THE COWICHAN FARMERS.

Annual Exhibition at Duncan's Station Yesterday—A Large Attendance.

List of Successful Competitors—The Climatic Conditions Most Favorable.

Yesterday the twenty-third annual exhibition of the Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society was held in the Society's grounds, Quamichan (Duncan's Station) being the third occasion on which the society's new grounds have been made use of. Although it might be supposed by some that twenty-two years of existence should have brought about results even more satisfactory than those which were manifested yesterday, it should not be forgotten that the community is but a small one and has had great difficulties to contend against, therefore, all things being considered it will be generally admitted that the show was a good one, and cannot fail to stimulate and encourage the farming class of this section. A large number of people went up from Victoria by the morning train, the day being a holiday and the weather most charming. Among those present during the day were: Rev. A. J. Leakey, Rev. Father Donckle, Rev. Mr. Kingham, Rev. D. Holmes, Rev. Father Van Nevel, Hon. Theodore Davie, Mr. D. M. Gordon, M. P.; Mr. Croft, M. P. P.; Sir E. Musgrave, Mr. Musgrave, Major Maitland McDougall, Capt. Barkly, Mr. M. T. Johnson, W. C. Duncan, J. S. Shopland, Robert Miller-Morrison, E. Elkington, J. C. Nightingale, G. T. Corfield, A. J. Bell, S. Evans, John Devine, S. Aspland, James Mitchell, T. J. Partridge, James Moss, James Fell, Henry Moss, &c. A large number of ladies and boys and girls also attended, the farmers' wives and daughters manifesting special interest in the proceedings.

Duncan's presented a gala appearance during the entire day, numbers having arrived both by road and rail from all the surrounding country. The exhibition grounds are situate close by the station, and, when cleared up and all the necessary buildings erected, will, no doubt, present a good appearance. The main hall, where the fruits, vegetables and household exhibits were displayed, is a commodious structure, light and convenient, and upon the tables were some excellent specimens of the various articles which it was arranged to contain. The band of "C" Battery was in attendance during the day, and under direction of Mr. Pferdner gave some capital selections. The sections were horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, field produce, vegetables, fruits, dairy products, needlework, preserves, etc. There was every evidence that the people of the district had made up their minds that nothing on their parts should be wanting to secure an unqualified success, and the various selections of specimens fully evidenced this.

All kinds of live stock might, no doubt, have been in much greater numbers than they were. In horses there were a few good representatives, but the absence of stallions was a fact which was much commented on, while it was manifest that much greater care might have been exercised in the employment of sires. The cattle, with but few exceptions, were rather scrubby. There was plenty of breed about them; possibly too much of it, but this will doubtless be remedied, the agriculturists having expressed their intention—however well they may have done in the past, to do still better in the future. There were some good strong oxen shown, while sheep and pigs, though by no means numerous, had some really good representatives. Of poultry there was not a long list, but there were some good Aylesbury ducks, geese and fowls. There was a large display of oats, peas, wheat and barley, the samples being clean and some of them very good as regards weight. Of roots the potatoes, turnips, carrots and mangolds made a fine showing, and in vegetables, the cabbages, squashes, cucumbers, and cauliflowers were excellent. It may, indeed, be said that there was some splendid fruit, notably apples, of which one gentleman showed no less than 28 varieties. There were some specially notable plums and pears, and the quinces and specimens of the melon family were very good. The entries in the ladies department were but few, and the prizes awarded will be found in the appended list. The girls' needle work deserves to have attention drawn to it, it was small in variety, but what there was was good. The races and jumping contests, which formed a part of the programme, did not bring out any "Maud S.s" or "Fishermans," nevertheless, the events were watched with much interest. The society, whose prize-list is given below, is deserving of every support and encouragement.

HORSES.

