# The Colonist

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LET US HAVE MORE LIGHT.

It is admitted by all intelligent men and all who desire to see Victoria take its proper place among the cities of the Coast, that it should be better lighted. It is also granted that its light service must be improved ner or later, that it will never do to allow to remain long as it is. All who have enquired into the matter know that the lighting can be done better and cheaper by the city than by a private company. There is no reason therefore why the light by law should not be carried to-day by a large majority. Nothing is to be gained by putting off an improvement that all allow is necessary, for two or three years. Since it has to be

millions of dollars, and more fuss was made about it than is made about the United States deficit of five times the amount. It is pleasant to find that the apprehensions of the alarmists were groundless. Trade has they take. These and other questions are revived in Great Britain, and the deficit to-day mooted in all civilized communities. Will not be half of ten millions. It has been will not be half of ten millions. It has been reduced to \$3,800,000—£750,000. The Chancellor of the Exchequer in making out his estimates last year calculated upon a small deficit, so at the end of the fiscal year, April 1, he will not find himself so very far the elements, at least, of a sound political behind hand after all. The revival of trade in Great Britain since the beginning of the year is most cheering, and it is likely to continue. in Great Britain since the beginning of the year is most cheering, and it is likely to

Although times are getting better in some countries and business shows signs of revival capital is still timid. There is no want of money in the great business centres of the world, but there is still a want of that confidence which is necessary to cause money to circulate readily. The New York Evening Post publishes some statistics which show that the accumulation of idle money is a fact as general as the depression of trade. It observes that the supply of coin of the Bank of England has increased, since the begianing of the year, \$26,000,000, that of the Bank of France \$5,000,000, and that of the Bank of France \$5,000,000. Up to the first of February the New York

one of the right sort are few. Enterprise is the most monarchical country in the most obeyetsure in the United States that depression has reached its lowest point.

It part of what he said on this subject:

Outside of Russia this (the United States) is the most monarchical country in the world. It is governed by a dead hand in the form of a constitution which is nothing more or less than George the Third of Russian.

London, March 16.—Sir William Harcourt, replying to a deputation of Weishment world. It is governed by a dead hand in the pression has reached its lowest point.

the uncertainty with respect to tariff legis-tion and distrust as to the effect of the arrency measures of Congress have evi-ently had the effect of prolonging the de-scession. The anomalies of the crisis still continue in the United States. The necesrtainty with respect to tariff lac yet business continues very dull and thous-ands upon thousands of the working class-are suffering for want of employment.

### ONE OF THE NECESSITIES.

One of the great needs of the day in every civilized country is education in politics. Many branches of knowledge are taught in schools and colleges which have little or no provement that all allow is necessary, for two or three years. Since it has to be made, let it be made at once. The Mayor and Council can be trusted to manage this business to the best advantage. Why wait any-longer?

A LIBERAL'S OPINION.

The Hon. Joseph Royal does not get much encouragement in his efforts to make Canadians discontented with their condition as colonists and to sow dissension between men of different races and creeds, from the Liberals. The mention which the Ottawa Free Press makes of him and his brochure is not by any means complimentary. It says: "Canada has never produced a more arrant humbug or a more selfish or unprincipled schemer than Joseph Royal and his average. ada has never produced a more arrant humbug or a more selfish or unprincipled schemer than Joseph Royal, and his appearance as an advocate of Canadian independence as a means of remedying French Canadian grievances will only bring him further into contempt." This may not be just to Mr. Royal, but it proves clearly enough that his advocacy of independence is not pleasing to some of the Liberals of the Dominion.

description of the July of the process of the July of Radical. He knows that his standing in the party and his chances of political preferment depend upon obedience to the commands of his leader, and it is astonishing how quickly he cools down when he finds that the leader is determined to follow the course he has marked out, no matter what he and a few other growlers may say or do.

