

THE ROYAL RECEPTION.

If the counsels of wisdom and maturity prevail the reception given to the heir to the throne of Great Britain and his consort when they arrive in this city will be immensely superior to anything of the nature of a demonstration that has ever been attempted here.

NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS.

Possibly it is not necessary that the ratifiers should again be urged to give the by-laws upon which they are asked to vote on the 24th the fullest consideration.

Objections have been raised to the High School by-law because of the great cost of education. That is a subject worthy of discussion in its proper place, but it has no place here.

Many think the reclamator of the James Bay flats and the construction of a new bridge or causeway is the most meritorious of all the schemes at present before the people.

The paving of Government street is the only piece of permanent improvement work of that character which will be undertaken this year.

ABOUT CLEVER PEOPLE.

The Nelson Tribune has a very low opinion of the coast newspapers. It mentions five of them as being dull, flat, prosy, frothy and generally uninteresting.

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As to the style of the six daily papers on the coast, a great deal depends upon the point of view and the environment.

DEVELOPMENT RETARDED.

It is a pity all the members of the provincial government cannot spare the time to journey through the land and secure the opinions of the electors upon their railway policy.

STATE-OWNED TELEGRAPHS.

The Colonist was amused last night, and no doubt many of our other readers joined in its smile, at the important announcement telegraphed to the Times from New York that Croker's collectors of blackmail—that is, the police—were to be adorned with gold-gilt buttons.

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CANADA'S TURN.

The enterprising peoples of the earth are filled with admiration of big things. They are all expansionists.

It has been hinted more than once that there is disappointment in store for sections of the country and for the Dominion generally when the census returns are made public.

In British Columbia there is a strong demand for development, and the majority of the people think the provincial government has not exerted itself very strongly to satisfy that desire.

For fully half of the decade which the census will deal with there was decadence rather than growth in this Dominion.

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CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT.

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SECRETS WOMEN KEEP AT THE PRICE OF SUFFERING.

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Written Examination

In Schools to Be Oblivious Under the Newly Issued Regulations.

Departure From the Old System of Grading—Instructions to Teachers.

The time of written examinations in the public schools of the city is passing henceforth at the end of the school year.

In pursuance of the resolutions emanating from the Council of Public Instruction some time ago a radical departure has been made from the old system.

The basic principle underlying the new change is virtually the accommodation of the system to the pupils in the schools, instead of, as formerly, the accommodation of the children to the system.

The term grade means a course of study for three years, and is a course prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction.

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Care in Using Ammunition—School of Instruction.

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