Span draught horses (2)—McIntyre & Hewitt, 1st.
Brood mare and foal (4)—Thomas Marshall, 1st; G. T. Corfield, 2nd.
Saddle horse (6)—Mrs. Ambrose Skinner, 1st.
Saddle horse, lady rider—Miss Kingston.
Colt or filly, 3 yrs. (2)—G. T. Corfield, 1st and 2nd.
Colt, 2 yrs.—W. Wilson, 1st.
Colt or yearling (6)—W. H. Elkington, 1st; G. T. Corfield, 2nd.
General purpose horse (5)—F. H. McDougall, 1st; G. T. Corfield, 2nd.
Hurdle jumpers (3)—H. Greaves, 1st.
Buggy horse (2)—J. Street, 1st.
Trotting match in saddle, for ponies (3)—E. S. Lomas, 1st.
Hurdle race, open all comers (2) — Cecil Good, 1st.

CATTLE.

Short horn bull (2)—J. W. Flett, 1st; W. H. Elkington, 2d.
Jersey bull (1)—G. T. Corfield.
Bull, any other breed, (2)—Rev. D. Holmes.
Short horn cow (2)—J. S. Shopland.
Jersey cow (3)—Rev. A. J. Leakey.
Heifer, two years, (2)—J. S. Shopland, 1st, James Evans, 2d.
Heifer, one year, (4)—James Evans, 1st; W. Kingston, 2d.
Oxen, work, (3)—James Evans, 1st; John Menzies, 2d.

SHEEP.

Ram, long wool, (2)—M. Edgson.
Ram, short wool, (3)—James Shopland.
Ewes (2), long wool, (2)—J. S. Shopland.
Ewes, short wool, (4)—James Shopland.
Ewe lambs (3), any breed (5)—H. Drummond.

PIGS.

Boar, any age, (2)—J. S. Shopland, 1st, James Shopland, 2d.
Boar, under 12 months, (2)—J. S. Shopland.
Brood sow, farrow, (2)—James Shopland.
Sow, under 12 months, (2)—James Evans.

FIELD PRODUCE.

Spring wheat (7)—W. C. Duncan, 1st; John Menzies, 2d.
Fall wheat (2)—John Menzies.
Barley (3)—H. O. Wellburn, 1st; James Shopland, 2d.
Oats (8)—D. Alexander, 1st; J. S. Shopland, 2d.
Field peas (5)—Jno. Menzies, 1st; J. S. Shopland, 2nd.
Indian corn, (2)—W. C. Duncan, 1st; A. Pimbury, 2d.
Timothy seed—H. Drummond, 1st.
Swede turnip, (7) — M. T. Johston, 1st: F. H. Maitland Dougall, 2d.
Turnips, (9)—James Shopland, 1st; M. Edgson, 2d.
Mangold wurtzels, long, (5)—F. H. Maitland Dougall, 1st; E. L. Lomas, 2d.
Mangold wurtzels, globe,—F. H. Maitland Dougall.
Carrots, white or yellow—A. Pimbury, 1st; F. H. Maitland Dougall, 2d.
Carrots, long—H. T. Castley.
Carrots, any other kind (7)—W. C. Duncan, 1st; A. Pimbury, 2d.
Potatoes, late, (15)—Rev. D. Holmes, 1st; J. C. Dwyer, 2d.
Potatoes, early, (21)—M. T. Johnston, 1st; R. M. Morrison, 2d.
Potatoes, new varieties, (7)—H. Bonsall, 1st; J. O'Dwyer, 2d.
Kohl Rabbi—J. S. Shopland, 1st.

HORTICULTURAL.

