In Saturday's Times appeared a leading article which well illustrates the unscrupulousness of that journal and the length it is prepared to go in order to injure the Provincial Secretary who would seem to be its bete noir. It states that the Provincial Secretary has, in his public speeches, "made a general charge against the teachers of being indolent and guilty of insubordination and conspiracy." Now, nothing could well be more directly opposed to the truth. So far from making a general charge of the kind against the teachers of the Province, the Provincial Secretary spoke of them as a body in the highest terms of praise. He said that, with very few exceptions, they were industrious, conscientious, painstaking and were cheerfully carrying out the instructions of the Department. Descending to particulars, the minister intimated that of the whole staff in Vancouver, there were only two "kickers," while of the twentyone teachers in this city he ventured to say that there were twenty loyally and cheerfully doing their duty. Subsequent events would seem to show that the minister was too sweeping, not in censure but in praise of the teachers-precisely the opposite of what our unscrupule contemporary, in its rancorous hate of the Provincial Secretary, endeavors to make

Scarcely less disingenuous is the attempt to make it appear that the "daily marking" is a rule conceived and arbitrarily introduced by the Provincial Secretary, and, therefore, that the floodgates of the wrath of its opponents (or more properly detractors) are justly opened on him. Now, the "daily marking" rule is one of many formulated by the Superintendent of Education for the internal working of the schools, and it is not to be for a moment supposed that the minister had anything to do with its adoption beyond having it inserted in the bill on the recommendation of the Superintendent, whose duty it is to attend to such details. Indeed the Ministor so stated in the House. The act of making that rule law was the act of the Legislature, and it may not be amiss, therefore to remind recalcitrant teachers that they are kicking not only against the Superintendent and the Minister, but against the Legislature. In all friendliness, we would advise them to read, mark, learn and in-

time at all. The fact is, as the Minister said in his blunt way, the agitation against "daily marking" has been worked up by a "crank" who was ignominiously but deservedly kicked out of our schools, and who, unfortunately for the credit of the profession, found a few congenial spirits himself upon the Department whose only crime against him was an effort to be

have been ruled out of order. For our musement we read a number of the recnmendations of special committee reports as they appear on the Journals of different year and we find that the form of the recommendations in question is quite unusual. "Your committee suggest," "Your committee are of opinion," 'Your committee recommend," "your ommittee have the honor to report that t is advisable," are some of the ways in which the special committees preface the onclusions at which they arrive. Some of the committees use more definite and nore forcible language than even the above. One committee of which Mr Pooley was the chairman, "recommended the granting of a Petition of Right.' Another committee "consider that it is not desirable to incur the expense". A third committee 'recommend strict compliance," etc., and another "strongly urge the necessity." Select committees generally are, we find, not nearly so diffident and so deferential as our contemporary would have its readers believe. When they come to a definite conclusion and feel certain that they are right they do not leave the reader in doubt as to what they want done, and they do not ask those whom they address to "contain the point of granting Ireland any form of local government than now, the views expressed by Mr. Aird may be regarded as peculiarly and distinctively his own. pliance," etc., and another "strongly ask those whom they address to "consider the advisability" of attending to their suggestions or recommendations They suggest and recommend without ualification or circumlocution of any kind. The fact is the Opposition made a appear other than a stupid blunder.

SURROUNDED BY DANGER.

The British Government has good cause to increase and improve its navy. The nation has an immense mercantil narine to be protected. On the safety of its merchant shipping the existence of the British people depends. The greater part of the bread and other food that the eople eat, and the material that they across the sea. If a foreign power or a combination of foreign powers should obtain command of the sea its inhabitants would literally starve to death. "Brithis majesty would send them a sewing machine by the use of which they could sustain themselves. The Emperor ordered was said and sung long ago. With a slight alteration this holds true still, except that for "wooden" we must read iron and steel. That Great Britain's main dependence is her navy is as true to-day as it was a hundred years ago. The "silver streak" of sea properly guarded by her battle ships is her great protection from invasion. No army that it is possible for invasion. No army that it is possible for her to raise can do one tenth part as much for her safety as the fleet which she can build and man with comparative ease. There is talk about fortifying London but

year after. He has also on the stocks eighteen cruisers of not less than 1,000 tons displacement. Expenditure has also been authorized for strengthening the harbors of Cherbourg and Brest. What do these preparations mean? These vessels alone would make a formidable fleet, to say nothing of those that are already built and in commission.

