NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Indian Complaints Against Their Agent-Vancouver's Police Inquiry -Fruit Growers' Prospects.

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### (Special te the Colonist.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 8 .- McDowell & Co. wholesale and retail druggists, and Atkins Brothers, retail druggists, have amalgamated. capital stock \$100,000. They will run four stores, three here and one in Nanaimo. J. Powis, of Powis & Whitehead, is dangerously ill. He was suddenly seized with heart failure while walking along the

The school trustees let the contract for building the Mount Pleasant schoolhouse

An ex-policeman, on instructions of Ald. numerous gambling dens in operation. The Fruit Growers' Association met to-

All the remarks embodied the hopeful condition of the f. uit outlook for British Colum-

Considerable business was transacted.

### WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, May 8. - The law students of Westminster have formed a law students'
association with A. M. Whiteside presiin Kaslo, both for lease and sale. The of Westminster have formed a law students' portant questions of the day.

A site not three miles from Ladner's Landing has been selected for the erection of ments, messuages and hereditaments" the proposed Delta Creamery. J. King, who held the position of butter maker at the Ontario agricultural college, has been engaged as superintendent. The following officers have been chosen by the company:
H. D. Benson, president; E. Hutcherson,
vice president; A. N. Rion, sec.-treas.

A chess club is being formed here.

A minority vote of the Westminster council showed the growing tendency to do away with the paid fire department and reaway with the paid fire department and reduce the police force. It is probable that the police force would have been reduced if was got in readiness and the men put to do it had not been for the recent burgiaries.

Mr. Townsead speaks after visiting 200 farms in the Chilliwack district. His journey was made to collect statistics and to make a last trip in connection with the seed distribution. The farmers had finished their seeding operations, and all were satisfied at the way the seed had been distributed. Oats and peas, which were the principal crops seen, looked vigorous. The sereage of potatoes was far larger than ever before. All the other crops looked promis-

The excellent educational work done by 4,000 feet. the excellent educational work done by the Board of Horticulture is, according to Mr. Townsend, evident on all sides, the intelligent interest and increased practical have been made since superintendent Mc-Vicor took charge. There is an immense knowledge apparent in the district being an unmistakeable testimony to the great value of the good work which has and is still being done by the board. It is satisfactory to learn, too, that there is a good prospect of the recently formed Fruitgrowers' Association requires both marked and satisfactory to the recently formed Fruitgrowers' Association requires both marked and marked and satisfactory to the recently formed Fruitgrowers' Association requires both marked and marked and satisfactory to the recently formed Fruitgrowers' Association requires the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' Association requires the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' also and the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' also and the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' also and the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' also and the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' also and the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' also and the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' also and the first product of the recently formed fruitgrowers' association fruitgrowers' and fruitgrowers' association fruitgrowers' and fruitgrowers' association fruitgrowers' and fruitgrowers' association fruitgrowers the recently formed Fruitgrowers' Association proving both useful and profitable to the district, which will doubtless benefit considerably in the direction of growers securing higher rates all round for their produce. It will also raise the standard of the doubtless the standard of the depth. quality of the fruit sent out, the improvement of the selection, grading and packing for market being among the objects of the

Extremely high water prevails on the best located properties in camp and should open into a valuable mine.

G. E. Brett, of Spokane, and his com-

resolutions asking for the dismissal of In-dian Agent Devlin on the ground, as is July lst.

NANAIMO, May 8.—George Brown, who is down from China creek, is visiting the capital with the object of getting government assistance in the construction of another road into the mines. He reports everything going on well, both on China and Mineral

April, 5,4/4 tons — Total, 10,255 tons. The average daily shipments for April was a fraction over 182 tons.

The Monte Cristo, Enterprise and Iron Horse claims in Trail Creek district, were bonded this week to A. E. Humphreys, the amount stated in the bond being \$25,000 of

wealth, which will be not less than \$3,000,wealth, which will use not less than \$5,000,000 in the aggregate this year.
Since piping was commenced over \$ 000 yards of gravel have been run through the yards of graves have been run through the sluice boxes of the bydraulic company on Forty nine creek. Jesse Coulter of Murray, Idaho, is expected in on Tuesday to take harge of the work.