Onions (12)—Robt. McLay, 1st, E. S. Lomas, 2d.
Eschalots (7)—J. Richards, 1st; L. Richards, 2d.
Cabbage, drumhead, (4)—Mrs. McLay, 1st; R. McLay, 2d.
Red cabbage (2)—E. S. Lomas, 1st; A. Pimbury, 2d.
Cabbage, other kinds (5)—R. McLay, 1st; W. C. Duncan, 2d.
Parsnips (4)—A. Pimbury, 1st; E. S. Lomas, 2d.
Beets (7)—A. Pimbury, 1st; M. Edgson, 2d.
Cauliflowers—A. Pimbury.
Cucumbers (5)—A. Pimbury, 1st; A. Pimbury, 2d.
Vegetable Marrow (6)—A. Pimbury, 1st; Rev. A. J. Leakey, 2d.
Squashes (5)—E. S. Lomas, 1st; W. Ford, 2d.
Tomatoes (6)—G. Bartlett, 1st; Mrs. McLay, 2d.
Farm vegetables (3)—A. Pimbury, W. Wilson, 2d.
Apples, collection (4)—A. Pimbury.
Apples, autumn (15)—R. M. Morrison, 1st; W. H. Lomas, 2d.
Apples, winter (14)—P. Roberts, 1st; W. Beaumondt, 2d.
Pears, autumn (10)—F. H. M. Dougall, 1st; John Menzies, 2d.
Pears, winter (6)—W. H. Lomas, 1st; A. J. Bell, 2d.
Plums (16)—W. Beaumondt, 1st; Mrs. Marriner, 2d.
Peaches (7)—H. Bonsall, 1st; Mrs. Marriner, 2d.
Quinces—P. Roberts.
Watermelons (5)—A. Pimbury, 1st; H. T. Castley, 2d.
Musk Melons (6)—W. H. Lomas, 1st; A. Pimbury, 2d.
Citron Melons (7)—H. T. Costley, 1st; A. Pimbury, 2d.
Fruits, Collection (3)—Father Rondeau, 1st; P. Roberts, 2d.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Fresh Butter (13)—Mrs. Jas. Richards, 1st; H. Bonsall, 2d; Captain Barkley, 3d.
Salt Butter (3)—Mrs. Jos. Richards, 1st; Mrs. Jas. Evans, 2d.
Scalded Cream (3)—Mrs. James Evans, 1st.

POULTRY.

Turkeys (5)—J. C. Dwyer, 1st; D. W. Mainguay, 2d.
Geese (6)—W. Gray, 1st; D. W. Mainguay, 2d.
Ducks (5)—G. T. Corfield, 1st; James Flett, 2d.
Leghorn Fowls (7)—J. W. Flett, 1st; James Flett, 2d.
Spanish Fowls (2)—W. C. Duncan, 1st; R. M. Morrison, 2d.
Plymouth Rock (4)—J. W. Flett, 1st; James Flett, 2d.
Fowls, any other kinds—James Flett, 1st; James Flett, 2d.
Heaviest Dozen Eggs (5)—R. M. Morrison, 1st.

NEEDLEWORK.

Quilt, Knitted or Crochetted (2)—Mrs. Symons, 1st.
Stockings, knitted (3)—Miss McGregor, 1st.
Socks, knitted (2)—Mrs. Maitland Dougall, 1st.
Knitted mitts or gloves (3)—Miss Zelia Leakey.
Needlework, fancy (3)—Mrs Maitland Dougall, 1.
Bread, loaf (12)—Miss Lomas, 1st; Minnie Hooper, 2nd; Miss McLay, 3rd.
Home-made wine (2)—W. Wilson, 1st.
Jelly, pot (6)—Mrs. D. W. Mainguay, 1st.
Currant jam (4)—Mrs. Lomas, 1st.
Gooseberry jam (3)—Mrs. Kingston, 1st.
Plum jam (5)—H. Drummond, 1st.
Jam, any kind (9)—Mrs. W. Wilson, 1st.
Flowers, bouquet (5)—Mrs. Pimbury, 1st.
Basket or vase do. (5)—Mrs. Maitland Dougall, 1st.
Pot plants collection (2)—Mrs. Holmes, 1st.
Plain needlework—Lucy Kingston, 1st.
Knitting, fancy. " "
Crocket Work " "
Knitted hose (2)—Miss Wisby, 1st.
Pencil drawing—Nettie Marriner, 1st.

FROM THE NORTH.

Return of the "Islander's" Passengers After a Very Enjoyable Trip to Massett.

Incidents of the Journey—Notes by the Way—All Highly Delighted With Their Experiences.

The steamer Islander returned from the excursion trip to Massett, and other northern ports at 7.30 o'clock last evening, the voyage consuming twelve days. With the exception of two days, when rain fell at intervals, the weather during the entire trip was pleasant, but little sea-sickness was experienced, and not the slightest accident occurred to any one on board, to spoil the pleasure of the excursion. The complete list of the excursionists and passengers from northern ports is as follows:

Excursionists—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Baker, J. Jackson, J. E. Taggart, J. H. McDonald, M. Green, J. King, E. Hill, R. Cooper, Dr. McLaren, A. T. Stevens, Capt. McPhadden, W. J. McDowell, Miss McNae, Rev. J. White, Mrs. and Miss White, W. H. Winter, Mrs. John J. Austin and son, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buckett, Frank Campbell, D. Doscowitz, D. R. Ker, Rev. Mr. Tait, Miss E. Winslow, F. Pope, W. H. Higgins, J. A. Laidlaw, J. Cunningham, Mr. Savoy and S. Gibson.

