

### Foster on Fielding Budget

#### But a Campaign Document That Liberal Minister Read to House.

#### Financial Operations of the Government Convict Them of False Pretences.

Ottawa, May 4.—Mr. Foster was occupied something over two hours criticizing the general financial policy and record of the government. "Whatever the impartial critic may say as to the address which was read to me the other day by the Finance Minister as to its merits as a budget speech, I am quite sure," said Mr. Foster, "he would be willing to award the palm of merit, such as it is, to that speech as a campaign document. (Hear, hear.) I would think it an invidious matter to criticize partially the effort of my honorable and genial friend, but I think it would be rather a surprise in a British House of Commons to hear the chancellor of the exchequer rise to make an exposition of the finances of the British Empire, the conditions of trade, and the like of that, and to do it with the spirit and style that characterized the address of the finance minister the day before yesterday." (Laughter.)

He was not, he said, going to cavil with a large part of the figures which were presented. He could not do that. They were taken from the public documents, which happily in our country were above reproach. There was not the least disposition on his part, nor on the part of any gentleman sitting on his side of the house, to say one word which would detract from the splendid progress Canada has made from the time of its inception as a confederation in 1867 up to the present time. While he had said that Mr. Fielding's speech was largely a campaign document, he thought there were two characteristics which probably might be singled out for a moment or two of remark. In the first place, the address was not complete and full apology that he ever heard a party in the Dominion of Canada make for past errors and delinquencies. (Hear, hear.) He thought it would go down to history as the most complete recantation of the pledges and the promises, and the policies, pronounced by the Liberals for 18 years of political prominence in this country—a recantation which, in an address complete in these respects as it was lacking in one other essential respect—that candor which would have impelled gentlemen to have confessed that they were in error and made mistakes, and not simply, while acknowledging the fact and making the acknowledgment materially and absolutely, to do it under the disguise of still keeping a consistent position. (Conservative applause.)

The very same gentleman who in 1896 applauded Sir Richard Cartwright when he declared before high heaven to be a recantation of the policy which was a monstrous and ask \$38,300,000 to be expended in a country like ours, applauded to the echo Mr. Fielding, and he declared his intention of asking for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 higher. (Hear, hear.) He noticed the hearty, the impetuous, the conscientious way in which at that time Mr. McMullen declared that sentiment as one that burned itself into his very brain, and that he embodied his political convictions and opinions of eighteen years, and Mr. McMullen applauded it heartily, he believed honestly. (Laughter.) But what was he to think, when, on the minister of finance declaring the other evening that he required \$42,000,000 or \$43,000,000 for the expenditure of the country during the coming year, he saw that Mr. McMullen, though he did not applaud quite so enthusiastically, did not look pleased, and raised no word of dissent? (Laughter.) And what was he to think of Mr. Charlton now? Would Mr. Charlton rise and denounce an expenditure which was \$10,000,000 greater on the whole for the coming year than it was at that time? But he thought the applause given to Mr. Fielding was remarkable in another sense. It was also a splendid vindication of the policy, and the result of the policy, of the great Liberal-Conservative party. (Conservative cheers.)

office and who refused to reduce the civil service—why?—because of the importance of their friends behind them, and their own weaknesses, as Mr. McMullen said in 1896, in submitting to these demands. (Hear, hear.) In 1896-9, the last year of the last government, the expense was \$36,940,142 on consolidated fund account. In 1897-8 it was \$38,378,759. In 1898-9, the whole of which was passed except two months, the estimates for which had been given by Mr. Fielding, the expenditure on consolidated fund account amounted to \$42,062,028, or over \$5,000,000 more than the expenditure of 1896-7. (Conservative applause.) In 1898-9 the amount chargeable to capital account was about \$4,700,000 in 1898, the year just passing. The amount chargeable to capital account was \$3,892,708, or creeping up very nearly to twice the amount. The first year the Liberals were in their total expenditure amounted to \$42,900,000; but in 1898-9, when the 1st day of July came, that expenditure was \$50,688,000—an increase in round numbers of \$9,000,000 on total expenditure between the first year of their administration and third year of their administration. (Conservative cheers.)