THE BRITISH DEFICIT.

citizens that the welfare of the people will be promoted by proscribing persons who differ from them in religious belief. And, sacciation, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$2,000; board of conciliation and arbitration, \$2,000; board of conciliation and arbitration, \$2,000; board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation and arbitration, \$250; commission of enquiry, board of conciliation A great ado was made a few months ago on account of the apprehended British deficit. Alarmist telegrams were sent over the cable informing us that Great Britain was in great financial straits—on the verge of bankruptcy, in fact. There were newspapers in the Dominion who did what they could to spread the bad news and create a feeling of uneasiness on this side of the Ablantic. The deficit was expected to be ten millions of dollars, and more fues was made come to correct and rational conclusions on these subjects. The future welfare of our

moe the beginning of the year, \$26,000,000, hat of the Bank of Germany \$18,500,000, and that of the Bank of France \$5,000,000 is and though \$46,000,000 were paid out there is the Government bond subscription, the ank statement still shows a greater reserve han it did at the close of December.

The consequence of these great accumulations of capital is that the rate of interest is part of what he said on this subject:

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Nearly seventeen months ago the people of the United States signified a second time by a large majority that they did not approve of high protection, and that they wanted the tariff revised. That revision has not of high protection, and that they wanted by the tariff revised. That revision has not yet been made, and it does not appear just at this moment as if it would be made. Three years ago last November the American people signified the same desire at the pools, but their well understood wishes were ignored by the President and the Sanate. At the presidential election they expressed the same deaire in a more emphatic way. There have been two sessions of Congress since then, and the third is now going on. Yet the mandate of the people has not been obsyed. In England or in Osnada the change which the people demanded would have been made as soon as possible after the election of 1890. The majority in the House of Representatives would have earried all before it and the people would have been spared the doubt and uncertainty which has been productive of so much harm. There can be no doubt that Mr. Stead is right in the estimate he has made of the influence which the people of the United States exercise over the legislation of their influence which the people of the United States exercise over the legislation of their influence which the people of the United States exercise over the legislation of their influence which the people of the United States exercise over the legislation of their inpunity by a self-willed President, and by a mercenary and factions party in the Senate.

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## THE OTTY

guilty persons.

The Northwestern Athlete is the name of a new publication which has made its appearance at Tacoma, and is devoted exclusively to the interests of athletes. It contains a deal of matter interesting to Victoria and British Columbia, among the articles being one explaining the game of lacrosse. The idea for the present is to publish the paper monthly, but ultimately a weekly edition is intended. A. N. Brown is the editor, and Max K. Heap manager.

On opening his establishment yesterday morning, Peter Brown, who runs a fish shop on Johnson street, discovered that he was \$25 poorer than he expected. A broken window in the rear shop and an empty tobacco box in which had been the money, told very plainly how the thing was done. The matter was reported to the police, but Mr. Brown, having his own suspicions, taxed an old man to whom he had shown many kindnesses with the offence. Contrition and the restitution of the money followed and the owner satisfied at the recovery of his property was content to allow the matter to drop, but the police having taken the case up will not be so easily satisfied of it and an arrest is likely to be made.

### THE CITY COUNCIL

Protest Against Increase in the Rental cation for Municipal Franchise.

Report From the Committee on Hospital Matters Referred to Special Meeting.

There was a full attendance at the regula There was a full attendance at the regular weekly meeting of the City Council last evening, Mayor Teague presiding.

A letter from E. Crow Baker on the subject of the Municipal Act amendments, as

affecting his electric lighting company, was referred to the city barristers.

Mrs. M. Higgins, president of the Mater-nity Home, wrote drawing attention to the oxistence in Victoria of a number of indigent oxistènce in Victoris of a number of indigent women of advanced ags, who subsist on the charity of the public. It is proposed to establish in connection with the Maternity Home a home for these old women, where they can be sheltered and cared for, to which end the management of the Home had secured suitable premises. The letter requested an interview with a committee to confer on the question of the Council joining in doing something for aged women, as they had already done for the men.

