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Should that eventuate the logical ac-THE NEW LIBERAL LEAGUE. tion to be anticipated would be the

calling in of the leader of the Opposi-Our dispatches of yesterday containtion-Richard McBride-to form a mined the information that a new Liberal istry. That that gentleman would at League is to be formed in Great Britonce undertake the task and be sucain with Lord Rosebery at its head. cessful goes without saying. The Duns-It is to be hoped that a wiser policy muir ministry has proved an utter will be pursued by Lord Rosebery failure and its early defeat would and his colleagues in their new movement than has been displayed in the out the country.

past. It is difficult to believe that the Liberals may hope for success unless they change in a very radical fashion the tactics which have been displayed by them during the progress of the

war in South Africa. In this connec-

tion we will recall for a moment the

celebrated speech made by Lord Rose-

bery a few weeks ago, when it was

prognosticated that he would make a

declaration which would set the En-

pire by the ears. We think we express

the general feeling of colonials when

we say that Lord Rosebery dismally

failed in putting forth any ideas which

would meet with the commendation

of any who have the true interest of

the Empire at heart. Lord Rosebery

had an excellent opportunity to place

himself in the position of leader of pub-

lic opinion throughout the Empire, but

he "fell down" in a fashion that was

most unexpected to his friends and

admirers. He chose the occasion to

engage in an attack upon the policy

pursued by the present government

in South Africa. We think in that lies

satisfactory position in the eyes of the

public. Had he, instead of attacking

the government, simply said that the

straits to which the Empire had been

brought, owing to the extraordinary

war in South Africa, warranted all

loyal Britishers in supporting that gov-

ernment until such time as it found

fitself in a position to extricate itself

from its dilemma, a burst of applause

would have gone up from every corner

of the Empire. It is the height of

patriotism for opponents of a ministry

to stand up for that ministry whenever

the fate of the Empire is resting upon

'the government's shoulders. But Lord

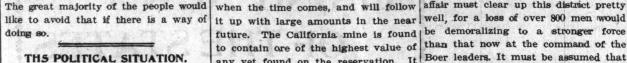
Rosebery did not choose to do this, but

chose rather to engage in a petty dis-

cussion of governmental action, and,

as a consequence, after his famous

the chief reason for his present un-



Premier Dunsmuir and his colleagues.

THE CHINESE COMMISSION.

The report of the Chinese Commis-

sioners which has just been submitted

to parliament is of a nature which will

meet with general approval throughout

Western Canada. After an exhaustive

inquiry into the subject, the Commis-

sioners have reported that the \$100

head tax is entirely inadequate in the

the federal authorities have seen fit

to attempt some remedy of a griev-

ance which undoubtedly bears heavily

upon industry in this province. It

seems almost superfluous to say that

the presnce of Chinese in British Co-

lumbia in competition with the labor-

ing classes strikes a very severe blow

is located in a district thought to be All eyes will be on Victoria during worthless less than two years ago, but the progress of the campaign in the it is likely to prove a wonder. The bye-election which will result in land- management have already shipped ing either Col. Prior or E. V. Bodwell considerable ore to the Granby smelter in the legislature. The fate of the by freight teams, in each instance the government undoubtedly depends upon venture paying well for the outlay. the result of the election. If the gov-That mine is also waiting for the arrival of ore trains to send a stream ernment candidate be defeated we may look for the immediate resignation of of cars laden to our smelters.

STEPPING FORWARD.

There is a fair prospect that in the comparatively near future Canada will have a place well forward in the ranks of iron and steel producing countries. There is ample evidence that it is well equipped in the line of raw materials, which are advantageously placed. On