HIGHER EXPENDITURES. In his exposition of the budget, Mr. Fielding said the Liberals had expended less per head of the population than the Liberal-Conservative government in 1896. (Hear, hear.) Was that true? It was true for the year 1896, but it was not true for the year 1898, but it was not true for the year 10 months of which Mr. Fielding had actually travelled and over, and the other two months, of which he had given the closest figures as to what the expenditure would be. (Conservative applause.) In 1895 on consolidated fund expenditure, per capita the expenditure was \$7.53, in 1897 it was \$7.39, in 1898 \$7.41, and in 1899, on the 1st day of July, it would be \$8 per head of the population. (Cheers and laughter.) That put a very different color on the question. They were taken from the public documents, which happily in our country were above reproach. There was not the least disposition on his part, nor on the part of any gentleman sitting on his side of the house, to say one word which would detract from the splendid progress Canada has made from the time of its inception as a confederation in 1867 up to the present time. While he had said that Mr. Fielding's speech was largely a campaign document, he thought there were two characteristics which probably might be singled out for a moment or two of remark. In the first place, the address was not complete and full apology that he ever heard a party in the Dominion of Canada make for past errors and delinquencies. (Hear, hear.) He thought it would go down to history as the most complete recantation of the pledges and the promises, and the policies, pronounced by the Liberals for 18 years of political prominence in this country—a recantation which, in an address complete in these respects as it was lacking in one other essential respect—that candor which would have impelled gentlemen to have confessed that they were in error and made mistakes, and not simply, while acknowledging the fact and making the acknowledgment materially and absolutely, to do it under the disguise of still keeping a consistent position. (Conservative applause.)

THE ESTIMATES. He would first deal briefly with some points in connection with the estimates, though very little that was apt or definite could be based on such estimates as were yet before the house. The total estimates of Mr. Fielding for 1899-1900, as yet finance minister were \$39,698,000; in the second year—1897-8—his total estimates were \$39,282,000; the estimates for 1898-9, without the supplementary estimates, amounted to \$40,964,814. The main estimates for 1899-1900, without any supplementary estimates, amounted to \$41,598,298, on consolidated account. These figures, incomplete as they were, showed an increase over total estimates of 1898-9, less the last supplementary estimates—of \$2,405,419. There was food for thought in that to men of an economical turn of mind, and especially to a party which had its birth in the atmosphere of economy, though it seemed to have outgrown it now. (Hear, hear.) Supposing an increase proportional to that of the preceding year's estimates, there must be added \$1,839,934 to allow for the supplementary estimates, so that the estimates for 1900 would be \$43,371,232 on consolidated account alone. (Hear, hear.)

AN ASTOUNDING STATEMENT. With reference to the increase of the debt, there was an astounding statement made by Mr. Fielding, right in the mere technical point, but altogether wrong in the impression that it gave to the house, and that it would give to the country. Mr. Fielding said: "We have increased the debt less than \$3,000,000 per year since we have been in office, against an increase of the debt of \$6,000,000 by the Conservative government, while they were in power for eighteen years."

What this was technically correct, it was a most glaring misstatement so far as the real facts of the case were concerned. The facts of the case were that 1875 to 1886 was a period during which there was paid out in the construction of the C. P. R. alone \$50,941,000; a period in which there was spent on railways liberally \$15,000,000, and a period in which there was given on provincial railways \$10,000,000. In 1886-7, \$10,100,000 was paid to the C. P. R. for lands \$10,100,000. And yet Mr. Fielding thought it was a fair comparison with those of the Conservative government. If Mr. Fielding would make a period of fair comparison, that is, if he would take the period from 1887 to 1896, he would find that the increase of debt was about \$3,000,000, and if he would take the more modern period from 1890 to 1898, he would find that the Liberal-Conservative government increased the debt by just exactly \$2,650,000 per year, and not \$6,000,000 per year. (Hear, hear.)

