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We lay before our readers the follow ing extremely, candid letter received last evening by a well known Victoria gentleman from a young man who recently went north to the gold fields. We are assured by the recipient of the letter that the statements it contains (even those decidedly pointed ones about the newspapers) can be trusted, as the writer is a man of unimpeachable integrity and has neither dyspepsia nor self-interest to sway his pen in describing things as they are in the northern

Skagway, Alaska, March 10, 1898. them, Mr. Brown is a man who can im-Dear ——: At last we have arrived here after a pleasant journey (on the Is-lander), the nicest journey I ever made prove an opportunity. He justifies the acute judgment of his chiefs in choosing him to shape the pliant Turner ministry. on water, lots of music aboard, good vic-tuals and a comfortable berth. Well, I tuals and a comfortable berth. to their purposes. He has done his work saw Wrangel, a dirty muddy hole, not fit. for a human being to live in. The well; he has infused something of courage and determination into a government people there are disgusted: cannot move no one ever suspected of possessing such the river on account of too much ow and slush. Juneau is a nice qualities; he had even made them appear, town, as also is Skagway, but they are temporarily, intelligent, and as if they possessed some mind of their own. Sir fast places. A man was shot and killed for his money out on the trail about seven miles from here. He was William Van Horne and Mr. Shaughdeed, of course, are at large. I have at Victoria-what price the chances of nessy at Ottawa; Mr. G. McL. Brown the Kettle River Railway bill? not seen a soldier since we landed. This hor seen a soldier since we landed. This is' a hot town, pistol shots every night. Well, for business; there is inot a par-ticle of snow here is beginned is all mud and the river is breaking, up, if guessi by the looks of things, things are unite the reverse of what you have any idea off We cannot move here with our sleighs! Our customs is all upset. We have to get a bodyer to scour our bends for reverse a bodyer to scour our bends for the base transmission of soft in the second for the inspurpose. The'i Turner ministry have thereby earned undying infamy; poltroons, traitors, self-seekers, block-

Our customs is all upset. We have to get a broker to secure our bonds for us at 2¹/₂ per cent., and now we have to pay heads are the least violent of the epithets the "easiest propositions to work" any at 22 per cent., and now we have to pay a convoy to carry us over the summit at \$6 a day, and I guess before we reach the summit my money will be exhausted, for to pay a man \$6 a day and catch stormy weather money won't last long. It is all very well to read newspapers, but as I say and have told others, I do not believe one item of the others, I do not believe one item of the onettes have disgraced the province. newspapers. It is raining hard; we shall have to get our stuff hauled to where we can get sleeping so as to get How long will the people of British Coover the summit as soon as we can. Talk about getting any duty refunded, you don't get a thing refunded. We have to tolerated such a band of noodles so long. faithfulness of the Turner gang? It is | country.

go to the customs office this morning, and I guess we will move in the after-The people must wake up or this province

noon, even if it is raining, for I don't want any of this town. Am in good health and so are the boys. I see three men here I knew well, and I saw lots in Wrangel. The place and climate will fall into the hands of land-grabbers. speculators, monopolists and jobbers. The affair of the Kettle River Railway reso-Wrangel. The place and climate are a good deal better than I thought for. Will times ahead of British Columbia unless libel. write you again as soon as possible. The Islander left last night, so I cannot The Islander left last man. The Islander left last man. tell when you will get this. Yours truly, S. C. P. apathy and take an interest in their pub-lic affairs.

THE STIKINE ROUTE.

The statement made about the cus toms is really most disquieting, and the Board of Trade might do well to take. up the matter at once and notify the Ottawa authorities. It is quite clear the American officials are stubbornly refusing to carry out the orders of their government, and are subjecting Canadian travellers to the grossest injustice. It is simply monstrous that this state of things should longer be tolerated; if it is not stopped the most grievous damage wills be done to the British Columbia cities' trade. We can assure our readers the foregoing letter is a recital of the actual facts, therefore any action in protest that may be contemplated-but it should not be contemplated, but taken immediately-will be quite warranted.

BOUNDLESS IMPUDENCE.

tive capable of hypnotising the Turner ministry in a most effective way; he can There never was a more extraordinary twist and bend that boneless body as a measure put before any legislature in the master potter shapes the moist and plas-British Empire than the Kootenay and Northwest Railway bill. This is a meastic clay. His name is Geo, McL, Brown, plenipotentiary of the C.P.R. at the capiure designed to throw a blanket charter tal of the province the C.P.R. want to keep as a preserve for their own operations. Physically, Mr. Brown is a Colossus; compared with the members of the Turner administration, intellectually, too. take place almost anywhere within the province. The provisions of the bill make really humorous reading, giving as they Suave and polished of manner, persausive of speech, no mean diplomatist, do permission to the promoters, when the knowing the Turner ministry as a student of human nature soon gets to know spirit moves them, to go on to anywhere and everywhere. The conduct of the government in attempting to shove the bill through was highly characteristic, and all that was to be expected. There is for the electors a vast amount of food

for thought in connection with this astounding measure. The very fact that such a bill could be brought before the house is sufficiently alarming evidence that the comprehensive grasp of the greedy speculator and the professional charter-monger is on the vitals of the province,-but in the fact that the Turner government would actually have the assurance to attempt to push this disgraceful bill holus bolus through the house there is plenty of cause for dis-

quietude. It is no more than the truth to say that British Columbia at the present moment is looked upon by every schemer as his peculiar stamping ground government looked upon as the easy prey of every quick-witted promoter who sets lumbia put up with the outrageous un- his mind on a desirable section of the

> CRIMINAL LIBEL ON THE PACI-FIC COAST.

