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Branch Office of THE COLONIST, 609 Hastings Street, A. GOODMAN, Agent. ENEMIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. There may have been a method in the madness of the so-called Liberal convention, as exemplified in the omission of any declaration from the platform in support of the principles and policies of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministry may be regarded as exponents...

have had reference to his estimate submitted to the house in 1896, which everyone knows was made up very early in the year, that is, some months before the beginning of the fiscal year ending on June 30th last. Nevertheless, we find that Mr. Turner even then looked forward to a very substantial increase in the receipts, for commenting upon the fact that the revenue of the year ending June 30th, 1896, had been \$74,955 over the estimate, he said that "our revenue from this time will increase in greater proportion than it has hitherto done."

At a great public meeting in Toronto last week Hon. Edward Blake was invited to a seat on the platform. He was shown to a front seat by a friend, but a janitor, who supposed him an intruder, told him that he must go to the very rear, if he remained on the platform at all. By and bye the crowd recognized him and called him to the front with loud cheers. The janitor must have felt rather embarrassed; but after all Mr. Blake has been so little before the Canadian public of late that one is excusable for not knowing him by sight.

Writing in 1887 to Hon. Edgar Dr. Peden, then Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories, Louis Coste, who had been Indian farmer, instructor and who this summer gave up his position to return to the Yukon, said: "All the streams emptying into the Yukon carry more or less gold, and could we but draw aside the veil which shields the future, we would predict a golden harvest for the hardy miner who braves the fatigue and dangers of the trip."

From a paper called Appeal to Reason, which claims to have built up a circulation of 27,000 subscribers in eight months, we select the names of a few out of many books advertised: Open Letter to the Rich, Prophetic Mystery by the Man in Hell, In Hell and the Way Out, American Plutocracy, Civilization Civilized, Wealth against Commonweal, Equality, Ruin of Empire, The Modern Tragedy, The Banker's Dream, Driven from Sea to Sea, Trials and Triumphs of Labor, The New Crisis, The New Redemption, Philosophy for Wage Slaves, Seed Time and Harvest, Seven Financial Conspiracies. In all about one hundred books are advertised, all aiming to teach the American people that existing social conditions are all wrong and preaching

doctrines similar to those that gave rise to the French revolution. It is none of the Colonist's business how the people who attended the so-called Liberal convention settled that little platform about it seems to be that there is really no platform at all, for surely that cannot be called a platform for a political party, which has never been ratified by a convention. We are hardly going to be told that British Columbia "Liberalism" consists in giving a committee carte blanche to frame a platform and swearing in advance to support whatever the committee may decide on. The convention bids fair to go on record as the most absurd political gathering ever held.

The Kootenian seems to have discovered that Hon. Mr. Turner has neither cloven hoof, horns nor tail, and does not smell of brimstone. Our contemporary grows older it will learn some other things that will probably tone down the violence of its criticisms a little.

A VERY silly person has started the story that President McKinley has notified the Canadian government to keep a strict account of all revenue collected in the Klondyke, so as to be able to hand it to the United States if the boundary survey shows the mines to be in Alaska.

The Postmaster-General of the United States estimates that every man, woman and child in that country has an average of at least \$5 in his or her possession. This does not mean money in bank, but money actually in pocket. We do not believe it.

A CORRESPONDENT of the San Francisco Examiner, writing from Dawson City, says that word has been received of the intention of the government to collect the 10 per cent royalty. He says the report is received with incredulity.

THE Nelson Miner stands by the Templeton in favour in re the Cotton option, and says a choice lot of things about "wobbly-kneed politicians," whose "mouths fly open" when they are away from home.

A LIBERAL platform without a word about the Liberal federal administration and its policy, is like the play of Hamlet with the role of the Prince of Denmark omitted.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION. Canadian commerce is feeling the activity of approaching autumn, and the situation is decidedly favorable.—Toronto Globe.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Atlas Cannery Sold at Auction—Dominion Lands Officials Coming to the Coast. Output of the Kootenay Mines Shows Great Activity—Sale of Nelson Lots.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 12.—The Atlas cannery at Steveston was sold by public auction by Mr. J. S. Rankin yesterday, the property being bought by Mr. Charles Nelson for \$3,800.

Mr. F. Fitz-Roy Dixon, of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, will be here soon. He is on a tour of inspection of the Dominion Land and Crown Timber Agencies in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia.

A fact raised in considerable money yesterday by selling what he represented as efficacious medicine for autumn complaints, elaborately wrapped up and sealed in his wrappers were laboriously torn off by some of the crowd inside, but there was nothing in the bottle. Another man, no doubt working with the patent medicine fakery, was selling pulverized pipe-clay at 15 cents a box as tooth powder. The boxes had Japanese labels on them.

Now that the city council has the moral support of the board of trade regarding the honor of a music hall in the city, it is thought that the council will pass the music bill by-law introduced by Ald. Towney.

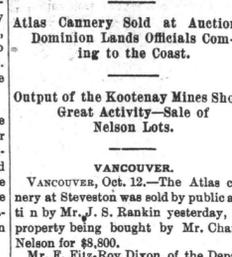
A regard to the rumor that Mr. McKinnon had sold his partially constructed block on Granville street at an advance of \$18,000 upon its cost, Mr. McKinnon said that the only foundation for such a statement is that an offer has been made to him for the block, but no sale has taken place.

The resignation of Mr. W. Skene, the honorary secretary of the board of trade, has been accepted with regret, and Mr. William Stein has been appointed secretary at a salary of \$25 per month.

A J. Hall and Richard Good, firemen on board the R.M.S. Miowara, were charged with absenting themselves from the ship on the 11th inst. without permission of the officer on duty. The accused acknowledged leaving the vessel against instructions, and the Magistrate ordered them to be detained by the police during the ship's stay in this port.

WESTMINSTER. New Westminster, Oct. 12.—Sir Mackenzie Bell was in the city yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clute. Word has been received that the death of Mrs. Dorrell, wife of the Rev. A. A. Dorrell, rector of St. Alban's, Ashcroft, and late of Ladner, took place at Ashcroft early on Saturday morning.

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TRADE OF THE Relatively Better in United States—Price of Freight. New York, Oct. 15.—Morrow will say: The lines of merchandise less than a month ago, due New Orleans looks for the appearance of frost of business relation of the world next week and 1 1/2 cents ago on late estimates yield, against 8,700,000 though a well independent gives rise to a much smaller estimate. The position of industry is not more alien goods manufacture and brick, prices a willingness by makers but at present quote in Bessemer pig iron, steel wool at unchanged, the domestic consumption last month was extra and promises to greatly exceed.

With the slackening of but of merchandise movement of prices checked, and for the reason the number of quotations are lower if those which are higher there are nominal and men's shoes, but price other forms of iron named, for copper, iron and wool at unchanged, lower for butter, corn, oats, flour, beef, pork and lead, September's gross exceeded those for amount and percentage untrivial, as to previous. The heaviest single increase 198 business failures out of the United States, but the exports of wheat, 1,711,003 bushels a week. General trade in United States. This agricultural districts the price of staple far and the demand softness failures reports, Dominion of Canada, R. G. Dun & Co.'s trade-to-morrow will

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