Forty tons of Silver King ore were shipped this week to the Montana Ore Purchastog Company of Butte. This is the company that is figuring on putting in a plant to treat the copper ores of Trail creek and Nelson districts. The point at which the plant will be erected has not yet been selected, but it will not be far from either Nelson or Northport. The ore shipped from the Silver King this week may settle

It is said that the suit between Peter Lyrson & Co. and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard kailway Company, which involved over \$300,000, has been amicably adjusted. The Manhattan Trust Company of New York, which holds a mortgage on the road, has agreed to pay Larson's claim, payments to be made in instalments covering a period

of three years.
The deal for the War Eagle mine, i Trail Creek district, has been declared off The sale was to have been for \$1,000,000, a very good price considering that the prop-Gallagher, visited Dupont street and gave evidence at the police investigation as to the sent owners. The dividends thus tar have repaid whatever outlay has been made or the mine. As the mine is opened up it be oomes more apparent that it is a bonanza. In the face of one of the drifts the ore is 7 feet wide, averaging in value about \$40. As the stockholders are all wealthy men, there is no doubt that a plant will be erected be breat the output of the mine on the ground.

thereby saving at least \$10 a ton on the amount now paid for freight and treatment. dent. Members of the Westminster bar are townsite company has notified squatters to deliver lectures to the students and the upon its lands that they must leave or be students are to debate once a week the im- ejected, while the civic authorities have given notice, public and private, that all street areas occupied by houses, tene-

dency to purchase for speculation.

The work of grading the Kaslo & Sloom railway was begun on Wednesday morning very quietly. There was no fues, and ceremony was conspicuous by its absence. A few graders had come in and the contrac-

### AINSWORTH.

(From the Nelson Tribune.) Luther Brothers are making good head way on the Little Phil and Black Diamond tunnel It is expected that the main vein will be struck in a few feet more. The main vein is the same that shows on the Charleston. Little Donald, Maestro, Spokane and Trinket. If struck in this tunnel, it will give the Little Phil and Black Diamond a depth of The young orchards presented a Little Phil and Black Diamond a depth of did appearance and were well cared 150 to 200 feet. On the surface the ore is splendid appearance and were well cared 100 to 200 feet. On the surface the ore is for. Mr. Townsend expresses himself as high grade in silver. The owners contemparticularly hopeful of a prosperous season plate putting in a wire tramway from the among the Fraser river farmers.

The Indian chiefs of the Fraser river tribes have met in Chilliwack and drafted resolutions asking for the dismissal of Indian Agent Devlin on the ground of Indian Chiefs of the Fraser river pany, intend to commence work on the Bounty and Illinois soon. On the latter the ground of Indian Agent Devlin on the ground of Indian Chiefs of the Fraser river pany, intend to commence work on the Bounty and Illinois soon. On the latter the ground of Indian Agent Devlin on the ground of Indian Chiefs of the Indian Chiefs of th

dian Agent Devlin on the ground, as is alleged, that the government gave him seed to give to the Indians without any provision that they should return its equivalent; that Mr. Devlin gave them the seed, but made them promise to return an equal amount, and that he was going to keep the seed they gave him for his own benefit.

July 1st.

Work was commenced at the Highland on Monday. One contract of 50 feet has been let in the lower tunnel, which is now in seme 200 feet in good concentrating ore. The tunnel will be continued until the main north-and south vein is struck. The vein is a large one of high grade ore, extending outstoms, guaranteed the payment of the additional indemnity demanded by Japan as a result of relinquishing her claim to the Lead Tong neninsula in compliance with the

Spokane intends to commence work soon on the Spokane and Trinket. Dan Clark and Jimmie Van Hook, who

(From the Surrey Times.)

tons of ore at a trip, ore will not accumulate hereafter at Trail. The Lytton will continue to make two trips a week to Northport, and as she handles 60 tons each trip, the two boats can easily take care of 500 tons a week. Negotiations are pending for the transfer of several of the most promising undeveloped claims on Toad Mountain. The purchasers have both means and energy.

The 10-stamp mill at the Poorman mine on Eagle creek, six miles southeast of Neison, has been running for several days adding its mite to Kootenay's output of mineral

## THE EASTERN QUESTION.

China Negotiating a War Indemnity Loan-Japan to Have Additional Compensation.

France Requested to Assist China Obtaining Money to Meet War Expenses.