meet with general approval through- each coast there is an abundance of iron ore and coal, both of good quality and in deposits close together. Moreover, these deposits are within easy reach of water transportation facilities, and the works will have a similar advantage in regard to a market for the finished product. So far the only unfilled meed has been that of gapital to provide manufacturing plants. On the eastern coast that want has now been supplied, with the result of establishing a flourishing industry at Sydney. As to that industry some remarks by circumstances, and advise the raising Mr. Ross, the managing director, in a of it to \$500. If the government acts recent interview, are of interest. Among icious attacks upon the soldiers of the In accordance with this report its other things he said: "There have been American army. In the latter attempt course will unquestionably be in ac- some delays which were not antici- the department has not met with suc cordance with the popular wish of all pated, and, although the desired rein British Columbia. The question of sults have not been obtained as soon restriction of Chinese immigration is as they might have wished, still there of the people for many years, and it at no distant date. Three of the ten is very gratifying to note that at last steel furnaces had been started, and a fourth was ready. There was no pos- the efforts to trace these stories to their sible doubt as to the quality of the steel ultimate sources will result in proof produced. The foundations for the rail that they come from some factory en mill were laid and rails will be turned gaged in the manufacture of campaign out during the year. By the end of the year all the plant for the steel company will be installed, but it did not follow this will be the completion if Sydney's

at the prosperity of the province. It is rods from Sydney steel would b a matter of common knowledge that lished by Montreal and St. John capithe Chinese are able to compete with whites in the field of labor so advantageously to themselves that the latter are virtually prohibited from engaging in competition with them. Those who are conversant with the mode of living of the Asiatics know that they live on such a small sum as ten cents per wards the manufacture of iron and steel, prejudiced and impartial observer will day, and the amount of money which but the letter from Mr. Swaney which they earn here is hoarded up by them appears in another column indicates tion of the pro-Boer bureau's slanders and afterwards sent back to China. that a commencement is within meas- is at least as complete as that which They make no attempt to adapt themureable distance. There is certainly no Secretary Root offers in the Philippine selves to the methods of Western civillack of good raw material, the main dif- case. But strangely enough, the Postization, and are an alien race which ficulty in the way being the scarcity of Intelligencer is among the American living. The suggestion made by the labor of the needed kind. Once a start papers which persistently and malic-Commissioners is one which we hope is made that difficulty will gradually lously assist in spreading the slanders

sen, and there is room for ho

Sydney institution.

British Columbia will soon see the es-

with a strong probability of the indus-

try spreading after the fashion of the

MARCONI'S LATEST.

future. The California mine is found be demoralizing to a stronger force to contain one of the highest value of than that now at the command of the any yet found on the reservation. It Boer leaders. It must be assumed that this reverse will finally decide a good many of the men who have long been tired of the struggle and have been hesitating as to a surrender. Surely even vals." the most infatuated of both leaders

and followers will realize that they have not the slightest chance of success when Lord Kitchener may at any time repeat the operation of last week. It is almost certain that if the two classes of outsiders who give encouragement to resistence would cease their efforts

the misguided people would come to their senses and seek peace. One of these classes is made up of people who mean well enough but are doing evil by their fatuous course. The other class both intends and practises evil, but it Head pass to the present northern pearance of a fiord. is doubtful whether the former is not terminus of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo really the most mischievous of the two.

FILIPINO AND BOER.

Secretary Root's report to the United its turn undertakes to give the syn-States senate disproving the charges dicate \$1,800,000 in money and 8,000,of cruelty towards, Philippine natives 000 acres of land as a subsidy. The by American soldiers is made the basis electors of Victoria are asked to vote of righteous protests against these false for Colonel Prior, the new minister, telligencer says editorially:

"Not only has the war department been to great trouble and expense in invitation. In the former case they investigating these stories, but it has will secure a continuance of office for also taken extraordinary pains to dismean and malcover the source of the cess Enough has been discovered to prompt the belief that there is a bureau of fabrication, pursuing a deliberate and systematic campaign for the may be taken by the electors there, their lives in the service of their counthe whole province to wit. try in the Philippines. It may be that

Those who know the circumstances connected with the situation in South ent practically lies dormant. But nine Africa, will at once remark the close out of every ten people will ask wonmanufacturing enterprises, as it was parallel between the American "bureau derlingly where the province is to lay quite likely a plant for making of wire- of mendacity," as the Post-Intelligen- its hands on the promised cash. Land tal." Already the Dominion company's British in their treatment of the Boers. is at present worse than empty, for pig iron has been successful in finding The parallel is carried further by the there is said to be due the banks a sum a market abroad, and there is no reason action of the British government in the just about equal to the subsidy promto suppose that its more highly finished issue of the pamphlet compiled by Dr. ised to MacKenzie and Mann. Possibly products will meet with any less suc- Doyle, which may be compared with the the ministers see their way out of the the first move has yet to be made to- department at Washington. The un- the discussion no indication has been certainly say that Dr. Doyle's refuta-

