

The Colonist.

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A SIGNAL VICTORY.

The return of the Conservative candidate, Mr. Powell, by a majority of eight hundred or more, is not by any means in accordance with the boasting in which the Liberals have been lately indulging.

Mr. Powell's victory is the more remarkable as he was considerably behind Mr. Killam at the last Provincial election.

It will be said that Mr. Powell's majority was not so large as that of Mr. Wood. That is quite true, and it is also true that Mr. Powell is not Mr. Wood.

NEW REGULATIONS.

The British Columbia Gazette of the 22nd contains a new set of Provincial Police Regulations drawn up on the recommendation of the Attorney-General, under the provisions of the Provincial Police Act, 1895.

The regulations require certain qualifications of those who apply to be placed on the force. It is evidently intended that the Provincial Police shall be a superior body of men of good character and fair intelligence.

THE HOME RULERS.

It is beginning to be seen that the Irish members propose to give the Government a lively time of it. They form a very large and a very active section of the Opposition.

possesses the qualities of leadership has not yet made his appearance. The Irish party in Parliament is not now a phalanx ready to obey the slightest gesture of its leader.

The House of Commons in these days has not as careful a regard for the rights and privileges of minorities as it had in the early days of the Parnell regime.

DR. DILLON.

In the wonderful speech which Mr. Gladstone delivered on the Armenian question in the Town Hall of Chester on the 6th of the present month he attached great weight to the testimony of Dr. Dillon, and almost the only quotations he made were from that gentleman's article in the Contemporary Review.

I will refer to the last of these witnesses, one whom I must say I am disposed to name with honor—Dr. Dillon (cheers), whose name has appeared within the last three or four days at the foot of an article of unusual length—Ah! and good were the reasons for extending it to an unusual length—in the Contemporary Review.

The London Times in an article on Mr. Gladstone and Armenia speaks of the Chester speech of the Old Man Eloquent in very high terms. It said: "It is perhaps unwise to rely so much as Mr. Gladstone does on the testimony of a single witness, Dr. Dillon, who has written a magazine article describing his personal experience in Armenia since the Sassoon outrages; but in the main, it may be taken for granted that the atrocities have been established beyond a doubt."

A JUST ESTIMATE.

Harold Frederic, the very able London correspondent of the New York Times, has taken the true measure of Keir Hardie, late M.P., who is about to pay this continent a visit.

It is fortunate that Keir Hardie is only a "biabberkite," for if he possessed intellectual force and moral strength, he, with the principles he professes, would do any amount of mischief.

Not that he has spoken of and has been used by the C.O.O.F. as a reason why the M.P. should recognize the C.O.O.F. British Columbia was reported in 1894 returns to the Ontario government as having nearly 1,100 members. In 1895 they are able to report

THE REASON WHY.

According to the Brockville Times the following is the correct solution of an important problem: "The reason why the Globe has dropped its daily inquiry—'Has the National Policy made you rich?' must be that the annual statement of the business done in the Dominion post office savings bank has just been published.

IN TROUBLE.

The Earl of Derby, who is known in Canada as one of the most unpretentious and most urbane of Governors-General, has got into hot water at home, as is shown by the following paragraph from the London letter of the New York Times:

The late Canadian Viceroy, Earl Derby, has engaged in a combat with the inhabitants of one of his Filintine manors, which is reported to have developed into a small civil war. They have enjoyed a short out-footpath over the hill on his castle domain for three generations; he has now inclosed it with a high fence and ordered that admission to the hill and castle ruins shall be only by ticket.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

To the Editor:—In Tuesday's issue of the DAILY COLONIST a communication appears with reference to the C. O. O. F. connection with the I. O. O. F., M. U., which is entirely misleading and would tend to create a false impression.

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the handsome number of less than 280 after five years' existence, and a loss of about 14 lodges, the names of which I can give.

Koksalah, Aug. 23, 1895.

ROADS IN CARIBOO.

For some time past the feeling of dissatisfaction prevalent among the settlers in Lower Cariboo, not only with the legislative appropriations for roads in their portion of the district, but also with the expenditure of these moneys, has been growing in intensity, and a few weeks ago a meeting of certain of the leading residents was held at the 150-Mile House, when it was decided to invite the Chief Commissioner, Hon. Mr. Martin, to come up and examine into matters himself.

Accordingly he met the settlers by appointment at the 150-Mile House on Monday evening, August 5, on his return from Barkerville. A week previous, however, learning that the hon. gentleman was on his way up, and would probably be here on July 30, a meeting was summoned for that (the mail) night.

After passing a resolution declaring that the 150 connection with the Horsely and Forks camps would best serve the public interests, and asking for sufficient expenditure on these roads, the meeting adjourned till Mr. Martin's return.

Speeches were made by Rev. Father Bedard, of the Mission, Rev. Mr. Turner (in a humorous vein), by Mr. Borer, Mr. Leasure, of Horsely, and Dr. Watt. The Hon. Mr. Martin also addressed the meeting and was given a hearty reception. He concurred that the desires of the settlers for good road connections with the Forks and Horsely from the 150 would be fully met by the government, but at the same time he gave it as his opinion that the 108 road should also be kept open.

Whereas the Council of Public Instruction is empowered, under the "Public School Act," to create School Districts in addition to those already existing, and to define the boundaries thereof, and from time to time to alter the boundaries of existing Districts; it is hereby notified that the Council has been pleased to create the following tract of land to be a School District, under the title of "McPherson School District":

Commencing at the south-west corner of Section 13, Range IV., Quamichan District; thence due south to the southern boundary of said district; thence due east to the south-west corner of Section 11, Range VII.; thence due south for two and a half miles, meeting the southern boundary line of Section 11, Range IV., Shawanigan District, produced westerly; thence due east to the south-east corner of Section 11, Range 3, Shawanigan District; thence in a direct line north to Cowichan Harbour; thence northerly following the shore line to the north-east corner of Section 12, Range 3, Cowichan District; thence in a direct line westward to the point of commencement.

Also, that the Council has been pleased to alter and re-define the boundaries of "South Cowichan School District," as follows:— Commencing at the north-east corner of Section 15, Range 9, Shawanigan District; thence due west to the north-west corner of Section 15, Range 8; thence in a direct line north to Cowichan Harbour; thence southerly following the shore line to the point of commencement.

Also, that the Council has been pleased to alter and re-define the boundaries of "Malahat School District," as follows:— Commencing at the south-west corner of Section 1, Range 1, Shawanigan District; thence due north to the south-west corner of Section 11, of said Range; thence due east to the south-east corner of Section 11, Range 3; thence due north to the north-west corner of Section 15, Range 4; thence due east to the north-east corner of Section 15, Range 5; thence in a direct line south to the southern boundary line of Shawanigan District; together with all that tract of land known as Malahat District.

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