LONDON, May 8 .- A despatch to th Standard from Berlin says that rumors are current that a six per cent. Chinese war indemnity loan will be issued at 102. A despatch to the Times from Paris says

that Japan has surpassed the hopes of the friends of peace, and even the conditions arranged by Russia, France and Germany, In a leader the Times says: "We welcome Japan's decision with satisfaction, as emoving a danger to the peace of the far east. Had Japan allowed herself to become implicated in a struggle with Russia, the peace of the world would have been jeopar-dized."

A dispatch from Shanghai says the Chinese Emperor has written to the Czar and President Faure, asking for assistance to meet the war expenses, and promising to meet the war expenses, and promising to grant important commercial advantages to Russia and France in return therefor.

It is reported that in consideration of Japan's abandonment of the Leactong peninsula, she will receive an additional indemnity of \$10,000,000.

demnity of £10,000,000. Five thousand soldiers have started from Canton for Formosa to suppress the expected opposition of the Black Flags to the occupation of that island by the Japanese, according to the terms of the treaty of

peace between China and Japan. The French press, generally speaking, is satisfied with the course Japan has adopted regarding the remonstrance of the powers as to the treaty of peace with China. Naturally, however, there are a few dissenting voices. La Lanterne says : "We shall be lupes of Russia unless an agreement of the hree powers also applies to the settlement of the Egyptian question, and Russia re-turns on the bank of the Nile the service she has just received from us."

It is stated that France is negotiating with Japan regarding the recession of For-mess and the Pescadore islands to China. France insists that in the event of Japan holding the islands the strength of the Japanese garrisons and the number of warships nust be limited

The North German Gazette says that the Japanese representatives at St. Petersburg, Berlin and Paris acquainted the cabinets of Russia, Germany and France on Sunday last that Japan renounced her claim to the Leac Tong peninsula, including Port Arthur. apan's first answer to the remonstrances of the powers was not accepted because she maintained her claim to Port Arthur, but her final answer was given witnout further pressure. Continuing, the North German Gazette applauds the prescience and wisdom of the Japanese statesmen, and asserts that the powers did not desire to deprive Japan of the fruits of her victory, but only to avert

vented the United States from joining Eng-land at the time of the intervention of the three powers in the East was not indiffer ence toward Japan, which has now become depth.

On the Kootenay Mining & Development Company's property south of Woodberry oreek a lead of high grade ore was also struck the past week. This is one of the best located properties in camp and should best located properties in camp and should best located properties in camp and should the three powers did not recognize the treaty of Shimonoseki."

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north-and south vein is struck. The vein is a large one of high grade ore, extending north across the Hand, where it shows nearly 2 feet of solid ore on the surface, as it also does farther north on the Twin, where in several places there are from 8 to 10 inches of solid galena ore.

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MANAGUA, May 8.—There is no longer

HALIFAX, May 8.—A genuine hot wave struck Halifax yesterday. The thermometer registered 78 in the shade and 90 in the sun during the afternoon. It is unprecedent-ally hot here for this time of the year.

HALIFAX, May 8.—The British warship Tourmaline started for Cuba this afternoon to protect British interests there.

## THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

TORONTO, May 7 .- (Special) - The Mail-Empire says : "What the Manitobs govrament will do with the school question in now fairly well understood. When the case was sent to Winnipeg, the first impulse of Premier Greenway and his colleagues was to cast it promptly and abruptly into the Federal arena. Now it appears that the Manitoba government is going to say that it will take no action now; that it say that it will take no action now; that it thinks no legislation should be given; but that it cannot take full action, as inter-preted and understood by Mr. Sifton's read-ing of the remedial proposition, until the general election is held. We are, in a word, general election is held. We are, in a woru, to assume that the spirit of the request and the propositions it contains, forbid for the present action, which otherwise would have been willingly undertaken; but it is not so certain that this position will be politically bealthful

WINNIPEG, May 7.—(Special)—Interest increasing here as to the stand the Manitob legislature will take this week when the house resumes, to consider the Dominion remedial order on schools. It is reported that the house will adjourn without considering the matter, but Premier Greenway denies this. It is also said that Governor chultz will be heard from on the matter be-

Schultz will be heard from on the matter before the session is closed.

At a public meeting on the school question
held at Fort Ellice, in the constituency of
James Fisher, a resolution was passed favoring the adoption of the Ontario school act
as a compromise in the present Manitoba
dispute.