Victoria for Bella Bella—S. S. Siebert and H. Sargent.

Metlakahla for Port Essington—Bishop of Caledonia.

Massett for Victoria—Rev. Mr. Harrison.

Naas for Victoria—Mr. Harris.

Skeena for Victoria—Miss Minnie Morrison, Miss Bessie Morrison, E. Johnson, Mrs Dompster, M. Morrison, and Miss Cammell.

Gardner's Inlet for Victoria—Nine Chinamen.

Fort Simpson for Skeena—Indian and child.

Essington for Victoria—M. Anderson, John Smith.

Victoria for Gardner's Inlet—H. M. Price and M. Bickmore.

Fort Simpson for Victoria—Mrs. Hall and the Misses Hall.

Fort Simpson for Essington—R. Hall, M.P.P.

The following freight was brought down:—3,000 cases salmon from the Cascade cannery; 2,000 from the Skeena; 1,100 from the Standard cannery, and 364 bbls. salmon from Smith's Inlet.

It will be long before the ladies and gentlemen who formed the excursion party will cease to remember the trip to Massett and other northern ports, the incidents in connection therewith; the beautiful and varied scenery; the kindness of the officers of the vessel—all will serve for topics of many an hour in years to come with those who had the delightful pleasure of forming the party. The Islander is indeed "a jolly ship with a jolly crew," and Capt. Irving and his officers, to a man, have earned the unbounded gratitude of their passengers for their unwearying and never-ceasing exertions to make the trip a source of enjoyment for everyone on board. As commander of an excursion boat Capt. Irving is truly "the right man in the right place," and he could not have a better supporter than jolly Purser Hurd, who is the personification of good nature. In Mr. Thompson the Islander has an old and experienced navigator as first officer—a seaman who has sailed to all the principal ports in the world, and who is always willing to spin a yarn of his travels, and ever ready to impart information concerning the numerous bays, straits, channels, etc., through which the Islander was so skillfully navigated during her northern trip. The passengers are also indebted to Chief Engineer Brownlee for his courtesy in furnishing information regarding the working of the vessel, and indeed to all the officers, without exception.

The cuisine could not be excelled—the menu during the whole trip being equal to that of the best hotel in Victoria, and the wants of the passengers attended to by a trained staff of waiters ever on the alert to anticipate their wants—and after the first few days out, these wants were not few, as the keen sea air gave most of those on board voracious appetites.

The celerity with which the tables were cleared at each meal was not only a tribute to the chef, but to the benefits to be derived from a fortnight's sea voyage.

Alert Bay, Fort Simpson, Essington, the Naas, Masset and many other points of interest were visited, and when the Islander tied up at the Outer wharf last night there was not one on board but regretted that the voyage had come to an end. On Friday evening, on the homeward trip, all the excursionists having assembled in the saloon, Mr. E. C. Baker, on behalf of those on board, read the following address to Capt. Irving, prefacing it with a few happy remarks:—

To Capt. John Irving, commodore of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co.—

SIR—We, the undersigned passengers of the steamer Islander, before parting with you after a cruise of twelve days from Victoria to Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, and back, desire to express our appreciation of the unremitting kindness of yourself and the officers of the ship. During our trip we have been most nobly entertained, and it is the universal opinion of all on board the Islander that we could not have been under the care of a more skilful, painstaking and courteous commander. The trip has been an exceedingly enjoyable one in every respect, and will always be associated with our most pleasant recollections. We have been delighted with the grand and imposing scenery of the great inland waters through which we have passed, more especially Gardner's Inlet.

Thanking you for your courtesy and genial attention,

We beg to subscribe ourselves.

[Here followed the signatures of all the excursionists.]

The reading of this address was followed by three hearty cheers, the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and then "Auld Lang Syne."