WANTS HIM ONE BETTER. He was going to say that magnian was always in the habit of pulling a rabbit out of a hat, and he was perfectly well aware, when a subject is explicitly excluded or excluded, that he was in the act of question considerations of sovereignty, in

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### Now Navigating The Yukon.

#### Steamer Flora Has Left Lebarge With Passengers for Dawson.

#### Amur Completes a Speedy Trip—Utopia on the Sound Route.

The steamer Flora, of the Klondike & Lake Bennett Co.'s northern fleet, has already initiated navigation on the upper river. According to advices brought by the Amur yesterday, she was launched on the 15th of April at Lebarge, and started down river two days later, forcing her way through the ice. She will probably be back at Lebarge by this time, and within a fortnight the first passengers from Dawson may be expected to reach Victoria.

The Amur on her just-completed voyage experienced a considerable dirty weather, but nevertheless made a splendid trip. Leaving Skagway on the 24th of the month—last Monday—quite 24 hours behind the Laurada and the Farallon, she had the satisfaction of overhauling and passing both of these rival craft, and of reaching Nainaimo in less than seven and a half days from her call when up-bound.

Messrs. Heaney and Bannerman, of this city, were among the several representatives of the company in the North, who have been actively engaged in the improvement of each of their fleet, new furnishings and first-class accommodations in each for forty passengers making them now just what the travelling public ask for. That the approaching season will be a highly profitable one is evidenced in the fact that at the present time the company have sufficient accumulated freight for down-river points to quite pay the accommodations of the steamers during their first five trips.

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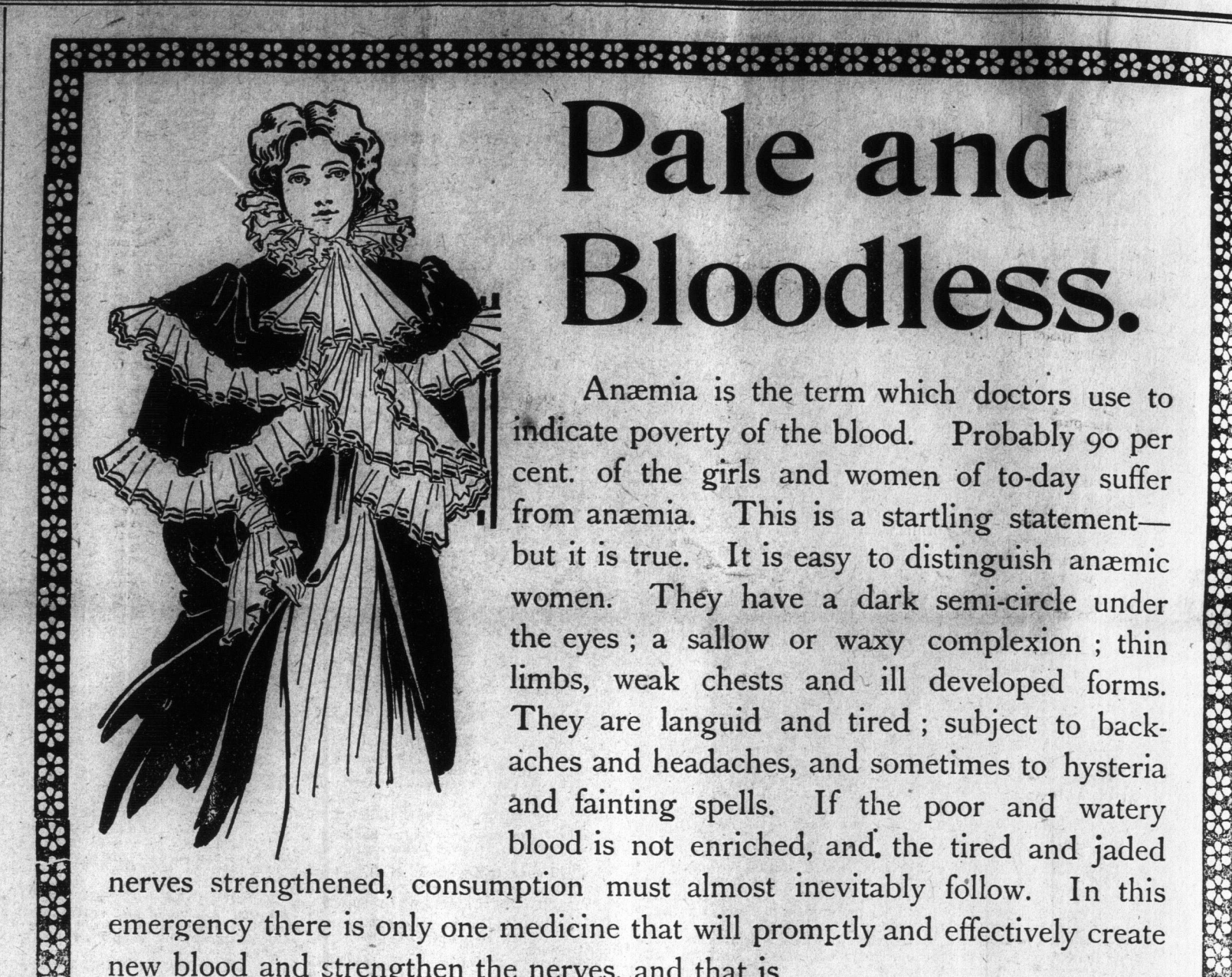
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## Pale and Bloodless.

