

The Colonist

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1897. THE CRETEAN QUESTION.

Greece has demonstrated that the way to do a thing is to do it. While the powers have been debating as to what should be done with Crete, Greece stepped quietly in and took possession of the island, for that is what the recent events there amount to.

The bill proposes to make a very material change in the fees on registration, which are graded. A company with a capital of \$10,000 is to pay \$10 in fees, and the payments are graded so that a company with \$25,000 capital will pay \$15, one with \$100,000 capital, \$40; one with \$500,000 capital, \$120; and one with \$1,000,000 capital, \$200.

The whole act appears to have been prepared with a very great deal of care and while there will undoubtedly be some difference of opinion upon many of its provisions, no one will deny that an effort has been made to meet the requirements of the situation, which admittedly calls for some legislation.

THE PRESS AND PATRONAGE. The Vancouver World is abundantly able to take care of itself in the matter of the tax on advertising.

Whether this will be the end of the incident is of course uncertain. We incline to the view that it will be, so far as Crete is concerned; but it is too much to expect that the example of the islanders will not be followed by some of the people of the Balkan provinces, and while it is easy to understand how the powers could regard with a good deal of comacency the acquisition of Crete by Greece, when it comes to determining the political status of parts of the Balkan peninsula, very difficult questions arise.

A very important measure is the Companies Act, which was introduced by the Attorney-General on Monday. It is hardly possible in a single article to deal with all its noteworthy features, but some of them may be mentioned.

THE NEW YORK TIMES says that no one will live in Canada who can get out of it. The same thing could be said of the United States with equal ease and with equal truth. The Times is probably unaware of the number of American people who are turning their faces towards Canada.

Similar information as to the directors. The minimum subscription on which the company may do business and the minimum amount payable on application and allotment of shares.

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PROMOTERS AND THE CONSIDERATION THEREOF.

The provisions are based upon Lord Dudley's Act, which is now before the Imperial Parliament. Following the provisions of the Imperial Act, 53 and 54 Vic., cap. 67, the bill makes the promoters and directors liable in damages to persons who sustain loss by reason of any false statements in the prospectuses.

The Montreal Spectator says the people in its vicinity "would rather do without the trade of Kootenay till the crack of doom" than see the "Crow's Nest Pass railway built by the C.P.R."

The Nelson Miner asks why, if the Colonist regard the \$5 tax on laborers in mines is unjust, it does not advocate its repeal. What more can be said?

Dr. Walker's journalistic experience has taught him that the Bible and the newspaper do not go well in double harness. We are sorry for the doctor.

The Kootenay Mail has come to the conclusion that the government is safe this year, and appears on the whole to be rather glad of it.

The Columbia has decided that the government flag will fly at the masthead when the session closes.

IT IS SUGGESTED that if there is no alien labor law the Canadian government should enact a similar law, copying the American statute word for word, and making such interpretation as the Washington authorities are making.

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THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 12.—(Special)—The adjourned meeting of the "cheap money for farmers" convention held at advertised at 7 p.m. in the city hall.

Mr. J. H. Turner in reply to former speaker, Mr. H. H. Thomson, explained the question will have the following consideration of the government.

Mr. E. A. Haggren, of New Zealand, next addressed the meeting at consideration of the subject of cheap money to develop a new country, also the different methods of obtaining cheap money through government assistance.

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SONGHEES RESERVE.

Return Presented Yesterday of the Correspondence Between British Columbia and the Dominion.

Provincial Government Strongly Urge the Settlement of the Long Pending Question.

The Provincial Secretary yesterday presented in the house returns showing the correspondence that have gone on between the provincial and Dominion governments with the view of settling as speedily as possible the question of the Songhees reserve within the limits and placing the same elsewhere.

Extract from a report of the committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 1st of April, 1896.

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TROOPS FOR

Movements of the Greek Warships of the Fleet.

King George's Proclamation—Statement—Greek Minister.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A dispatch from Crete, dated Feb. 16, says that when the occupation of Crete was completed on Monday, February 15, the officers of the foreign squadron were ordered to disembark.

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RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED BY SECRETARY OF STATE 10TH JUNE.

OTTAWA, 11 June, 1896. Sir.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., conveying a copy of an approved minute of the Executive Council of B. C., made on the 27th of January, 1896.

Acting Dept. Supt.-General Indian Affairs. A. Campbell Reddie, Esq., Victoria, B. C.

NELSON. [From the Nelson Miner.] It has been learned that Mr. Perry, who is making the location survey for the Crow's Nest Pass railway for the C. P. R., has completed his work from the mouth of Kootenay lake northward to Fullis creek, about half the distance to the point opposite Balfour.

The total exports of ore for the week, as shown through the customs returns, amounted to 780 tons, valued at \$31,107.30, an average value of \$108.98 per ton. The shipments of matte were 202 2/3 tons, valued at \$89,872.75. The total value of ore and matte shipped was \$150,980.05.

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