Italy possesses a number of the heaviest battle ships in the world, and she is mak-

CABLE NEWS.

Movement to Elect Parnell a Life Member of the National Liberal Club.

discovery of a Letter at Madrid Containing Important Particulars of Pigott's Escape.

Monument on the Battle Field Woertz in Memory of Emperor Frederick.

A Home Pule Messure London, March 4.—Whatever may have been the motive of John Aird, Conservative member of parliament for Paddington, in writing a letter to the Times, suggesting that the Tories appoint a committee to meet a similar body representing the liberal for the numeratory of articles. the liberals, for the purpose of settling

A King's Favorite London, Mar. 4.-King Charles of Wurtemburg, who is still very ill at Nice, has made a demand on his ministers for the return of his American favorite, Woodcock, and Baron von Millnacht, president of the mess of their vote of censure and it is use-less for their organ to attempt to make it to report the fact and receive suggestions, or more properly speaking, commands, with reference to the matter. Woodcock recently wrote a letter in which he de-clared he would not return to the place e would not return to the place in the king's regard from which he had been banished by the hostile action of his

work upon comes to Great Britain from valid, and that she and her three sisters, obtain work necessary to support them. The writer, as a last resort, prayed that

machine to be sent them immediately.

the informer money. The letter is said to contain important evidence concerning

BRUSSEIS, March 4. — Capt. Bailey, thias Cook, an American swindler, was to day sentenced to six months' imprison-

A Banquet to Parnell. LONDON, March 4.-It is believed that 2,000 persons will be present at the proposed banquet to Mr. Parnell. Earl

day, arrived twenty-four hours late, and that of Friday about five hours. The snow-slides have not damaged the com-pany's sheds, but the mud-slides will damage the government's side of the case in the great arbitration suit.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

(From the Columbian.) The Royal City Planing Mills have ommenced work again, the improve-ients and additions to the mills having

been completed.

The barque Malay, bound for Westminster, to load lumber for England at the Royal City Mills, is due to arrive next week. The ship United Kingdom will arrive about a week later. She will load lumber for Australia.

Building coercitors are beginning to

nced within the month.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

sident Harrison Assumes the Reins of Power at Washington—A Brilliant Gath ing—The Inaugural Address.

WASHINGTON, March 4.-At 10 o'clock this morning the streets of the capital were alive with stir and bustle, and there were probably about 100,000 visitors along the line of route, and as many more residents. At the entrance to the house and senate cordons of police kept back the crowd, reinforced by doorkeepers. Although the doors were not to be opened before the ticket holders began to as-semble, long before that hour about 100,-000 tickets were issued to those entitled to view the proceedings. At ten the doors opened and the visitors began pour-

Cleveland was announced. He entered, escorted by Senator Cockrell, of Missouri. A moment later the President-elect was majesty's ministers; but the king, nevertheless, persists in demanding his restoration.

A Kind Act of the Kaiser.

London, March 4.—A few days ago Emperor William received a letter from a girl living in Duisbury, Rhenish Prussia, staing that her father was a hopeless in valid, and that she and her three sisters, comprising the rest of the family, were deaf and dumb, and therefore unable to obtain work necessary to support them.