Anæmia is the term which doctors use to indicate poverty of the blood. Probably 90 per cent. of the girls and women of to-day suffer from anæmia. This is a startling statement—but it is true. It is easy to distinguish anæmic women. They have a dark semi-circle under the eyes; a sallow or waxy complexion; thin limbs, weak chests and ill developed forms. They are languid and tired; subject to backaches and headaches, and sometimes to hysteria and fainting spells. If the poor and watery blood is not enriched, and the tired and jaded nerves strengthened, consumption must almost inevitably follow. In this emergency there is only one medicine that will promptly and effectively create new blood and strengthen the nerves, and that is

## DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE.

This remedy has cured more cases of anæmia than all other medicines combined. Read what an eminent Australian physician, J. G. Bouchier, M. D., F. S. Sc. (London) and late government medical officer says:—

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Dear Sir:—For some time I have been in the habit of recommending Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to my patients with excellent results. As a tonic their effect is most satisfactory and permanent. In Anæmia, Chlorosis, and allied diseases I have found them very valuable, and in irregularities of the menstrual period they are unequalled.

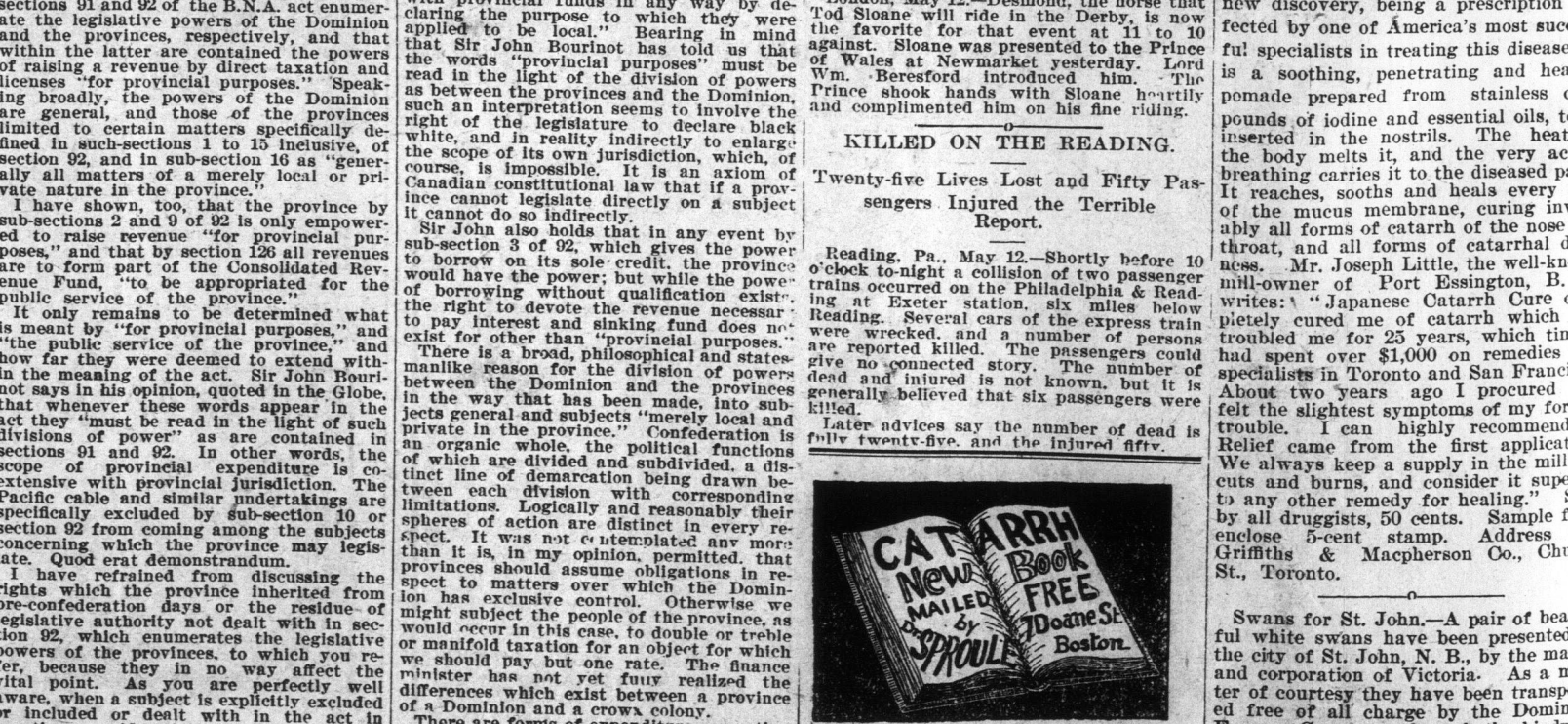
(Signed) J. G. BOURCHIER, M. D., F. S. Sc. (Lond.)

