

FROM THE HEART OF THE EMPIRE

Weekly Budget of News Told by Special Colonist Correspondent.

IMMIGRATION FROM THE OLD COUNTRY Proposed Surtax on British Goods Shipped Via United States Condemned.

London, March 3, 1906. The wholesale business of emigration has been brought prominently before the attention of the British public this week by the departure of General Booth's party of 1400 settlers for Canada.

The efforts that are being made in Canada to restrict the operation of the tariff preference to Great Britain, by applying it only to such goods as are sent through Canadian ports, are causing business people here to remark that it is becoming an offence wherever British goods compete with Canadian-made imports.

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According to the president of the local government board, pauperism in this country has increased during the last five years. There are, he says, 100,000 paupers in this country, and this, he says, is mainly due to the millions spent on fire works in South Africa.

The condition of women workers is even worse. The demand for employment, especially in London, was never more fierce and as employers are chiefly limited companies whose interest is in dividends, when women pass the period of youth, they are turned away to make room for youngsters at lower wages.

It is a strange sight just now to witness the exodus of thousands of our people to Canada under the protection of the Salvation Army. If this moving of the people is right, it should be done by the state. It seems as if the imperial government has imperious policy when a private agency takes charge of handling

building overseas, and settles British folks for whom the old country has no room and no use. The English people, almost to a man, are gratified to read the press opinions received from Canada upon Sir Howard Vincent's fussy interference with Canadian press, especially his unhappy answer to the recent speech of the Hon. Sydney Fisher on the fiscal question.

There has been an uneasy suspicion here that because Canadian rights their own interests were protectionists that therefore they were the opponents of British free traders, and Sir Howard Vincent certainly tried to make it appear that Canada was eager to see Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour victorious in the last general election.

Mr. Donald McMaster, K. C., who lately contested unsuccessfully the Liberal seat in Lancashire, has made many friends in the division, and even his political opponents regard him as a friend and they have been charmed by his genial manner and his pluck, and the good grace with which he has taken his defeat.

The little group of six or seven Canadian members of the House of Commons, who are Liberal side and Sir Gilbert Parker on the opposition, have done much during the past election to introduce colonial opinion and colonial influence into British politics.

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NEWS NOTES OF NELSON

Nelson, March 21.—The trouble between the management and employees of the Kootenay Power Light company, which is building a million dollar power plant on the Kootenay river, a few miles below the dam of a park for the city, has been settled.

The work on the municipal power plant has been somewhat retarded in the building of the heavy masonry foundations by the recent severe frosts.

The first cricket match of the season will be played on Easter Monday between the Nelson and Rossland cricket teams at the latter city.

Police Magistrate Cressage gave a couple of hoboes who had presumed to take in this town on their spring travels a lesson in the punishment of the law.

Winnipeg, March 23.—Karl B. Jolnhall, a Norwegian settler of Mandal, has mysteriously disappeared and foul play is suspected.

Commercial Timber Ranger and Officers May Make Seizure. Vancouver, March 23.—(Special)—James Murray, timber ranger, with Provincial Constable Munroe, and six special officers of the government, proceeded north today.

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FRUIT FARMING IN REVELSTOKE REGION

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Davidson's Western Canada's Big Store

The New Carpets

Are interesting a great many people this Season. We can now say we have the choicest lot of

Patterns in Axminster and Wilton Carpets

in the city, not to say anything about price. If we cannot suit you from our large stock here, we are able to show you samples of Carpets stocked in our Vancouver Store, which is the highest class stock there, and in this way we are able to present before you

A VERY LARGE RANGE

Nearly Every Home Is Interested In House Furnishing Needs

We are looking well after the wants of those who are wishing to furnish a home completely, those who wish a room refurnished, a new Carpet, or perhaps Curtains, a Drape or something of that sort. Have you seen the New Rugs and Squares? We never saw a better selection in any store in this country. Patterns to suit every room, and

The Prices Are Very Reasonable

Remnants of Linoleums and Oilcloths, 3,500 Yards of Oriental Laces on Sale Monday, Kitchen Aprons, Lace Scarves, 6 Battenburg Squares, 50 Battenburg Lace Squares, 34 Dozen of our Regular 50c Stock Shades, 100 Hat Pins, Women's Fine Cotton Ribbed Undervests (White), 48 Cream Battenburg Squares, 6 Doz. Crochet Daylies, Some of the Ordinary Bargains for Monday.

THE LIVE STOCK SHOW.

Secretary Log Back From the Sale Held in New Westminster. F. M. Logan, secretary of the British Columbia Stock Association, returned last night from New Westminster, where he attended the first auction sale of live stock and spring stallion show held at the city.

A RIGHT WAY AND A WRONG WAY

Many people have many ways to bring about the same result. Many of them are mistakes, but this is not known until the test of time points plainly to the error. Practically there are two ways to accomplish anything: a right way and a wrong way.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

Have a way to cure backache, a way that's sure, and a way that's safe. That's the way Doan's Kidney Pills work. They are made for the kidneys only.

SHOE NEWS

Shoes for Confirmation, Tan Russia Calf Shoes, Misses' Chocolate Shoes, Ladies' Chocolate Oxfords, Ladies' Chocolate Kid Lace Boots, Ladies' Savoy Shape, Chocolate, Kid Oxford, self tip, flexible sole, military heel, \$3.50 per pair.

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PRINCE ARTHUR AT COWICHAN

Royal Party Left Yesterday. Famous Fishing Grounds. Up the Line.

GOOD SPORT IS PRINCE ARTHUR

Departure of Party From Cowichan. Characterized by Display of Loyalty.

THE citizens of Victoria were given a glimpse at H. R. H. Prince Arthur yesterday while he was on his way to the train for Duncan. A honor from the Royal Garrison was formed up at Government when His Royal Highness along the line his approach was by the people residing in the town.

Not to be outdone by the people of the Central school, those of the Spring Hedges school had assembled at the station to greet the Prince. The Prince was greeted by the pupils from that school which they acknowledged.

A special train had been made for the trip and with Engineer S. G. G. in charge of the engine everything was ready for an immediate start. The train included in its make-up the Sandringham dining car, which was most beautifully arranged for the occasion.

Contrary to expectations, the party did not stop long at Duncan. A special despatch from yesterday's March 26—(Special)—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Premier received the reply.

"Victoria, March 26.—(Special)—I am deeply touched by your message of welcome sent to you on behalf of the government of Canada. It gives me the greatest pleasure to have the opportunity of visiting this country and of meeting so many of our people and of learning something of their life and their progress."