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# THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST

mr. Edgar Dewiney, who has trip to returned from a three months' trip to England, says that there is a great revival of interest in that country in the affairs of British Columbia that the disposition of investors is to regard very favorably any investments in this province that have any substantial prospect of profit. This is in with what others have reported, and it is certainly a matter for congratulation. The disposition in England has rather been in the other direction. We never wish in discussing business matters to introduce anything of a political nature, and those with those, who have heard of him, have been taught to regard him as an ectentric individual who played a more or less important part in the days when the province was so new that almost any sort of a man could make his influence felt in the community, if hope, not be looked upon as inspired by partizanship. We shall endeavor to make that impossible. Twelve years and more ago British Columbia had very little to offer investors. Her resources were hardly known. In a general way we knew that there were vast forests of timber and many deposits of minerals; but no one could say very specifically how these could be turned to account rapidly enough to attract investors. Then came the and it is certainly a matter for con-gratulation. The disposition in Eng-land has rather been in the other diposits of minerals; but no one could say very specificially how these could be turned to account rapidly enough to attract investors. Then came the Kootenay mining craze, and the wildcat was abroad in the land. Its trail was over all the country, and British Columbia suffered in consequence. Then came political confusion. It was of the most serious character. The country into debt solves the confusion of the most serious character. The country into debt solves was anything about the reasons to the country of the most serious character. The country into debt solves was anything about the reasons to the country succeeded in his undertaking. We are not solves the country into debt solves was anything about the reasons to the country succeeded in his undertaking. We are not solves the country succeeded in the coun cat was abroad in the land. Its trail was over all the country, and British Columbia suffered in consequence, the consequence of the consequence o

The renewed interest to which Mr. Dewlney referred is the legitimate outcome of this series of events all tending in the same direction. Therefore we believe it will be permanent. Every one will be glad of this. While it may be true that the Dollar has no na-

### ple of British Columbia will hall with hearty satisfaction an increased interest by British investors in the many opportunities, which the province af-

THE NEW FIRE CHIEF. The new Chief of the Fire Department is in the city and prepared to take up the duties of his office. It may be timely to make a few observa tions. One is directed to the Chief. He must be Chief in fact as well as in title. He has cast upon him the re-sponsibility of protecting the city from fire and he has the right to have his judgment respected in all things that he considers necessary. If the Department is not properly equipped, let him say so. The public will stand by him in insisting that the necessary

Improvement soon became so great that financial people everywhere began to take note of it. Meanwhile judicious steps were taken to make known in the Mother Country the great attractions of the province to the settler, and the capitalist. Timbermen from the United States hastened to acquire holdings, and in a short of the country the defendance of the country that are we going to do about it? We do not wish any one to think that immediately after it is undertaken. What are we going to do about it? We do not wish any one to think that men from the United States hastened to acquire holdings, and in a short time capitalists from Eastern Canada began to do likewise. News of this was disseminated in Britain, not only through the financial papers, but even to a greater extent by the ordinary fairs. It is the bait whereby we can

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appliances shall be forthcoming. If he be good enough to explain why such he sees in the course of his observations that in any respect the risks from any mortal man called upon to see that, fire are severe, he should say so without fear. If the discipline and training of the Department is not what it ought to be, let it be made so.

The enext observation is directed to the Aldermanic Board and the Fire Wardens. If the new Chief is fit for his duty, he knows more about what the city needs in regard to fire protection than any or all of you do.

You have chosen him because you think he is the best man available, and here we have the should say so without a trench is dug in the street, when a trench is dug in the street, the ground is levelled off after the trench has been filled, and if there is, why in the name of common sense does he not look after such things? If there is no such person in the employ of the city, is it not pretty near time that some one was appointed to the job?

Reference has been made above to the filling in of a hollow on the Gorge and because

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REVIVING INTEREST

Mr. Edgar Dewdney, who has just returned from a three months trip to England, says that there is a great revival of interest in that country in six months 50

the filling in of a hollow on the Gorge road. It will take 5500 cubic yards of earth to fill it. When the matter was discussed at the City Council, one alderman said that the work would cost \$10,000 and another said it would take at least \$3,000. Earth is now being delivered there at 25 cents a cubic yard, which is one-eighth what the first alderman estimated the cost would be. The appropriation for filling it is not the filling in of a hollow on the Gorge road. It will take 5500 cubic yards of earth to fill it. When the matter was discussed at the City Council, one alderman said that the work would cost you may take to make the Fire Department thoroughly efficient. more than one-third enough to do the work. The life of the bridge over the Amor De Cosmos was gathered to his fathers more than a decade ago. Most of the people now living in Victoria did not know him. Most of those, who have heard of him, have and the cost of the latter will be about the cost of the latter ing, and during the next few months the hollow could have been designated as a place for the dumping of suitable rubbish, whereby considerable expense could have been saved the city, when the decision is reached to fill up the

seem wise to that sovereign to inter-fere in France, not now, of course, but before very long. Much will depend upon the workingmen of France.