### A SEVERE CASE OF ANÆMIA CURED.

Miss Mabel J. Taylor, living at 1334 City Hall Avenue, Montreal, writes: "I write to give you the honest testimonial of a young girl who believes her life was saved by the use of your Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. In November, 1897, I was suddenly stricken with loss of voice, and for eight months could only speak in a whisper. At the time I was completely run down. I had no appetite, no energy; suffered from headaches, palpitation of the heart, and shortness of breath. I was not able to walk up or down stairs. I was given up by the best doctors, and the different remedies I took did me no good. While in this condition I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. By the time I had taken four boxes my voice was restored, and after the use of eight boxes I am feeling perfectly well. I cannot find words to express my thanks for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, and you are at liberty to publish this letter, in the hope that it may be of benefit to some other sufferer."

### The Genuine are Sold only in Packages like the Engraving.

At all dealers, or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.



### FOR THE ORPHANS.

#### A Promenade Concert for the Benefit of the Little Folks.

A promenade concert, in aid of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home, is to be given in the Drill hall on Tuesday evening next. The concert will be given under the direction of Bandmaster Finlay. Refreshments will be served by the ladies, and the programme will be as follows:

- PART I. Overture—"Era Diavolo".....Auber Selection for "Yeomen of the Guard".....Vaughan Vocal Duet—Selected.....Sullivan Vocal Solo—Selected.....Messrs. Ives and Williams. Vocal Solo—Selected.....Mr. H. Kent. Solo for Cornet—Selected.....The Bandmaster W. V. North.