be safe to predict, but there is too provide the transportation needed. It marching on Pretoria, and it was at described by these remarks applied by attempts at settlement and agriculture by a few settlers. We also pass much probability that a further period is said that most of the mines mention- various times a base for Botha's and the Post-Intelligencer to the domestic through extensive stretches of cedar of uncertainty and turmoil would be ed above have already considerable De Wet's dashes against the British enemy: "The statements of the Amerand cottonwood timber, that suggest imposed on this long suffering province. ore blocked out ready for shipment lines of communication. Last week's ican bureau of fabrication still concommercial value. A ride of about 20 miles brings us to Slocan City, situated when the time comes, and will follow affair must clear up this district pretty tinue to do active duty in the speeches at the foot of Slocan lake. The town of the Democratic members of concontains several hundred inhabitants. gress, in both houses, despite official and is neatly and substantially built. denials; but none of these gentlemen We have now entered the great Slocan silver-lead mining district. The Arlingoffer to assist the war department in ton is the most important mine in this its endeavors to learn who is responimmediate vicinity, employing at the sible for setting these statements present time about 100 men. Its product afloat, at regularly recurring intergoes to the Trail smelter. Other properties near by are working in a desultory sort of way, the slump in lead and the decline in silver seeming to be the main

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

causes for idleness in this entire region. Transfer from the cars to the elegant steamer Slocan that plies the waters of This railway project is very promithe beautiful Slocan lake takes but a nent as a factor in the Victoria elecfew minutes and we are off for visttion at present, and it is a matter of new and scenes more grand. After the interest to the people of the whole boat pulls out we skirt close to the east shore of the lake, so close, in fact, that a pebble could easily be cossed to the rock-ribbed shore. It is a sheer precipice dicate headed by MacKenzie and Mann rising out of the water, without a chance for a single foothold, and thus holds its own for a long distance. At this point the lake presents all the ap Ten Mile is reached and the steamer ties up to a small wharf built on crib road, securing connection with Vic-

bing, closely hugging the steep bank toria by the latter and making that while just above is built a house on a city the Pacific terminus of the Can- shelving piece of rock, that seems aladian Northern. The government in most to hang over the water. The little wharf contains a pile of ore sacks from the Enterprise mine, awaiting shipment to the Trail smelter. The enterorise is located some seven miles back from the water's edge, and I am told is reached by a good wagon road. It has a concentrator, but the force employed at pres charges by many American newspap- on the strength of this bargain, so ent is small. The Iron Horse and the ers. For example, the Seattle Post-In- that the government may be left in Neepawa are other mines in the same office to carry it out. They may or locality, work has been suspended on them for the time being. may not respond favorably to the

SILVERTON.

Silverton is a pretty little town, built Mr. Dunsmuir and his colleagues, at upon a projecting spit running into the lake. It has a good wharf for landleast for a time: in the other case the government must necessarily resign. ing, and poases stantial buildings, ing, and boasts of many fine and subbut its ancient glory But however important this railway has departed and its people are simply scheme may be as a local issue in resting on their oars. About four miles back from Silverton is the Hewitt mine Victoria, and whatever view of it the most noted in the neighborhood. It one which has engaged the attention was no doubt they would be secured purpose of arousing public sentiment it will inevitably in time come up for The Emily Edith, the Vanvouver, the is working between 75 and 80 men Fisher Maiden, the Galena Farm, the judgment before a wider constituency, Wakefield and the Thompson group are tributary mines, some of them are tributary mines, some of The railway would be a very good working on a small scale, but most are

thing for British Columbia, provided idle at this writing. A nundred or more sacks of ore were taken aboard at this it does not cost too much. It would point, the product of the Hewitt mine. open up for settlement and develop-

