

The Colonist.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1898.

THE WESTMINSTER EXHIBITION.

The Westminster exhibition will be opened to-day. Our correspondent telegraphs that the display will be exceptionally fine.

Necessarily the accommodation for visitors is very limited. New Westminster, but there is room for everyone who comes in Vancouver, and the facilities for getting backward and forward are excellent.

The Colonist congratulates New Westminster upon the opening of what is said to be the best exhibition ever held in the province, and hopes that this happy event will prove emblematic of the future of the city.

LAKE ATLIN.

So far as can be judged from the reports received, the Lake Atlin gold field gives promise of being the scene of great activity next season. It is well to caution the public against being over-enthusiastic in claims already located seems to leave very little room for new-comers.

The auriferous area may be much more extensive than is now known, but there is nothing to justify such a rash as went to Klondike. In point of fact, there was nothing to justify half the insanity exhibited in connection with those phenomenally rich placers.

Our correspondent's letter, which we print to-day, expresses the wish of the miners that placer claims of 250 feet each will be allowed. This cannot be done, because the district is in British Columbia, and hence must be governed by the mining laws of this province.

THE SEALING QUESTION.

The Montreal Witness is quite right in taking the position that the sealing question must be dealt with from a neutral standpoint, and not simply as something to be engaged in the business-to-day. Every Canadian has the right to engage in sealing if he so desires, and this right is not simply a matter of to-day, but a permanent one to be exercised for all time to come to such an extent as suits the ideas of any individual.

CHINESE LABOR.

The British Columbia Mining Record discusses the problem of Mongolian labor in this province, and asks the following pertinent question: "Assuming that the British Columbia statute prohibiting the employment of Chinese in coal mines is unconstitutional, are we therefore to suppose that the same means will be adopted to exclude Mongolians from working at all other callings?"

An Ontario paper says that what this country wants more than anything else is about 5,000 smart, intelligent girls. Presumably what is meant is girls who will engage as household servants, for the census does not show any particular dearth of the genus girl. This question of household help is one of extreme difficulty, and all the writing and talking that has been done on the subject does not appear to help in the case any.

WISDOM FROM WINNIPEG.

We clip the following from the Winnipeg Free Press.

The sockeye salmon pack of British Columbia fell this year from last season's figures, 1,011,547 cases, to 408,085 cases. Consolation is found in some quarters by the reflection that it is an "off year," but unless the colonists learn wisdom as it is too late, they will soon have succession of "off years" that will last until the millennium.

The very remarkable use of the word "colonists" in this article suggests that it was written in Great Britain and that the editorial shears of the Free Press and not the pen are responsible for its appearance on this continent, but that is a matter of no very great importance. Those persons, who know anything about the habits of salmon, laugh at the explanation given for the scarcity of the fish.

While we think there is nothing in the suggestion of the Free Press so far as the shortage of the run this year goes, the point in regard to the preservation of the spawning grounds is worth keeping in mind. The legislature, by its concessions it may grant for the erection of dams in British Columbia rivers, should always take care to prevent any interference with the free access of salmon to their usual resorts.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

Free silver did not receive its quietus in the presidential election of 1896, as many people thought it did, but will be a very live issue in the congressional campaign to take place during the present autumn. Our impression is that the silverites will not make very much of a showing, but the movements in United States politics are about as uncertain as anything can well be.

There is a growing demand in the East for the removal of the duty on paper, and in support of it the point is made that there is no protection to Canadian news paper publishers against American newspapers. Anything that will tend to cheapen the cost of Canadian newspapers will lead to an improvement in their quality.

HOW SPAIN TOOK PORTO RICO.

The Story of the Discovery and the Easy but Cruel Conquest of the Latest American Possession.

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is a rail resting on a cast iron girder bolted to the masonry. The wheels by which the dome revolves are fitted with roller bearings and are so constructed that the wheels themselves to any chance inequalities in the smoothness of the track.

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QUEENELLE PROSPERING.

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