The gallant commodore, in a few words, returned thanks both for himself and his officers, and after one more hearty "hip, hip hurrah!" the remainder of the evening was spent in singing, dancing and music.

The steamer reached Nanaimo yesterday at 6 a.m., and left at 10:20 o'clock for Victoria, in the expectation of reaching port about 2:30 in the afternoon; but after reaching Plumper Pass a heavy fog settled down, and the ship had to literally grope her way to the outer wharf, reaching there, as already stated, at 7:30 o'clock. All were delighted with the trip, and before landing, gave three more hearty cheers for the captain and officers of the Islander.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Burchell Preparing to Sail for Europe Although Conviction Appears Certain.

Mercier Delivers an Aggressively French Speech—Coming to British Columbia.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Sept. 27.—It is stated here on good authority to-night that Mrs. Burchell and her sister, Mrs. Jones, have engaged berths on the steamer leaving New York, October 8th. Whether they expect Burchell to accompany them is unknown, but arrangements for his passage have been made.

When spoken to in the court house to-day about his case, Burchell said, "All I have got to do is to speak one word and I am free." His opportunity will come.

Peel and Chas. Benwell expect to be in Woodstock on Tuesday, and sail for England on Oct. 1st. Mrs. Burchell had a brief interview with her husband in jail. It is said to have been very affecting. The general opinion is that the jury will find a verdict of conviction in a very short time after retiring. Burchell has perceptibly changed in the last 24 hours. He keeps his hold front but occasionally a hunted expression creeps over his face.

The United Press correspondent visited Burchell in jail this afternoon. The prisoner was sunning himself in the yard in company with his keeper. He has a carpet on the floor, potted plants in his window, and his walls are covered with sporting pictures. He has painted on the white washed walls some tasteful sketches, the subjects being mostly horses or women. All this is his parlor. He has a sleeping room besides. On the chair were a number of sheets of paper closely written on both sides. An inspection showed that they were notes of the evidence in the trial. They were arranged consecutively and were full enough to make an excellent report of testimony from. Burchell would make a good reporter. The United Press correspondent also visited "The swamp of death" this afternoon. A large crowd was there. Many farmers had left their teams on the side of the road and were looking at the scene of the tragedy. Neville Pickthall who was once accused of being concerned in the murder expresses indignation that he was not called as a witness. He says he will now make a public explanation through the papers of his whole connection with the Burchell case.

Little dependence is placed here upon the evidence of Millman and McQueen that they saw Burchell in Woodstock about the time of the murder.

Taken from the Grave.

KINGSTON, Sept. 27.—The body of E. Benson, dentist, was taken from the grave yesterday by ghouls. The coffin was smashed and taken away. The authorities are ferreting out the dastards.

The Territorial Assembly.

REGINA, Sept 27.—The Northwest Legislative Assembly has been called to meet on October 29th.

Montreal Shakes.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt here yesterday.

Wiped Out.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 27.—The Cornwalls defeated the Ottawas at lacrosse to-day, six games to none.

Good for Canada.

TORONTO, Sept. 27.—A Washington dispatch says that the action of the United States government in adopting nickel steel for armored battleships will result in the expenditure of probably $1,000,000 in Canada, within time for the purchase of that metal. The tariff bill which has just been agreed upon places nickel upon the free list.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Unhappy Ireland on the Verge of a Famine—No Further Progress at Tipperary.

Preparations for Honoring the Ninetieth Birthday of the Veteran Von Moltke.

The Comte de Paris in a Disagreeable Fix—France will not Admit the American Hog.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—One million of human beings of the same blood and race as millions on the American side of the Atlantic are in imminent peril of starvation. Such is the plain fact, irrespective of any political question, as to the threatened famine in Ireland. Your correspondent has make a special enquiry and investigation in order to get at the truth without a shadow of prejudice, and the controversy which obscures everything in relation to Ireland, and the above is in brief his conclusion. The time has gone by for advice and suggestions. It is now only a question of rescue, and yet one might travel many miles in the more prosperous parts of Ireland without seeing any of the signs of the misery and the want that prevail in the more remote but altogether, too thickly inhabitated sections. At least one-half of the people of Ireland are the occupants of small agricultural holdings along the bleak western shore, where the fury which Atlantic gales have gathered in three thousand miles of uninterrupted scope across the ocean, falls with irresistable force, chilling the soil, wet with excessive rains, and preventing the sun's warmth from ever reaching the struggling vegetation. Stock-raising is out of the question, as there is no outside labor to bring in money, and when the potatoes fail the cotter goes hungry. In these western districts the potato crop is a complete and utter failure.

