

Victoria, Friday, May 5, 1893.

THE DRY DOCK.

The architects and the milkmen having applied to the Ontario Legislature for legislation forming them into close corporations. The Mail thus sarcastically refers to the growing tendency of trades and professions to seek exclusive privileges: "At the present rate of progress it will not be long before the doors of every useful calling in Ontario will be shut to all who cannot qualify themselves with a lot of unnecessary knowledge, or who are unwilling to pay close corporation for the privilege of working. The registered undertakers, the registered milkmen, the registered photographers, and the registered architects will soon be asking a monopoly of the trade they practice. Then we will have the chartered carpenters, the registered laborers, and the eccided scavengers claiming the right to close the doors

HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

**Rev. Maitland's Departure Regretted—
Australian Mutton Storage.**

The formal opening of the Westminster and Vancouver short line tramway takes place on Tuesday next. Wm. Leek, master plumber, and R. Shortwood, journeyman, have been appointed on the city plumbing board under the new by-law, and A. Scoullars inspector.

Great Stead's Great Head.

In the Review of Reviews Mr. Stead continues to describe his personal experiences as "a human telephone." He, he states, is "prepared to prove," that he has been in Edinburgh who can use his (Mr. Stead's) "when its owners is in London to write particulars of events occurring in Edinburgh, or even states of mind or feeling, "without the intervention of any kind of mechanical intermediary." Specimens of these messages have been submitted by him to the Psychological Research society, and are to be reported on in due time. Meanwhile

very one was written by his own hand without his being aware of what it was. He would write before it took up the pen, and he would write with his hand. He will write messages which, on enquiry of the persons from whom they are supposed to emanate, are discovered to be the work of his own hand. He is of the account there are persons who write constantly with his hand and who make mistakes. From one friend he has received directions for several months past received directions for this "automatic telegraphic" and the immense majority of which are such a private matter that they can only be referred to" in his article. One of the correspondents, on whom the author has placed the name of "Julia," is described as an "invincible intelligence that from time to time controls his hand." "Julia" once asked, "Do you think it is safe to let me write with your hand? Any one can write with your hand." Mr. Stead answered what she meant, and she answered that she would not.

Two Armed Bandits Stop a Peaceable Citizen—Non-Union Crews.

The lovers of music look forward to the production of the "Fall of Babylon"

The pound by-law is again to be enforced, coming into effect on Saturday ext.

A public meeting of citizens took place in the council chambers last evening for the purpose of appointing committees for the different sports on the 14th. The report of the collector

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

W. H. Winters, telegraph operator at Vancouver, won the Westminster building society's \$2,000 appropriation on Saturday night.

A petition signed by the governor-general is to be presented to the parliament buildings bill is being widely circulated. During the last two days over 1,000 signatures have been obtained in this city alone.

George Aikman, of the land registry office here, will shortly be removed to the Victoria department. His place will be filled by W. A. Dashwood-Jones, an old Victorian. Ex-Mayor Townsend of Edmonton, Alberta, has also obtained an appointment here.

A Telephone Girl's Trials.

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pe-writing and stenography, so that she might secure employment that would not require her attendance on the Sabbath. But Miss Means, being pleased with her situation and satisfied with the

GREEN GOODS SWINDLERS.

Notwithstanding this hundreds of persons in Ontario write letters. As soon as the New York detectives spot the address of the swindler it is communicated to Major Sherwood and instructions are given to postmasters in Canada

Another Ontario man received copies of Confederate currency which was not counterfeit, because it was not a copy of any token of value.

days, at \$50, and at a slight additional expense a side trip can be made to Revelstoke, taking in the Kootenay country and returning either through Revelstoke or Spokane Falls and Seattle and Tacoma.

A London Financial Critic on the Proposal to Issue Preferred Stock

expressed by those who are unacquainted with the property, that the working expenses must in the near future be largely increased by renewals, the directors feel justified in saying that the timber structures in the permanent way, which were, necessarily, largely used in the original construction, are not renewed as much, but are replaced by normal

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There was an increase of 0.24 in the ratio of working expenses to earnings, and the tendency of operating charges may in the future be towards a still higher ratio. The new capital, nevertheless, will have to come in for its interest on dividend as the case may be; but, apart from these moderating quantities, it seems that the company has during the last two years been earning enough to have paid a full

accounts sufficient ground—or, indeed, any ground at all—for such a feeling. Nevertheless, we are curious to see the programme of the directors, and to learn how much money they require, and what they require it for.

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