WINNIPEG, May 8.—(Special)—The members are nearly all in the city for the re-assembling of the Manitoba legislature to-morrow, when the Dominion remedial order comes up for discussion. A cabinet minis-ter said this afternoon that there could be but one answer to the Dominion order and but one answer to the Dominion order and that was that it could not be ing the British Columbia penitentiary obeyed. That was patent to every-body. The intelligent Roman Catholics of the Province did not want the old system re-introduced no matter how much they might want separate schools. No one in the province would be satisfied to have the government again go back to the old system " Will the memorial in reply contain any

suggestion of compromise?" was asked. compromise to the minds of some people, but I fancy you will not find much compro-mise about the document." "Is it likely that a dissolution will take place immediately on the reply being

"That matter has not been up for decision but in any event the house would certainly not be dissolved direct from the session." "How about the rumor that you will meet only to adjourn, and that there will be no quorum ?"
"I think to-morrow afternoon will find a

quorum in the house, and also think you the will find that the house will continue to and wind up its business. "Will it then prorogue or adjourn fur

"There is nothing now to indicate that the house will be prorogned."

Another leading politician says that, on good authority, he had been informed that the Governor General had written directly dangers to the peaceful development of Eastern Asia. In conclusion, the North German Gazette says that besides the increased in demnity which Japan will presumably receive, she might also benefit by the amity of the three powers and the full recognition of the postion she has acquired.

A dispatch in the Tigare this morning, commenting upon the attitude of the United States powered Japan, says: "What pre-worded the United States powered the United States p appointed another parliament to deal with it.

# IRON WORKER ISTRIKES.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Twelve hundred men employed in the blast department of the Illinois Steel company mills, at South Chicago, quit work yesterday morning. Two furnaces were shut down as the result and Le Matin remarks: "A change has occurred in the world outside of Europe. England no longer lays down the law. If chestnuts are to be taken out of the fire there will also be large pieces taken out of certain mouths, and this is only the begin."

The men employed in the blast furnace the blast furnace will be compelled to suspend work. The men employed in the blast furnace works want to divide the labor fairly. They statement of the condition of the treasury are not receiving wages that enable them to live. Two years ago the men claim they were being paid \$2.10 for work that they are now doing for \$1.60. Everything is

quite orderly at the mills. PITTSBURG, Kansas, May 8 .- Several PITTSBURG, Kansas, May 8.— Several months ago the smelter men employed in the furnaces of the Cherokee district, comprising Crawford and Cherokee counties, accepted a 15 per cent. reduction in wages with the promise that it would be restored as the prices of manufactured zinc advanced. Yesterday a committee called on the employers to restore waters. ployers to restore wages. On being refused the men walked out, causing the complete shut down of six furnaces here.

The sum of the mines. He reports everything going on well, both on China and Mineral Street in the same thin year than the sum of th

# NEWFOUNDLAND AND CANADA.

Horse claims in Trail Urea assay, the bonded this week to A. E. Humphreys, the amount stated in the bond being \$50,000, of which \$2,500 was cash. Of the balance \$4,000 is to be paid in stry days. \$20,000 and \$38,500 on May 2nd, on January 2nd, and \$38,500 on May 2nd, the strength of the Berkshire strain known as Large the C & K. S. N. Ce's steamer Koteania will on Monday begin running between the analysis of the Berkshire strain known as Large tops. The strain has been raised here by popular donations. Three German mercantile firms have given should be an exceptionally fine one. He purchase the course of the delegates to Obstant the behaling to be an exceptionally fine one. He purchase the course of the delegates to Obstant the shape of a young the first the strain of the purchase the course of the delegates to Obstant the shape of a young the first the strain has been raised here by popular donations. Three German mercantile firms have given should be amount will be ready to the amount will be ready to the same of retrembments. The purchase the best to be had in Outstrio, being bred from the winning stock at Toronto exhibition.

J. E. Boothroyd, of Surrey Centre, on Monday was ploughing when one of the boats can easily take care of 500 tons a week. Negotiations are pending for the transfer of the purchase of the transfer of the purchase of the transfer of the purchase.

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## CAPITAL NOTES.

McCarthy on the Warpath-Charlton's Sabbath Observance Bill Killed in Committee.

Dominion Rifle Association Meeting-The Martini-Medford Rifles-Annual Drills.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

was read a second time.

