrated cases may be mentioned that of the great real estate lawyer, the late Lord St. Leonards, whose will would not be found, and was supposed to have been buried hidden about his person. Other eminent lawyers have failed to appoint executors, omitted the date or some important clause or word which has called for the intervention of the court and often resulted in depriving persons of what the testator intended them to have, to the enriching of others, thus in some instances going to prove that the "man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client." These again, men of property, who are not willing to develop our mineral resources, are smelting furnaces an impossibility, when the coal and iron are in close proximity? Can we not develop our shipping interests by immediately providing wharves for the largest ocean steamers and by entering upon the ocean trade ourselves? Why should the line to Australia not be a Victoria enterprise, and other channels open up for a mercantile marine which would outvie our neighbors? It must never be forgotten that the Victoria enterprise is a business, not a hobby—that it is the people who make the city, not the city the people. The annals of the world are filled with the achievements of those who have built up prosperous communities by defying nature, and subduing her, as for example the Romans who built their empire on the waves and became a mighty commercial people. We have no such task set us. Nature has been prodigal of her favors and surely we will deserve the world's contempt if we fail to make Victoria a great commercial centre.

ALBERTI STEAM SERVICE.

The steamer Muriel, which has been subsidized by the provincial government, has made her initial trip between Victoria and the thriving settlement of Alberni, at the head of Barclay Sound. The arrangement was entered into at the earnest solicitation of the captains of Alberni, who had arrived at the conclusion that without regular communication with the outer world they could not hope to thrive and prosper as they would otherwise do. The provincial government has taken a liberal and spirited interest in the matter, and has authorized a bi-monthly service by the steamer Muriel, which will be run through small, the first round trip has demonstrated that the steamer is well adapted for the service. We understand that the steamer Muriel, at Alberni, the soldiers gave decided expression to their gratification which they felt at the wise action of the government in providing them with so important a factor in their progress. During the past several years Alberni has slowly advanced, though the resources of the district were of such a nature as could have allowed of much larger development. This was impossible on account of its isolation. However, now that it has secured communication with the trade centre of the province, an impetus will undoubtedly be given to the cultivation of roots, fruits and cereals, and in Victoria a profitable market will be found for all their products. It will be remembered that the east coast settlements were similarly encouraged in the earlier days, and have for many years been able to afford profitable trade for the province. Alberni's future is a bright one, and in a few years there can be no question that it will become a prosperous agricultural, lumbering and fishing district.

GREEN GOODS.

These individuals in Canada who have had a penchant for dealing in counterfeit money will now have to watch their step, and the result of the second reading of the bill making it a penal offence either to send a circular offering counterfeit money for sale or to agree to receive such money. Hon. Mr. Thompson delivered a very interesting speech. He said the custom is for confidence men in the United States to obtain from the mercantile agencies' lists of persons who are likely to receive such money. They send to these persons circulars offering to sell their counterfeit money under the name of "green goods," "green cigars," etc. A New York firm among thousands of these circulars into Canada. The circulars sometimes lead to a personal interview. The dips are then genuine bills and told that they are samples of the counterfeit money, and he naturally concludes that they are excellent imitations; but what he receives afterwards is not counterfeit money, but blank paper or the like, and the matter being commonly used as the business is often called the "awful circular" business. Swindlers have proposed for business in these three places in Canada. It has been learned, through the medium of letters which have gone astray, that among the persons who receive such circulars are persons holding respectable positions, commercially and otherwise, municipal officers, just of the peace and public functionaries.

Wm. McDermid, the oldest printer and newspaper writer in the United States, died at Headbury, Cal., Wednesday, May 17th, aged 86 years and 6 months. Deceased entered the printing trade in 1806, and has been an Oldfellow. The announcement of the emancipation of slaves in Brazil had a tendency to lower the prices for coffee. It is thought that there will be a decrease in the coffee supply.

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claim. Officer Miller and McLeod left for the scene yesterday morning and if the officer satisfied that there are no indications of foul play, the body will be buried near the camp.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT.