The writer, as a last recent action of his announced. He entered with Senator the President-elect was announced the New England States to Canada, in the result of the presiding officer. At noon the Vice-President-elect was announced and was escorted to the platform of the presiding officer by Senator Callum, of lillinois. Everyone in the room arose and remained standing while senator Ingalis administered to Morton the cath of office. Mary were in military attire, Chinese in silken robes, Coreans with their fancy bird eage bate. The tresident-elect was announced. He entered with Senator the New England States to Canada, in the resolution in favor of annexing the New England States to Canada, in the end in view. The resolution declares that the signs of the time indicate that a dissolution of the Republic is imminent, and while expressing a desire for the union of those States with Canada, he will be added to the platform of the presiding officer. At noon the resolution in favor of annexing the New England States to Canada, in view of the agitation in those States with that end in view of the agitation in those States with the end in view. The resolution declares in front of the presiding officer. At noon the resolution in favor of annexing the New England States to Canada, in the New England States to Canada, in the end in view of the agitation in those States with that end in view of the agitation in those States with the tend in view of the agitation in those States with the end in view of the agitation in those States with the resolution of the Eagland States to Canada, in the case o corps were shown seats in the first two rows on the west side of the chamber. Shortly after, members of the cabinet, accompanied by retired generals of the The Week's Doings at the Federal army. Major-generals, army command ers and admirals of the navy entered and

able Hannibal Hamlin, the only living ex-Vice-President, was seated at the right the organizarinell is consist to accept of Representatives and manufactures.

Harrison arose and the Chief Jus

ministered the oath of office. The crowd

remained standing with uncovered heads as Harrison with bowed head kissed the open book. The crowdcheered again and zle has led to a good deal of recrimination The President then delivered the ir augural address. He referred to the European policy, touched on the tariff question, and said, we shall in the future, as in the past, use every endeavor t maintain and enlarge our friendly rela THE PLEASE.

THE PLEASE AND ADDRESS OF THE P tions with all great powers, but they will not expect us to look kindly upon any project that would leave us subject to

CAPITAL NOTES.

Mainland Members Deny the Statemen that they are Opposed to Victoria's Interests.

Mr. Barnard Supports Col. Prior in Favor of the China Steamship Calling at Victoria.

Resolution in Favor of Annexing the New England States to the Dominion.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 4.- Members from the mainland indignantly deny the statement attributed to Mr. E. C. Baker in the Victoria Times of the 25th, that they "always feel it incumbent upon them to either op-pose or refuse to support anything in the interest of Victoria." The five members here assert that they have always worked together harmoniously and whatever differences they may have are always settled before waiting upon the ministers.
At a conference on the steamship question, Mr. F. S. Barnard took as strong aground in favor of compelling the steamers to call at Victoria as did Col. Prior, whilst Mr. Mara thought the ships should

whilst Mr. Mara thought the snips about at least be compelled to land passengers and mails by boats. Hon. Mr. Dewdney, in answer to Mr. Charlton, said negotiations are now pend-ing between Great Britain and the States for the purpose of settling the boundary line between Alaska and Canada.

Mr. Davin brought up the autocratic
powers held by Commissioner Herchmer
of the mounted police, and suggested their

The Premier gave notice of a resolution to-night providing for a pension for mem-bers of the mounted police after 25 years' ervice equal to half-pay.

Mr. Mills, of Annapolis, N. S., gives

Capital.

The Fizzle of the Session—"C" Battery Barracks—B. C. University—Craelty to Animals-Prohibition.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—As the session rolls on the position of the Reformers in the Brown, M. P. for Hamilton, to amend House becomes more and more lamentable. The great (?) debate on the right of Cantal Property of Cantal Prope

wright entered the house with his countenance clearly showing the passion work-

among the opposition, the general desire being to make somebody a scapegoat. "C" BATTERY BARRACKS. The Minister of Militia is a difficult man o get anything from—except promises. Members from all parts of Canada complain of his immovability and say he cannot be induced to favor any expenditure for militia purposes in any province—save Quebec. "C" Battery barracks is a glaring case in point and the feeling to which I have referred found expression put by Mr.

The ather day in a question put by Mr. plain of his immovability and say he can-

that many Victorians are personally interested in the Terminal city, and were just as anxious to see it progress as their own city. They would, however, insist, and continue to insist that Victoria should and continue to insist that Victoria should form. and continue to insist that victoria should receive fair play. The minister of militia requires to be plainly spoken to now and again, and Prior is a man competent to

form that task. VICTORIA AS A PORT OF CALL.