### PROGRESS OF VICTORIA The rate of progress now in evi-

The rate of progress now in evidence in Victoria must satisfy the most exacting. Last year the critics said that while there were many residences going up, they would never believe the city was prosperous until journals, which of very recent years have been giving much greater attention than formerly to all kinds of news tion than formerly to all kinds of news. have been giving much greater attention than formerly to all kinds of news from this province. To cap the climax, so far as financial men were concerned, the provincial government determined last year to pay off one of its loans, rather than keep the money in the bank, and the effect of this was some things in connection with city the bank, and the effect of this was work that are intolerable, and also about the bank are finclerable, and also about the pansion in the business section. It was useless to assure these good people of the pansion in the pansion was signs of improvement in the pansion was signs of improvement in the pansion. We remember some good friends, who, when they used to read in the Colonist about the excellent outlook, would call upon us to tell us that we were all wrong for pansion in the pansion. loans, rather than keep the money in the bank, and the effect of this was profound. The Finance Minister has taken every available opportunity to make known to the public, not only the excellent standing of the province, but also the great industrial progress that is being made. The natural consequence of these things was the establishment of a feeling in the public mind that British Columbia is a prosperous province, where the government is carried on conservatively, where all interests are duly protected and where there are opportunities for expansion in every direction. Contributing to this excellent result was the beginning of railway construction by the Grand Trunk Pacific, the extension of the Canadian Pacific in the province and the activity of the Great Northern in competing for a share of the transportation business.

The renewed interest to which Mr. side, and if there is such a person, will is transpiring now.

# BEAUTIFUL TEETH

Something every one should possess. For this every person

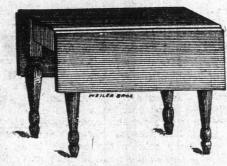
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rubber tire wheels. Body is

reed, varnished. Uuholstered

and mattress cushion. As il-

lustrated. Phice .......\$18

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Folding Go-Cart



Folding Go-Cart-A neat little

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leather cloth. Body is reed,

varnished. Gear is all steel,

with four 10-inch rubber tire

wheels. Has mattress cushion.

Dark green enamel gear. Same

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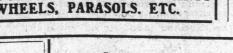


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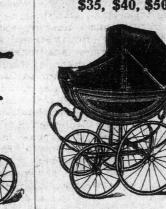
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Within a century from hammed, the sway of Islam crescent from the Pyrenees Oxus on the east, a sweet thousand miles. The Visig ess in war had been such destruction of the Eastern western progress under A continuous triumph, were un cessfully the Saracens wh Spain, coming across the and at other points nearby 35,000 or perhaps 50,000. Th with which they overran t no part of this story. In 710 ul-Rhaman determined to lem power over Gaul, and across the Pyrenees, laid s Eudes, Duke of Aquitaine, of Southern Gaul to join in vader, and they did so to s that the Saracen force v The victors claimed that Moslems, but there is little a great exaggeration, the wh probably not having excee Whatever the number may seems to be no doubt that vaders survived the day's fi years Gaul was free from the 731, Abi-Nessa, a Berber make himself independent o for that purpose formed an Duke of Aquitaine, whose rare loveliness, he married. who had not been present a Toulouse, and had been ma eral of Spain, advanced ag and defeated him in a fie threw himself from a rock taken prisoner, but not until a with his own hands sevente His wife was taken and sent Damascus, for such was her ul-Rhaman said no other ma her. Another fight followed tanians were defeated with after which Bordeaux was tal was the booty that the S says: "The most insignifican his share plenty of topazes, ja alds, to say nothing of go vulgar article under these ci

continued their northern ma all the country and going aln English Channel. Rhaman' ever, proved fatal to his pl the great wealth of the Ab resolved to possess himself of Charles, mayor of the pala King of the Franks, march army to the support of the met the enemy in the open Tours and Poietiers. very clear account of the sued. We know that the a other for seven days, neither ing to try conclusions with attack seems to have been acens. The best account of an Arab historian. He says Owar (Loire) the two great languages and the two cr array against each other. Abdul-Rhaman, his captains filled with wrath and pride, first to begin the fight. men dashed fiercely and freq battalions of the Franks, v fully, and many fell dead o the going down of the sun. two armies, but in the grey Moslems renewed the figh had soon hewn their way to Christian host. But man were fearful for the safety they had stored in their ter arose in their ranks that so were plundering their camp eral squadrons of the Mosl off to protect their tents. if they fled, and the whole and while Abdul-Rhaman their tumult and to lead t tle, the warriors of the Fr him, and he was pierced the spears, so that he died. The before the enemy and many

Laden with their plund

The battle of Tours wa portance, and Charles Mart fame, which it has conferred many men were engaged in Arab writers say not mo their side, although the m the Moslem host numbered sands. There seems to be at the number under the co They did not form an ar sense of the term, but mer bodies of men having no s and bound together only hatred of the Saracens and fidence in Charles. The cisive one. It put an end overcoming the Franks, and directed another invasion haps correct to say that the Europe, and perhaps of Ch ern civilization, was at sta day. Gibbon remarks that not been defeated at Tours pretation of the Koran w in the schools of Oxford might demonstrate to a cir sanctity and truth of the

hammed." The German