NEW DENVER. ment a splendid tract which at pres-I am writing from what is rightly termed the Lucerne of America. It is four miles up the lake from the last named town, which is also reached by a good wagon road. New Denver is cer calls it, and the bureau which we have in plenty, but money is hard built on a nearly level piece of land originates lying charges against the to get. In point of fact, the treasury projecting into the lake. It probably has 400 or 500 people, and contains many pretty little homes. Its ancient glory has departed, however, since the days of the early nineties, when the silverlead mines were first opened in the Slocan district and the town aspired to even rival the Denver of Colorado in cess. On the Pacific coast of Canada investigations and reports of the war financial difficulty, but so far in all richness and greatness. The Bosun is the most noted mine near here, distant about four miles, but work on this given that a solution is at hand. property, which has been actively pur-Another puzzle arises from the prosued for the past two years, was stopposed grant of land. At the Van- ped last Friday. Its product has been shipped to the Trail smelter, and the couver convention a platform was returns are known to be good, so there adopted which declared against makmust be some cause other than lack ing such grants to railway corpora- of richness of ore to assign for the suspension. Perhaps several reasons can tions. Joseph Martin and his four be given. The Capella, the California, followers in the house are pledged the Marion, the Hartney, the Mountain to stand by that platform. If they Chief and the Molly Hughes are other

A Review Resolution M The convention ciated Boards of 7

THURSDAY

in Rossland, altho made a close run on the first ballot vided equally b Fernie when the When it was see disposition to have nie the Rossland in favor of the the main reason that as no conven in East Kootenav fair to settle the o The Rossland de and Goodeve, tog representatives. president of the A H. W. C. Jackson from Kaslo on Sa had a pleasant City, and durng vclume of busine of general inter Kootenays.

The lead question supply for the coun topics of discussion Under the heading sented by the Tra advocating such a duties on white lead tured lead produc an additional marl Canada, the lead que. Interesting add W. H. Aldridge, ger Canadian Smelting J. Campbell, comm the Hall smelter at Cronin, general Eugene mine, all a along the lines sug ion elicited the in British Columbia sn first paid the lead higher price for his had been able to p duct after treatme not made that the had been transacted ntention was set with smelters loc States the smeltin been as profitable from a comparison in the two countrie resolution advocatin favorable to the les animously endorsed FUEL

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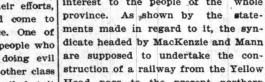
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public opinion throughout the Empire The present government of Great Britain may have shortcomings and weaknesses, but they cannot be reme died at this juncture by the puerile whimperings and attacks of opponents who refuse to display sufficient patriotism to sink their party differences when a grave crisis confronts the mation.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

Changes in the political situation at and the cars will undoubtedly be run-Victoria come with the rather bewildering frequency. On Wednesday Premier Dunsmuir was reported to be negotiating with the Opposition party led by Mr. McBride, with a view to effecting a combination which would make him independent of Mr. Martin and his following. Yesterday Colonel Prior was taken into the cabinet and mow appears as the Government candidate for the Victoria vacant seat. The conclusion must be that the negostiations with the McBride wing were truitless, if such negotiations took tap the gold fields as soon as possible place, and that the premier now falls back upon "Joe's" support. For it is mount interest to this part of British quite manifest that even if the Government carries the Victoria bye-election and also elects its own candidate in ped by the new transportation lines North Victoria, left vacant by the death of Mr. Booth, it will still be dependent on the good will of the Martin wing for a majority in the house. Which larger share, but some ' will surely means that the Government must do reach the Trail smelter. It has been Mr. Martin's bidding and carry out Mr. Martin's plans if it wishes to con- Republic camp must be smelted to

tinue in existence. In short, Mr. Martin save the values. The cyanide process will be the dominating factor in the has been voted a failure. The large administration, and not Mr. Dunsmuir, and expensive mill of the Republic who will be a mere figurehead. That Mining company is a monument to the looks to be an impossible state of afmismanagement of some one. fairs, if one may judge from the tem-The different paying mines in that mer already displayed by the province at large. But it is by no means certain that the Government can carry even one of the two vacant districts, and most capable judges say it has no «chance whatever of carrying Victoria. In the event of failure there, its defeat in the house would be almost certain.

speech, he found himself ostracised by will be adopted by government and parliament, and the prohibitive tax of \$500 put into effect. This will have an excellent influence and do much to relieve the working classes of Western Canada of a burden which has recently become almost unbearable.

THE REPUBLIC RAILWAYS.