The greatest satisfaction is expres here by the friends of Victoria at the naturally some interest in. The govern prompt action taken by the Provincial ment system of railways is composed by the Provincial capital as a port of call for the Provincial capital as a port of call for the Provincial capital as a port of call for the Provincial capital as a port of call for the Republic Constant was the first to sound the keynote for Prince Edward Island. action and now that the agitation has had such a vigorous commencement those here who are anxious that Victoria should receive fair play in this matter urge un-ceasing work. A memorial from the Federal Parliament to the Imperial authoribe well for the citizens of Victoria to ask it. Let the petition be sent here to Col. Prior, and he, I feel satisfied, will do his utmost to secure a recognition of Victoria's just claim. ties might possibly be secured under strong pressure. At any rate, it would be well for the citizens of Victoria to ask

THE PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY.

Your junior member has his hands pretty full just now, but he is prosecuting his labors with assiduity and if he is not successful in getting everything that Vic-toris wants it will not be for the want of toris wants it will not be for the want of asking. With regard to the request for aid to the proposed B. C. university, I learn that the Government cannot see its way clear to make a grant on the ground that aducation comes entirely within the that aducation comes entirely within the way clear to make a grant on the ground that education comes entirely within the sphere of the provinces and it would be dangerous to create a precedent such as an appropriation to the British Columbia The total number of pass ersity would involve.

PROHIBITION.

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The debate which commenced a week ago culminated in three divisions on Thursday night and the affirmation of principle involved in the amendment moved by Mr. Wood, that prohibition can only be enforced when public opinion is ripe for it. Taylor's amendment was in favor of the taking of a plebisgita at the The question of prohibition has been only be enforced when public opinion is ripe for it. Taylor's amendment was in favor of the taking of a plebiscite at the next general election with a clause in favor of compensation in the event of prohibition being adopted. It was negatived in which the line crosses deep ravines

of the Canadian Pacific railway throughout the Canadian Pacific railway throughout

The closest division of the session took place on the bill fathered by Adam Brown, M. P. for Hamilton, to amend Logalizers. In all presentions, we would arrive them to rank and the framework of the nimb chapter of the Actor of the present of the nimb chapter of the Actor of the present of the nimb chapter of the Actor of the present of the nimb chapter of the Actor of the present of the nimb chapter of the Actor of the Act ups and downs, however, before it gets through the House. A laughable incident occurred during the counting of the vote which came pretty near wrecking the bill entirely. It is a rule of the House that during a division no member shall bleave his chair until the clerk has announced the result. A common joke, and a favorite trick of Sir John's, is to beckon to a new member while the clerk is to time. a favorite trick of Sir John's, is to beckon
to a new member while the clerk is totting
up the vote. The unsuspecting member
leaves his place and is at once greeted
with a yell from all parts of the House,
almost loud enough to raise the roof.
Adam Brown was caught this way the
first session he was here and it was only
his great anxiety to know the result of

The annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals has just been is sued. Naturally it deals considerably with the condition and working of the Ir with the condition and working of the In-tercolonial Railway, a road which, as one of the assets of the Dominion and part of the through route from the Atlantic to the Pacific, British Columbians have Miles.

Intercolonial and its extensions
Eastern Extension railway.....
Windsor Branch......
Prince Edward Island.....

The through ocean mail line from Point Levis, opposite Quebec, to Halifax is 688 miles in length. The length of roads opnperial authori-secured under the Pictou branch of the Intercolonial

Excess of expenditure over earnings. \$ 363,650

The total loss in working the entire

ly to maintain, viz., between Callander and Port Arthur, 650 miles, and between Banff and Vancouver, 564 miles, and from the information thus obtained, I am pleased to be able to pronounce the road to be in good running condition. Some of the materials of the structures are commencing to decay and many of the ties are rotated. terrupted from this cause. The company are also taking precautions against snow blockades, by the introduction of powerful rotary snow shovels, and it is confidently expected that these machines will be effectual against the heaviest drifts which they may encounter. During the which they may encounter. During the past year very extensive additions have been made to the engine power and car stock, so that the means of transport will probably meet all requirements. The good behavior for two years and was sentenced by the court to six months' imbeen largely increased, and this will prisonment without hard labor. greatly facilitate the movement of grain from Manitoba and the Northwest. In

CABLE NEWS.