THE PINCH OF WANT

is already felt, and with the cold weather it become more and more acute, and of Ireland, 5,000,000 of people at least a fifth will see Christmas with no rejoicing, and without even the coarsest food in their cabins. A generation has grown up since the great famine, but the illustrations of that day have handed down the sad spectacle of grave-yards thronged with meagre corpses, and gaunt forms in rags shivering over peat fires in their miserable homes. Is this picture to be repeated? If not it is not too soon to be taking measures for relief. The district chiefly affected extends from Donegal, round by Mayo, Conemara, Clare and King, and the south-east extremity of Cork, and in the mountainous regions of other counties. No such potato blight has appeared in South Wexford since the great fall of 1847. In many portions of Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow the potato crop is a total failure. There has been of late a perceptible decrease in immigration from Ireland, but it is already beginning to show an increase in view of the deplorable results of the harvest.

TROUBLED TIPPERARY.

Col. Caddell has fully justified what was said of him in these dispatches a week ago by his conduct as presiding magistrate in Tipperary. Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon might have been arrested for any one of a dozen speeches, but Balfour wanted them tried before Caddel, and before Caddel the trial went. The scenes at the Tipperary court have stirred all England, and will be heard from effectively in parliament, as well as in the next general elections.

Americans will be interested in the statement that another island much nearer their shores is in a condition that occasions serious disquiet. Madrid newspapers assert that an insurrection of the worst description may be looked for ere long in Cuba, unless prompt steps are taken to remedy the evils there existing. The respectable population are growing more and more impatient under the present condition of affairs, and it would not be surprising to see

THE LONE STAR FLAG

again raised by an organized band of insurgents. One newspaper goes as far as to say that preparations for insurrection are well under way and that arms and ammunition are being procured, under cover, in America and Europe. A noted Cuban exile who was active in the last insurrection recently departed suddenly from his home in Paris to New York, and the Spanish minister is much exercised over this and other ominous incidents.

Spain is in no financial condition for a costly war in Cuba, or any other part of the world, and affairs on the island are viewed with grave anxiety. An insurrectio as formidable as that of 20 years ago would stand a much greater chance of success to-day than an that time.

Your correspondent has good authority for the statement that England is preparing surrender in the matter of

MEAT INSPECTION.

The surrender will, of course, be accompanied with a certain amount of fuming and dignified delay, but the present system which amounts in practice to an embargo on live cattle from America will be repealed. The government while anxious to please the farmers cannot afford to quarrel with the artisans and manufacturers by running a chance of the exercise against England of the power reposed in the President of the United States by the Meat Inspection Act recently passed by the American Congress. With France and Germany the matter is different. Both countries are fortifying the protective feature of their customs tariffs, and in France especially, the tariff agitation partakes of enthusiasm. French wine growers would be seriously affected by an American embargo, the United States being one of the best customers for French wines, but popular feeling in France is much aroused by what is regarded as an American menace. An American gentleman who has just crossed to London from France, after a journey in the rural districts, says that every peasant is aroused to the defence of French as against the alien pig, and that the price of meat is quite lost sight of in the patriotic feature of the controversy. The new French tariff will so far follow the McKinley bill as to give the government power to modify it in favor of these nations that admit French goods free.

THE COMTE DE PARIS

is in serious danger of having his property in France confiscated on account of the Boulangist revelations. The Comte has heretofore been looked upon as a dignified pretender, who would not stoop to conspiracy, and has been respected by those who hated his pretensions. Now, however, he appears as the mover in a dastardly scheme for the overthrow of the republic. The government has concluded to institute an official investigation. The prospects, therefore, are that the pretender and the Duchess Duzes, who appears to have acted as the feminine go-between for the Royalists and Boulanger will find themselves defendants of very serious charges. According to French law, the absence of the Comte will not affect his trial or sentence, French tribunals assuming to try and sentence people who may be in China or America. Treason in plotting against the Republic is a capital crime, and the Boulanger expose exhibits treason in its most contemptible form. Just now Paris is interested in the question whether the rich and far from attractive duchess was really in love with Boulanger. There seems to be no doubt that she was, and that her attachment for the counterfeit Cesar had something to do with her readiness to supply him with money. Boulanger is said to be in a very bad way financially, but as the Duchess has got over her weakness, he must look for relief in some other quarter.