From a gentleman recently from the remarkable triumph in the line of wiremining district of Republic we learn less telegraphy. The sending of a complete message, even though of only denied that a few instances of cruelty that railway construction is going on four words, to a vessel 1,551 1-2 miles apace in that immediate neighborhood, away, and a signal 2,099 miles must do American soldiers have been shown ning into the town of Republic before away with any doubts as to his ulti- but it holds that all such offences mate success in overcoming distance many months. Many rumors are afloat by means of his wireless system. As concerning trouble between the two he says, the complete working out of rival lines, but it should not be looked his idea appears to be only a question diers and three civilians have been at too seriously, as there are more of sufficiently powerful apparatus. If tried by court-martial for offences ways than one to settle the misunderstanding peaceably. This dispute is he can increase his power indefinitely against the natives. Ten were senover the rights of way in many places, there would seem to be no limit to the space he can bridge with the the surveyed routes crossing and revibrations at his command. The world crossing each other in divers places will watch with intense interest the going up the Curlew Valley. Both operations in which this electrical mitted by Americans since the Amerilines seem in earnest and each will wizard is about to engage in Cape Breton, and this latest development But what makes this work of parawill prepare us all for something yet alone the reports are complete, the more wonderful to come. Canadians number of non-combatant natives mur-Columbia is the fact that all the ore may be pardoned if they feel somewhat dered by Filipino insurgents reached taken out of the numerous mines tapproud that Canada is to have a prominent part in the unfolding of Marconi's tion to this, 90 municipal officers were will come to this part of the province plans. They certainly will not be- murdered by insurrectos because they to be smelted. The Granby smelter at grudge the \$80,000 which the govern-Grand Forks will undoubtedly get the ment proposes to expend in helping on the work, and would in all likelihood tacked because of real or suspected vote for an even greater measure of sympathy with the Americans." fully demonstrated that the ores of the assistance if such appeared necessary.

REVERSE FOR THE BOERS.

The anniversary of Majuba has again the British record in South Africa is been marked by a serious reverse for still more creditable, for there are no

the Boers, and Lord Kitchener's plan authenticated cases of cruel treatment section have been practically idle for of surrounding the marauding guerillas oi the Boers, though some of the latover two years. The Quilp, the Ben in certain chosen districts has been at- ter have been quite as fiendish in that Hur, the Mountain Lion, the Morning tended by another signal success. The respect as the Philippine "insurrectos." Glory, the Lone Pine-Surprise, the Tom scene of last weeks operations, the Still there are papers like the Post-Thumb and other properties are all eastern portion of the Orange River Intelligencer that can work up fierce believed to contain large bodies of ore, Colony, has been from the early part indignation against the lying champions train proceeds up the right bank of one of the attractions of this region. mostly of low grade, that will be taken of the war a favorite district of the of the latter while they industriously out and shipped when cheaper trans- Boers, owing to its comparative in- misrepresent the British course of achave even less chance of success. What portation facilities are provided. And accessibility. Thither drifted a large tion, merely for a little political effect. higher and more precipitous as we prowould be the exact result of a general the completion of one or both of the part of the Orange Free State forces Finally, the plan pursued by the Engelection, if held just now, it might not lines reaching in that direction will while Lord Roberts' army was lish and Irish pro-Boers is very well cedes as we pass along, showing some have it at our very doors.

out their pledge they will vote ing the relative positions of the two against this proposed grant of 8,000,000 tablishment of its first iron furnace, parties to the South African controversy. acres to MacKenzie and Mann, and It is deliberately guilty of the offence therefore the government will be deagainst a friendly country which it so feated. If they repudiate their pledge indignantly charges against the domesthey will necessarily disgust their own tic enemies of its own country. It would party, and particularly the Vancouver claim, so he declares, the richer the reviolently resent any display of sceptisection of it. Mr. Martin's own seat turns.