The concert given by the ladies of St. John's Church in the room of the Royal street, last evening, proved a complete success, a large number of ladies and gentlemen being present. The programme was a well arranged one and embraced many fine pieces. During the interval, which lasted fifteen minutes, refreshments were being served. Following is the programme: PART FIRST. Piano Solo: Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. White, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. White, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Grey. PART SECOND. Capt. Robt. Sanderson arrived down from the mountains yesterday, and states that there is considerable excitement over the road mountain routes on Kootenay river. From about twenty miles to the outlet of Kootenay Lake, the mountain routes are being opened up by the government trail from Columbia River. From the outlet to the mines up the mountain is about six miles. A gang of men are at present engaged in the work and will probably be completed by the 1st June.

RECLAIMED FOR A LIFE OF SIN.

A young girl named Beaumont, some time since of the name of the great actress, came to Victoria where she led a rather questionable life. Tiring of her associates she returned to her native place, Port Townsend, and appeared at the Palace Theatre and similar places of amusement. She was very successful, and was engaged for several weeks at Port Townsend last week to resume her life of dissipation. She was, however, converted by a man named Mr. J. P. Bennett, who had been a member of the same company. She had been converted by him, and had posted up in a work-book which was ultimately recovered.

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Some dissatisfaction has been expressed here as to the new arrangement regarding the running of the Steam Steamer company, but the patrons of the O. R. & N. Co. are not at all dissatisfied. The steamer Olympian and Alaskan running between Victoria and Alberni, which arrived last night, will probably make two trips more, when the Olympian will take the route during the afternoon, when the Alaskan will arrive here about 2 o'clock in the evening, until the Alaskan is again ready for service. It is pleasing to note that the steamer company is endeavoring to do all in their power to hasten the time when the two elegant steamers will run as usual.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

A meeting of the general committee was held last evening in the city hall, Mayor Grant presiding. The ways and means of celebrating the Queen's birthday were discussed. A sum of \$1,000 had been collected and it was decided to divide the sum between horse racing and a regatta. An arrangement was also made for an International baseball match, to be held at Beacon Hill, between the "Amities" and the Seattle "Reds." A lacrosse match will also be played between the Victoria and Vancouver teams. The regatta will be held at the mouth of the harbor, and the baseball match will be held at Beacon Hill. It is thought the celebration will be one of the most successful ever held in the province, as a large number of visitors are expected from Portland and the Sound. A meeting of the executive committee will be held to-night in the city hall, when the programme will be drawn up and final arrangements completed.

THE BOLD HEADS OF JAPAN.

The noble army of bald heads is increasing in northern Japan. The women of the hairless race, the Japanese, are now sharing their hair with the men. A Japanese woman in a public place was seen to have her hair cut short, and she was not alone. It is feared that as in American audiences, the Anies have for centuries been famous for having other human beings, nor do they approach a Bostonian standard of more brains and less hair.—Home Journal.

GEN. PIKE'S QUILL PEN.

Gen. Albert Pike never uses any but quill pens, and he carefully preserves them when they are worn out. Probably 10,000 old pens stored away in his cupboards.—Exchange.

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A Rightful Skin Disease.

Resistant to all Remedies. Head nearly raw. Body covered with scales. Cured by the Cuticura. Messrs. STEVENS & BLUMBER, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y. I bought a bottle of Cuticura and used it for a long time, and I am pleased to say that I believe the same to be the best medicine for my skin. It is a wonderful medicine, and I believe it to be the best medicine for my skin. It is a wonderful medicine, and I believe it to be the best medicine for my skin.

FROM ALBERNI.

The Muriel returned yesterday morning from the Sound. She was seen by the Sound, and she is advertised to sail on the 29th inst.

ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

The Building Committee Report Favorably Upon the Plans of "Work and Win." Work to be commenced.

PERSONAL.

Dan Ross left for San Francisco this morning via the Sound. P. S. Hamilton, of Port Moody, arrived in Victoria on the 16th inst. Capt. Powell, of Moodyville, was a passenger by the Louise last evening to this city. H. E. Orsades and C. D. Rand left for Vancouver on the Yosemite this morning. Hon. John Robson left for Vancouver this morning, and will return on Saturday.

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