The matter was referred to the Home committee to report.

Henry T. Thrift, secretary of the Surrey agricultural society, wrote submitting the outlines of a scheme for the construction of a railway that would place Victoria in possession of the trade of the Surrey district. The letter was received and laid on the table for the present.

The City Engineer reported favorably on the request of the Sayward Mill Co. to construct flumes across Constance street to carry sawdust to the tramway company. The request was granted, on motion of Ald. Harris, subject to the pleasure of the Council.

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A further report was received from the same official on the condition of James Bay bridge, and also submitting a proposition of the street car company to move the track and do other work of improvement in conjunction with the city. As a requisition for the work had already been passed by Gouncil, Ald. Dwyer moved that the report be received and acted on. Carried.

ALD. MUNN's motion for a semi-monthly statement of finances was brought up, the mover holding that the entire board should know exactly how matters of expenditure are carried on. Closely identified with such a resolution as this would be one showing the revenue, but that could be put up later.

ALD KETH WISON seconded the motion, suggesting that the statement be given on the first Monday of each month, so that the information could be then given for the past month.

The finance committee recommended the

modation. It could be so aces as to do away with the objection is a said against the Jubilee being so far out of in fact the more thought given to ac subject leads us to believe that better esults would follow the erection of a new

results would follow the erection of a new hospital.

The committee's reasons for making these statements may readily be seen by a glance at the following comparison:

Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital—Cost, \$96,000. Capacity, 60 patients. Average number of patients 1891-1892, 41.82; 1892. 1893, 36.90; 1893 1894, 43.77. Present number of patients in hospital, 46; about one-half are free patients. Present paid staff: 9 nurses, 11 other help, 1 house surgeon (permanent, resident), 1 secretary, Total cost per annum, \$25,000 to \$26,713; the last named sum is cost of present rate of expenditure.

St. Joseph's Homital.

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St. Joseph's Hospital—Cost, \$42,000. Capacity, 80 patients. Average number of patients between 50 and 60; about one-third are tree patients. Present number of patients in hospital, 50. Present staff: 9 nursing sisters (not paid), 6 other help (paid), have no permanent house surgeon. Total cost per annum, \$11,250 (actual cost for 1893).

Both hospitals treat outdoor patients, so no particulars need be given, as little of the cost of such treatment comes out of the cost of such treatment comes out of the cost of either hospital. The St. Joseph's hospital, in addition to assistance given the sick, supplies food and clothing to a great many poor people who are destitute, although not in want of medical aid.

To find out the view of the Provincial Government, the Hon Theo. Davie was walted upon and his views asked as to the city taking a more direct interest in the hospital in consideration of the city granting aid to the hospital in the large sum of \$35,000. He stated that he did not think the Government would object to any arrangement being arrived at with the city, and, speaking for himself, he thought it would be a good plan.

J. KEITH-WILSON,

Chairman.

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It was decided to have a special meeting of the council to discuss the question in its entirety, and have present the medical menand others in favor of and against the hospital, so that a clear idea may be gained as to what is necessary.

THE FRANCHISE.

ALD. HUMPHREYS drew attention to the amendment in the municipal act raising the qualification of householders for a vote at municipal elections. He did not understand why Victoria should be so singled out, and he meyed that the council protest against such a proposal. It was also his opinion that lodgers paying the same rental as householders should have a vote.

Several of the aldermen spoke deprecatingly of the action of the members of the Legislature who brought forward such a change, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Legislative committee.

SCHOOL BOAL

Request of High School Affiliate With a Uni

The North Ward Boiler Trustee Glover T His Seat.

The first thing done in the seting last evening was the result of Mr. Glover's election and that gentleman then took h Chas. Hayward presided, an trustees present were Messrs.

