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When the government in framing the new tariff... the duty on books at 20 per cent. It fell into an error—probably through failure to consider the matter closely enough.

THE SMELTER PROPOSAL.

The correspondence relating to the smelter project, which we published today would appear to furnish the citizens with all the light they need on the subject.

THE BRIDGE TRIALS.

Notwithstanding the verdict in the case of Mrs. Gordon against the city on account of the Point Ellice bridge disaster, the question of legal responsibility is left undetermined.

MANITOBA'S RAILWAYS.

It is rather surprising to read the announcement that Manitobans contemplate assisting another railway project in order to secure cheap grain freights to Lake Superior.

The proposal is worthy of note as illustrating the peculiar relations between the railways and the public. Manitoba taxed herself heavily to escape from C.P.R. monopoly by securing the Northern Pacific competition.

The Rossland Miner notes with natural satisfaction the fact that one shipment has been resumed by the Kootenay & Columbia, Josie and Cliff mines, and it predicts that some half dozen more shippers will be added within a few days.

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OLD WORLD AFFAIRS

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Government Scheme to Relieve Ireland Creates a Sensation—Damaging Frosts in France.

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OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, May 15.—Neither Dr. Duncan, of Victoria, nor his friends have reason to doubt that Col. Prior for some time has been in the house of commons.

Now, a statement was made here that Dr. Watt had looked up a smallpox patient in a small room at that station and left him there for several days until he died without any care.

THE YOUNG VICTORIA.

Pen Portraits of the Queen by Russian Diplomats.

Mr. de Martens, who is editing the great collection of treaties between Russia and other European powers, and who has consequently access to the archives of the Russian Foreign Office, has published in the Vestnik Evropy an interesting article entitled "The Emperor Nicholas I. and Queen Victoria."

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patients, are absolutely without foundation. I have personally attended all smallpox patients who have come to the station. If required, sworn statements to this effect from parties and nurses and guards can be forwarded.

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ECHOES OF THE WORLD

Terrible Excesses of Italy Trying to Disarm the Greeks.

London, May 24.—The correspondent at Epirus gives picture of the excesses of the white travelling from Arta to Zante.

MAY BE PARDONED

Political Prisoners Likely to be Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

Dublin, May 24.—It is believed that many, perhaps all, political prisoners, including Mr. Fitzhatter, Larry Halton and others, will be pardoned early in the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen Victoria.

SUGAR INDUSTRY THRIVES

An Over Production of 100,000 Reported From Buenos Aires.

London, May 24.—A dispatch from Buenos Aires says: "The sugar industry is over-producing the available export for the year of more than 100,000 tons."