cism in regard to Mr. Root's exposure in that city would be extremely unsafe of the pro-Filipino sdanders, but most

if he were to vote for this bargain. Mr. Marconi has achieved another likely will not accept the British of-In view of these circumstances it is ficial refutation of the pro-Boer lies. rather uncertain that the bill would The Seattle paper says that it is not event of Colonel Prior being elected. to Philippine natives on the part of The members of the government have been promptly followed by fitting punishment. This is its summary: remains to be seen. The people of "Up to August last 39 American solthis southern part of the province tenced to death, four to life imprison and they will be particularly anxious ment and twenty to various terms of confinement, ranging up to twenty years. This covers the entire record of known offences against Filipinos comterested-the furnishing of a short route to the coast and the opening can army landed in the Philippines. "By way of contrast, it appears that case of a government defeat and a up to December, 1900, to which date general election there must be more

light thrown on this point. The arrival of a train load of Euroously assaulted and wounded. In addipean settlers for the Northwest is a welcome event. We have long been took office under the American gov looking for the European emigration ernment, and 32 were victims of as stream to turn our way. Now we apsault. All of these victims were atpear to have the prospect of a fairly

Nobody will deny that this record is creditable on the American side, unwill find plenty of room. less he is in sympathy with the objec-

tionable "bureau of mendacity." But ************************* ON PICTURESOUE SLOCAN LAKE

NEW DENVER, B. C., March 2 .ceed, but the range on either side re- the grand and beautiful in nature-

hore idle, however, only two of them employing two or three men. I almost forgot to mention Lowery's Claim, which is a New Denver wonder. Th slump in lead and silver does not appear to effect Mr. Lowerv in the least, for the greater the development on his

SLOCAN LAKE.

Slocan lake is a gem in the mountains surrounded on every side by towering neaks They rise 7000 tnd 8000 feet almost straight from the water's edge, get through the house, even in the and make as grand scenery as can be found on the American continent. The lake is 28 miles long and from two to three miles wide. It is of great depth. possibly regard this issue as a good In one place 987 feet was reached, while one on which to suffer defeat in the in other places no sounding could be house and appeal to the country. That found. Its waters teem with fish, which are caught in great numbers during the open season. The time will surely come when the entire region surrounding would get no direct benefit from the this beautiful sheet of water will be construction of the proposed road, the resort of thousands of people who go forth, not to seek riches in the delving mines, but to bask in the smiles to know whether it will submerge the of nature and worship at her most wonscheme in which they are directly in- derful shrines. This region compared to Switzerland, and it has nothing to lose by the comparison; in many respects it surpasses it. Time up of the Siimlkameen country. In will only add to the enchantment, As remarked by a friend, the great trouble with British Columbia is that she has too many Switzerlands within her The Switzerland of Europe could be placed in our midst and the difference scarcely noted. As known to all intelligent readers, Switzerland's chief revenue is derived from her tourist travel, people who flock there each year from Europe and America and leave hundreds of thousands of dollars. When the stream of tourist travel shall turn this way it takes no stretch of

copious influx from both the United the imagination to picture the result. States and Europe. All who come The towering columns that pierce the sky at every turn, cut into thousands of fantastic shapes-pinnacles, minarets, domes, veritable castles in the air -are sights that cannot be described with feeble pen and ink, but must be seen to drink in the true inspiration. And many will come to see them as the years roll by.

Directly in front of New Denver, on the opposite side of the lake, is a glacier, It fills a large basin between two noble peaks, several thousand feet above the surface of the water. Steps have been Changing cars at Slocan Junction, the taken to raise money to build a trail to this glacier, which cannot fail to be Slocan river, the outlet of Slocan lake. Mountain goats and caribou are found The mountains seem to be getting on these heights, where they are some times shot by the hardy Alphine climber. No one need travel to Europe to see

reduction of this co ment of the openi fields. After a ler mendment to moved by the R tives, pointing out able coking coal occupied by the Cr pany were those si side of Morrisev the Dominion gov statutory right to of these coal lands t urge it to at once and lease the lans such safeguards as clude now and in sibility of their an control by the Cro pany or any alli hat the maximur the lessees sho o. b., for coke an or 3-4 inch scree eeches on this nendment, which nately adopted un y Mr. Aldridge Greenwood, A. countant for the Coany, and H. W. he coal compan vanced in favor of ment was that gr ong as there ong as there was supply, that the smelters and other discriminated aga to the quality of c id in the price hat the present the representativ mpany content rices for coal a ble, that absolu vas or would be olumbian indust stomers south nd that if the erely selecting inds should ope elopment the ould be at or greement not t r ton for mine mouth, which any in the pos ut its own price sentatives elting industr er, that the or g coal, mine ny raise in prio ng about a