The prohibition members of the house discussed the programme of sessional work to-day and decided to support Mr. Flint's

At the Dominion Rifle Association mee At the Dominion Rifle Association meeting to-day, Hon. Mr. Dickey admitted that Canada had made a bad bargain in the purchase of the Martini-Medford rifle; but from the papers in the department it was clear that the home government had lived up to their contract and, if they held Canada to it the country and the lived at the country and the lived that the country and the lived the country and the lived that the lived t ada to it, the country's good faith required that the remainder of the rifles contracted for must be taken.

A deputation of military men strongly urged the government to pay the drill money to the city battalions this year. Hon. Mr. Foster said the government would try to manage it. Personally he would like of having the money handed over to two boards and then lose all control of it. spent on the permanent corps.

### DAKOTA HOSTILES.

ST. JOHN, N. D., May 4. - The Indian amp two miles north of here was thoroughly econnoitred by marshals last night. It onsists of a large log house and a log barn. The Indians kept scouts and pickets out. Fresh arrivals have been coming in all afternoon. There were 207 of them this afternoon when the messenger left, but large numbers came in from the north during the evening, well provisioned. Marshal Cronan sent them a message warning them of the consequences of further resistance and asking whether they intended to resist the arrest of the men with them

for whom he had warrants. In reply they for whom he had warrants. In reply they invited Gronan to come with his men with out arms, and telling him to wait till they got an answer from the Great Father. A messenger sent by Agent Hall from the reservation says Little Shell and a good sized band intend leaving at once to join the Indians. Other reservation Indians have held aloof, but the refusal of the Attorney General to allow trooms to be sent has added. mont, Riel's lieutenant, has joined them, but this is not confirmed. Many of the host tiles served under Dumont in the Northwest Canadian rebellion years ago. Part of the deputies were sent back to Rolla to guard against a raid there. Marshal Cronan at West Mount (Cote St. Antoine), commit-

# GOLD AND SILVER.

New York, May 7.-The steamship the strikers expect to have sympathizers for the account of the syndicate, and the Umbria yesterday brought \$1,080,000 gold

ont to-day 50,000 ounces of silver.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 7.—Yesterday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balances, \$179,503,-548; gold reserve, \$91,664,193.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 7.—A story comes from New York that ex-Gov. John P. St. John has laid aside prohibition, pending a settlement of the money question, and will advocate free silver as the one remedy for all the ills which affect the country. It is said that he will even discourage the nomi-

said that he will even discourage the nomi-nation of prohibitionist electoral tickets in 1896 in order that the free silver vote may be swelled.

# DURRANT'S ALIBL

Winnipeg, May 7.—Hon. Dudley Majoribanks, brother of Lady Aberdeen, and R. H. M. Ferguson, Ottawa, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and left for the West to-day. They are going to spend the summer on Lord Aberdeen's fruit farm in the Okanagan valley.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 8.—Reports from the surrounding country indicate that the hail and rain storm did greater damage than at first reported. The storm in reality appears to be a cloud burst, nearly three inch-

pears to be a cloud burst, nearly three inches of rain falling within a few minutes. One life was lost and it is feared later reports will add other fatalities. Reports from our tain points aver that hall fell to a depth of six inches on the level. For miles in attretches not a leaf was left on the trees in the path of the storm, while vegetables and B corn were out into ribbons and totally destroyed. The damage to crops generally will be most severe.

## THE ARMENIAN OUTRAGES.

LONDON, May 7.—An immense meeting to protest against the Armenian outrages was held this evening at St. James Hall, the Dake of Argyll presiding. In opening the meeting, the Duke said it was a hopeless task to overcome the causes of corruption in Turkey. It was now the absolute duty of the British government to assume an active executive part in the Armenian question. He read a letter from Mr. Gladstone, in OTTAWA, May 8.—Dalton McCarthy pro- of the Bulgarian horrors might have had the which after remarking that the recollection mises to get after Lieut. Governor Schultz effect of preventing their repetition, Mr. and Mr. Bourinot's scalps for giving opinion Gladstone declares that Europe's duty is to on the Manitoba school question.

Mr. Davin's motion in favor of woman suffrage was discussed all afternoon, but no Premier, "I am confident," said the late Premier, "that England will not shrink Mr. Charlton's Sabbath observance bill firm co-operation of France and Russia. If was killed in committee to-night by 37 to the other powers refrain it is to be regret 25. Mr. Charlton will endeavor to secure its restoration to the order paper.