PART II. Concert Valise—"Die Hydrophobe".....Gaugu Vocal Solo—Selected.....Miss L. Loewen. Recitation—Selected.....Mr. F. Finch-Similes. Vocal Solo—Selected.....The Quartette. Finale—"March, "Bride Elect".....Souza "God Save the Queen."

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

Can the Province Contribute Towards the Cost of the Pacific Cable? To the Editor: Having in the columns of the Globe opened up the hitherto mooted question of the Pacific cable, and the expenses of Mr. Sorby's trip to Ottawa, and \$400 the cost of experimental borings in the harbor—which Mr. Gore had stipulated in a letter to Mr. Sorby, and which was made in ten days, and at a cost of \$250. Mr. Gore, it appeared, had nominated Mr. Gore as the most suitable man to do the work of boring, and it was on the issue of whether or not the committee would undertake the nomination, or "public debate" occurred. Every possible phase of the question, pro and con, was debated, and the matter was referred to the committee—with power to act.

The point in discussion was not as to Mr. Gore's admitted efficiency, but whether Mr. Sorby or the committee should suggest the engineer.

### AT LAST.

#### A Remedy Has Been Discovered That Will Permanently Cure Catarrh—Japanese Catarrh Cure Cures.

This is not merely the words of the makers of this remedy, but the assertion is backed by leading physicians and the honorable testimony of hundreds of cured ones, and more. There is an absolute guarantee to cure in every passage or money will be refunded. We will send two weeks' trial quantity free to any person suffering from this dangerous disease. Japanese Catarrh Cure is a new discovery, being a prescription perfected by one of America's most successful specialists in treating this disease. It is a soothing, penetrating and healing pomade prepared from the most delicate compounds of iodine and essential oils, to be inserted in the nostrils. The heat of the body melts it, and the very act of breathing carries it to the diseased parts. It reaches, soothes and heals every part of the mucous membrane, curing invariably all forms of catarrh of the nose and throat, and all forms of catarrhal deafness. Mr. Joseph Little, the well-known mill-owner of Port Essington, B. C., writes: "Japanese Catarrh Cure completely cured me of catarrh which had troubled me for 25 years, which time I spent over \$1,000 on remedies and specialists in Toronto and San Francisco. About two years ago I procured six bottles of the Japanese Catarrh Cure, and felt the slightest symptoms of my former trouble. I can highly recommend it. Relief came from the first application. We always keep a supply in the mill for our workmen, and consider it superior to any other remedy for healing." Sold by all druggists, 50 cents. Sample free. Send 5-cent stamp. Address: Griffiths & Macpherson Co., Church St., Toronto.

### STREET RAILWAY.

#### Four-cent Ordinance of Council Held to Have Effect.

London, May 12.—Desmond, the horse that Tod Stone will ride in the Derby, is now the favorite for that event at 11 to 10 against. Stone was presented to the Prince of Wales at Newmarket yesterday. Lord Bessborough introduced him. The Prince shook hands with Stone heartily and complimented him on his fine riding.

### KILLED ON THE READING.

#### Twenty-five Lives Lost and Fifty Passengers Injured the Terrible Report.

Reading, Pa., May 12.—Shortly before 10 o'clock to-night a collision of two passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, six miles below the city. Several cars of the Reading train were wrecked, and a number of persons reported killed. The passengers of the Philadelphia train were not injured, but the number of general belief that six passengers were killed. Later advices say the number of dead is only twenty-five, and the injured fifty.

### THE GRAIN BILL.

Chicago, May 16.—Shagging for the wheat market is to take to-day, but vessel men sending any ships to the strike is in better shape.

### COMMERCIAL.

Philadelphia, May 16.—will be officially represented at the national commercial conference in connection with the exposition, invited to every British colony.

DR. BROWN'S CREAM BALSAM POWDER. Highest Honors, World's Fair Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair. Avoid Taking Quack Remedies containing Alum. They are injurious to health.

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