The petition from the Oak people for a school, referred to t the City Council, was, on moti sent back to the City Counc nawer that owing to the cutti the school estimates by the board could do nothing. The Y. W. C. A. wanted a n the central for a lunch room,

W. Ridgway Wilson wrote W. Ridgway Wilson wrote that the rooms of the James I should be kalsomined before the is taken down. This could be \$160, and would give better I ferred to trustees Glover and Lov A motion by Mr. Yates that committee see whether the time come to dispense with the superint works, with power to act, agreed to. D. Ross, late teacher in the

branch school, wrote protesting a dismissal, because of failing to giv tion, without a chance to detend It was resolved to give him the de or behalf of a deputation of

school teachers, Principal Paul High School, Victor

Gentlemen:—We have heard winterest that a deputation from y waited, on the 10th inst., on the hon. mier and the hon. the Minister of Rehaving as I sobject the incorporation vancuver High school, with the via affiliation with some Eastern universia a scheme could not fail to be prod much good to the Province generally vancouver in particular. There are number of young men in this city and out the Province who would eagerly such an opportunity of advancing the tion, to whom the expense of living the tion, to whom the expense of living to of miles away from home renders, at such advancement impossible. These men would gladly repair to Vancouve ish their education when the end in valence of the country of the could hope to secure a really first-class tion for their children. Victoria High would then become a feeder for the Validly school, while the latter establiation to their children. Victoria High school, while the latter establiation of their children. Victoria ought not the gradually forming the nucleu independent university.

We are sure that you, gentlemen, reing the ratepayers of this city, will agrais in thinking that Victoria ought not thereaft to be surpassed in educational by Vancouver. Victoria has hither sessed the premier High school of the province with affairs as they are at present the premier High school of the province with affairs as they are at present of the province of the province of the theory of the transfer to pour har ret feel it to be our duty to point out he consequences of not keeping face vancouver in the matter in question, espectfully suggest that you endeavor ware for Victoria that it was asserted the ancouver delegation that Vancouver.

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We understand that it was asserted to a vancouver delegation that Vancouver a better position to undertake university than Victoria, for the reason that they more efficient and better paid staff of test in you have here. It may be that the better paid, but we cannot see how that the question, unless we are to suppose the teacher is in direct proportion to remuneration. As to the greater efficient he vancouver staff, we must recognize the vancouver staff, we must recognize the possession of five teachers for 121 puractual attendance, as compared with Victory teachers for 130 number of the vancouver of the vancouver staff, we must recognize the vancouver staff, as much properties of the vancouver staff, as the possession of suppose the vancouver staff, as the vancouver of the vancouver staff, as the vancouver of the v he possession of five teachers for 121 purious attendance, as compared with vice our teachers for 139 pupils in actual at moce gives Vancouver an advantage. Be assertion made by the deputation of the itual superiority of their teachers require vool of results to render it of any value, statement can only be confirmed or demined bepartment of Education, and we seen assured by the Superintendent either he nor his inspectors have ever uted any comparison between the chools of this province, and never permitted any comparison between the chools of this province, and never permitted any comparison between the chools of this province, and never permitted any comparison between the chools of this province, and never permitted any comparison between the chools of the semi-annual examination nother High school. We had no dat ther affirming or denying the superior at yancouver staff. They claim to be "spits," and so, no doubt, they are. But all meant by the phrase is that each of achere excels in one particular subject. It equal right, lay claim to the same of achieve excels in one particular subject, in the H pschool, amid so many subjects, the teacher should give instruction in set the casher should give instruction in set the casher should give instruction in set the sense of a subject, but that to pass over unquestioned su attement as that made by the deputs out the superiority of their teachers we continue to the superiority of their teachers we can be a stement as that made by the deputs out the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teachers we can be supplied to the superiority of their teac

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Glover, that the board heartily ender the suggestion made by the deput he suggestion made by the deput he reference to affiliation of the province with some of castern universities, and that the suggestion as may be necessary for the North and South was something the suggestion of the North and South was