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Bismarck Planning the Formation of a New State After the King of Holland Dies.

Labouchere Starts a Fund for the Relief of Pigott's Destitute

LONDON, March 5 .- The Parnell Com mission reassembled this morning. Si Richard Webster, Attorney-General, re lated the facts already made known about Pigott's communication Soames' office from Madrid. nev-General said it is now desired to take up that part of the case which related to 1rish work. Presiding Justice Hannen decided that the fact that the Irish World raised money for the Irish cause did not make the recipient of the money responsi-ble for the paper's articles, but it offered an important link of evidence regarding the distribution of newspapers inciting to 1,909,842 the distribution of newspapers intering to outrage. Evidence submitted proved that between the years 1880 and 1881, copies of the Irish World were sent out either directly or indirectly from the offices of the National League in Dublin and were found in possession of the League officers. The evidence on this point, therefore, is admissable. Upon applica-

tion from the Parnellite cour tion from the Parnellite counsel, the court gave permission to John Dillon to go to Australia. Attorney-General Webster then resumed his reading from the Irish World articles, in reference to Michael Davitt; also a speech of Dillon's urging the destruction of the police engaged in the protection of landlords. Attorney-Grand Webster stated that such be less than the state of the s General Webster stated that another let been received to-day. It had been sent to Soames' office for "Mr. Ponsonby."

hibition being adopted. It was negatived by 86 to 58. Barnard and Prior voted for it, the other B. C. members not being present at the time. An amendment by Mills of Bothwell "that a vote of the qualified electors of Canada be taken at a convenient time to ascertain the opinion of the country upon the question." This was defeated by a vote of 35 for to 127 against. Mr. Wood's amendment in favor of prohibition when the country is ripe for it was then carried by 99 to 59. Barnard, Gordon, Chisholm voting in its favor.

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Daily News from Belgrade, says King Milan will abdicate the Servian throne in

DUBLIN, March 6.-Father Stephens

Prince Bismarck is in favor of joining Alsace-Lorraine with Luxemburg after the death of the King of Holland, and making the King of Nassau ruler of the The Czar's Visit off. Berlin, March 5.—The new Prussian Cross Gazette says that the Czar will not visit Germany during March.

Paris, March 5.—Quotations bourse to-day for shares of the Societe des Metaux, were 190, and for those of 99.371.430 the Comptoir d'Escompte 810. M. Den-7.078,551 fert, one of the directors of the copper 82.292,879 syndicate died to-day. It is reported that he committed suicide.

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> Berlin, March 5.—The official state ment that the Samoen conference will be held very shortly is not generally believed to be absolutely true, inamuch as the ill-ness of Minister Pendleton, by whom the United States is to be represented, con-United States is to be represented, con-tinues to such an extent as to render his participation in the deliberations imposible for some time to come.

> > WESTMINSTER NEWS,

(From the Columbian.) A wedding boom has struck the city.
It is stated that six couples will be joined in the holy bonds before the week is over.
From the Atlantic coast already comes the demand for fresh salmon, and in such the demand for fresh salmon, and in such quantities as will keep the fishermen busy during Lent at least. On Saturday W. H. Vianen received orders from three of the largest fish dealers in New York, each ordering a carload of fresh salmon to be shipped immediately; a similar order came from Chicago and smaller orders came from Montreal and Winnipeg. Unfortunately, fish are scarce in the river, and none of the orders can be filled at

and none of the orders can be filled at present.

Tomkins Brwe, well known to all pioneers, especially of British Columbia, died last night at about 6 o'clock, at the Royal Columbian Hospital, where he has been a patient for considerably over a year. Tomkins Brwe was a brother of Judge Brwe, of the pioneer days. He was born in Galway, Ireland, had reached the age of 58 years, and had spent the last 28 years in British Columbia.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

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