HONORING VON MOLTKE.

A number of the leading German residents in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other large cities and towns in England have formed committees for the purpose of representing their countrymen in England at the forthcoming anniversary of the 90th birthday of Von Molkte on the 26th of October. It is understood that it is the intention of Emperor William to confer a Dukedom on the venerable soldier on that day. Committees have been formed in every town in Germany to join in forwarding him an address of congratulation signed by the representative citizens of each town, and bound in book form. When they are collected it is intended to enclose the volumes in a magnificent case bearing Von Moltkes monogram, on each panel and surmounted by two bronze busts, one representing Germany and the other the German Emperor. The German Minister of War some time since placed at the disposal of the central committee in Berlin, some bronze cannon captured from France in 1870, which have been melted down to make the busts. Von Moltke will probably take his title from one of the victories with which his name is prominently associated.

SLOWLY SINKING.

The King of Holland suffered a relapse yesterday; his condition is such that he is unable to sign state documents.

VERY IMPROBABLE.

The Hanover Courier asserts that British Consular Agent Thompson, in taking possession of Witu island, tore down and trampled on the German flag and gave the natives a portrait of Emperor William to shoot at as a target.

A POPULAR COUNT.

Count Walderson, who is married to an American wife, is said to be growing in favor at the German Imperial court. At the recent manœuvres he acted as umpire-in-chief, and as the intimate associate of the sovereign.

SIGNIFICANT.

The situation as between Russia and Austria is not becoming pleasanter, and stories are given currency which indicate that the Czar and the Austrian Kaiser are animated personally by unfriendly sentiments toward each other. It is significant that the Czar has requested his ambassador in Greece to ascertain officially the strength of the German army and navy, and that Greece is preparing to very largely increase her forces. Russia is also sending back to Roumania as Russian minister M. Hitrovovo, who was concerned in the Panitza plot against Bulgaria, and who has been a notorious intriguer

Aggressively French.

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 27.—At a dinner given in this city to the members of the Alpine Club of France, who are now visiting Canada, Premier Mercier delivered the most aggressively French speech he has yet delivered, and one that is causing a good deal of comment in political circles. He declared that Quebec would remain loyal to Great Britain as long as Great Britain would carry out its engagements respecting the laws, language and customs of the French people of Canada. If Great Britain ever failed to carry out literally its engagements toward the French, then the latter would be freed of their engagements. This remark of the premier is supposed to refer to the anti-French campaign in Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest.

Coming to the Coast.

TORONTO, Sept. 27.—M. Sweetnam, chief post office inspector, left last night on an official visit to the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Bryce Douglass Consulting the Government Regarding the Australian Service.

Col. Ivor Herbert Offered Command of the Canadian Militia vice. General Middleton.

To Investigate Charges Against Judge Upper — Fresh Tenders to be Invited.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Sept. 27.—Bryce Douglass, representing the Barrow-in-Furness Steamship Company, has arrived to consult with the Government relative to the proposed fast Atlantic service, and also a fast line from British Columbia to Australia. He will cross the continent and return in about three weeks to further confer with the Government.

Certain charges having been made against Judge Upper, of Haldimand county, Mr. Justice Patterson, of the Supreme Court, has been appointed a commissioner to enquire into the allegations.

It is learned that Col. Ivor Herbert, of the Grenadier guards, has been offered the command of the Canadian militia, vice. General Sir Fred. Middleton. It is not known whether he will accept. At present he is military attache of the British embassy at St. Petersburg.

New tenders will be asked for the work of enlarging the Rapid Flat canals, owing to a change in the specifications.

The Baird, St. John Company has thrown up the West India contract and it will be assumed by Pickford & Black, of Halifax.

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