The letter concludes with expressing the hope that moral pressure will suffice to induce the Sultan and his Mr. Mara's bill to incorporate the Trail
Creek and Red Mountain railway company
Was read a second time.

Sure will sumice to induce the Sultan and his advisers to "suppress these deeds of sin."

Lady Henry Somerset declared that the Crescent would henceforth stand forth before the eyes of the nations as a thing as impossible to be cleaned as was the hand of Lady Macbeth. It was fitting that a woman's voice should be uplifted for the Armenian women. A hundred thousand

Speeches were made by Mr. Clifford, Canon MacColl, the Lord Provest of Edinburgh, Canon Wilberforce, the Bishop of St. Asaph and the Bishop of Hereford. The latter in the course of his remarks made a political allusion, which was met with cries of "No party politics allowed."

### CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.) TORONTO, May 6.—Thomas Dean, brass founder, is dead. He saw service in the 10th Royal Grenadiers at the time of the Fenian invasion.

TORONTO, May 6.—Mrs. Caroline Gross, aged 76, for the past two years assistant to Crossley and Hunter, evangelists, died yesterday. She was well known throughout the Dominion.

WINNIPEG, May 7 .- The Hudson Bay railway surveyors started work to-day on the line near Portage la Prairie. GUELPH, May 7.-Robert Forbes,

81, who died yesterday, was largely identified with many local business interests.

Brantford, May 7.—Edward W. H. Van Allan, manager of the Massey Harris works here, died yesterday, aged 36. He was formerly connected with Massey Harris' Winnipeg branch.

TORONTO, May 7.—The factory of the Dominion Art Works Co. was badly scorohed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$6,000;

TORONTO, May 7.—The augmentation committee of the Presbyterian church met here last evening. A report was received showing the receipts to date to be \$25,436, which is considered satisfactory. It was decided to pay in full the grants to all ministers for the past six months. Among the claims passed and ordered to be paid were; Calgary, \$175; Kamloops, \$125; New Westminster, \$100; Victoria, \$75.

at West Mount (Cote St. Antoine), committed suicide by shooting. He was greatly depressed owing to ill health. He had been in the Methodist ministry for thirty years and had been principal for six years. Winnipeg, May 7.—C. C. Macdonald, who was recommended by Prof. Robertson of Ottawa, has been appointed inspector of

dairies for Manitoba. Toronto, May 7.—At the annual meeting of the Hackney Horse Association the following, among others, were elected vice-presidents: Northwest Territories, W. Bell-Irving, Cochrane, Alb.; British Columbia, S. F. Tolmie, Victoria.

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HALIPAX, May 7.—The panic which was started here, owing to the groundless rumors circulated as to the solvency of the banks, including the Bank of Montreal, which led to a run on the financial institutions, was ended by midday, when the people discovered that the alarm was false, and many of them were anxious to redeposit their money. All sections of the press condemned the false report regarding the Bank of Montreal, which started the run and showed that there was no possibility of loss to the noteholders of Canadian banks. The bank sensation overpowered the political situation. The execupowered the political situation. The executive council met this morning and prepared business to be submitted to the legislature on Thursday. The supporters of the government party will meet to morrow, when the terms of confederation will be submitted.

Cholera in the East. London, May 8.—The Times publishes a dispatch from Kobe, Japan, stating that cholera has broken out on board the Japancholera has broken out on board the Japan-see transports at Talien Wan, on the Leao Tong peninsula. It is reported that half the troop ships of the original Chinese ex-pedition are flying the yellow flag, denoting that the disease is aboard them.

THE GOLD STANDARD,

New York, May 8.—A special dispatch from London to the Evening Post says:

"The association here for the defence of the gold standard is preparing a memorial to the Chancellor of the Exchequer praying the government to avoid even entangling proposals which might lead persons abroad or at home to believe that England is prepared to depart from the gold standard."

GLOUCESTER, May 8.—The sloop Spray, commanded by Captain Slocum is entirely alone in the Spray, which is only forty feet in length. She is not heavily sparred or canvassed, and looks able to carry her daring owner anywhere. Captain Slocum, who has already encircled the earth five times, expects to strike the coast of South America in about five weeks.

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