

THE SITUATION

This is how the Hamilton Spectator describes the present phase of the Manitoba school question:

The case then stands this way: The order of the privy council has been carried out, and the members of the Dominion government and Conservative party are entirely at liberty to take any view of the question which may seem to them to be right.

The Mail and Empire explains the situation in this way: The substance of the judgment was, in a word, that "the Governor General in Council could hear an appeal, that the appeal in this case was well founded, and that the course to be pursued must be determined by the authorities to whom it has been committed by the statute."

SOUND DOCTRINE

The Hon. David Mills is one of the thinkers of the Dominion. He has naturally strong powers of mind, and reading and reflection have made him a man of wide intelligence.

Our constitutional system is better than that of the United States, for it is, in point of time, a century in advance; and our constitutional system is such that it adjusts itself to the progress of society.

This is sound doctrine. Every day proving that the British constitutional system is better than that of the United States, Canada, on account of the soundness of its constitution, is free from many of the ills with which the body politic in the United States is afflicted, and its prospects are brighter and much more cheering than those of the United States.

not often interrupted by turbulent revolutions. There have been violent revolutions in almost every other civilized country.

THE HYPNOTIC CRAZE

The hypnotic craze is spreading. People are getting into their heads that they can be made mere passive tools in the hands of persons possessing hypnotic powers.

There is a good deal of resemblance between the hypnotic craze and the delusion with respect to witchcraft that in a former age prevailed in some communities on both sides of the Atlantic.

In Minnesota, in the celebrated Gung murder case, one of the criminals—the one who fired the shot that killed the unfortunate girl—declared that when he committed the crime he had been hypnotized by Harry Hayward and was not responsible for his acts.

Everyone who thinks must admit that Judge Bailey did right, for if cases of this kind are once admitted to be triable there is no telling where the inquiry would end.

It seems to us that too much attention is paid to hypnotism by persons who give their attention to it, not in the interests of science, but as a singular kind of diversion.

Those who are impressed by the powers displayed by the professional hypnotist may safely take it for granted that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred they are the victims of clever trickery.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH TAXATION

It must be a continual source of surprise and wonder to the readers of the Times to discover how little it really knows of those subjects on which it attempts to instruct the public.

is alleged that France's principal source of revenue is the stamp tax, which is said to yield \$140,000,000. On consulting Appleton's Encyclopaedia we find that in 1890 the estimated receipts from stamps was 159,797,400 francs, or about \$32,000,000.

A TEMPERANCE SALOON

Bishop Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal church, has recently opened a "beer saloon" at Chicago for the purpose of promoting the cause of temperance reform.

What has the church or temperance movement to offer in a material way in competition with the saloon? Nothing. I have been investigating the saloon business.

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THE ALGURTH SAFELY COMPLETES AN EVENTFUL PASSAGE—FATAL ACCIDENT AT SEA

The "Algburth" List Outward—Revelstoke Route Open—Passengers From Australia.

The "Algburth" trip was much prolonged by bad weather. It was three weeks after the left Liverpool before she struck the broad ocean.

THE CITY

A FINE sea lion, shot at Quatsino by Mr. Leeson, has been presented to the provincial museum and will be stuffed and mounted by Mr. Fannin, the curator.

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THE CITY

Another large gathering greeted Prof. Gleason last night, and the exhibition was equally as interesting as those which have preceded it.

Members of the Victoria Yacht Club hope for a large attendance at their meeting this evening in the J. B. A. Club house.

The funeral of Joseph Merrill, until recently proprietor of the Hastings photographic gallery on Fort street, is announced to take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A VERY pleasant anniversary celebration which is to take the form of a reception at the Reformed Episcopal schoolroom, is being arranged for Monday next, to mark the 40th year of continuous residence here of Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Edward Griggs, Mrs. Mowat and Mrs. J. W. Fleck.

CAPTAIN JAMES CARROLL, the well known Alaskan steamboat man and mine owner, is staying at the Drifard. He is on his way north from San Francisco and is spending a few days in the city while waiting for the next Alaskan boat.

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ANXIETY ABOUT THE "CUPICA"

A dispatch from Astoria says: "At last a feeling of apprehension is beginning to come over men in shipping circles at this port regarding the British bark Cupica, now pending about the 31st inst. Mr. J. C. Cowan, W. A. Wilson, Mr. Harada, George Guthrie & Co., who was in Astoria to-day from Portland, stated that his firm had given the Cupica as lost."

JUDGMENTS

Judgment was given yesterday in the Full court dismissing the appeal of plaintiff in the Hamilton Manufacturing Co. v. Victoria Steamboat Co. case.

MARINE NOTES

The Lorne was in port again last evening, having on Tuesday morning taken the Louis Walsh to sea, coal laden from Departure Bay in the Algburth.

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