We publish below an extract from a paper read before the Canadian Press Association last week by Mr. J. King, lution should be a warning; there are bad Q.C., upon the subject of newspaper Mr. King is a prominent lawyer the people shake off their sloth and of Toronto, the standing counsel of the Press Association, and he has made the

law of libel a special study, and is a recognized authority upon such matters.

The now famous proceedings instituted Time, the limitations of space, common by the Hon. Messrs. Turner and Pooley sense, regard for the patience and feelagainst the publishers and editors of the ings of our readers withhold us from Province and Times, are pointed to by extended reply to the farrago of virulent Mr. King as "a flagrant wrong done the impertinence with which the Colonist defendants." It is interesting to read disgraces its editorial columns this mornthe opinion of a gentleman so well qualiing regarding our position on the Stikine fied to speak and who has no interest in route question. If the editor of that the case other than to see that the adpaper would go among the people, the ministration of the law is not permitted merchants, and hear them discuss the to degenerate into a farce. Mr. King matter he would learn at once what an said:

awful exhibition he has been making of "Turning for a moment to some"Tre himself. We have already exposed his himself. We have already exposed his motives in filling the Colonist with highly law of libel, there is one case to which, colored and wilfully misleading state-ments about the Stikine. Does the gen-tleman imagine he will be accepted as a disinterested advocate? Does he delude Skagway and Summit should be com-pelled to do their duty and stop robbing Canadian travellers. As for the write's statement about the newspapers, the Victoria Colonist and the Vancouver World, with their deliberate falsificacapacities, with the Province newspape published at Victoria, B. C., promises himself by thinking that malicious, palbutter any parsnips? The editor of the gentlemen, at whose instance, presum Colonist is a paid claqueur; the tool of a ably, the complaint was laid, were can ed in turn as witnesses for the defence, and were interrogated in support of the and were interrogated in support of the plea of justification, but the questions asked were objected to and were dis-allowed by the presiding magistrate. The stenographic report of the hearing, published in the Province, does not state reasons for the objection. effect was given to it; but, with all do deference to the bench and the bar of the sister province, it may be said, that "it will be difficult to find authority in sup-port of such an objection, or such a ruling, in the present state of the law. Justification in the sense that the al leged d'famatory matter is true, and was published at the time for the public benefit, is always a good defence to a charge of criminal libel. Prior to the Code, when only the case for the prose-The Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern cution could be presented at the hearing, a defendant charged with publishing a libel, knowing it to be false, might, on cross-examination of the prosecutoris witnesses, conduct his defence in such a way as to show that the alleged liber

was true; and that course was adopted. as we know, in a number of libel prose-cutions in this province. Under the Code a defendant is permitted to make every defence at the preliminary hearing of an indictable offence which he may make at the trial; and libel furnishes no exception to the rule. "The rights of a defendant in that re

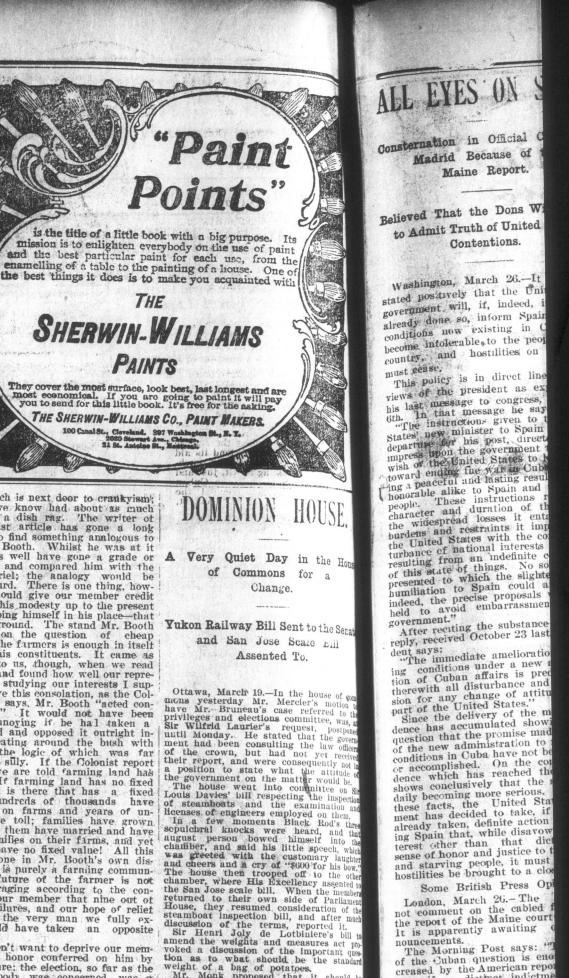
"The rights of a defendant in that re-gard—and this remark is peculiarly ap-and it is so elastic that it can be made to accommodate any development that may take place almost anywhere within the province. The provinces of the bill make his liability to a civil proceeding at the instance of the Crown, or of any other person. So that the defendants in the Province case were quite within their rights in calling the private prosecutors or any other person, for the purpose of justifying the alleged libel; and none of them who were so called could lawfully refuse, and should not have been per-mitted to refuse, to answer any question tending to prove that plea, even were the answer, a self-criminating one. "There may have been some subtle or

mysterious point in the case, which is no isclosed in the published reports, and which may serve to explain this novel judicial ruling; but, from our present vantage ground, it is inconceivable what this can be. Meanwhile a flagrant wrong has been done the defendants, and the legislature and the press are constrained legislature and the press are constrained into silence. The question of procedure, and the committal of the accused jour-nalists unheard, indefensible as this must appear, are of minor importance. Compared to the injury to the adminis-tration of justice, which has been brought into contempt.

erratic, which is next door to crankvism the other we know had about as much stamina as a dish rag. The writer of that Colonist article has gone a long The denial of justice is a serious matter in any case, however trivial; its de-nial to a prominent and respectable pub-lic journal pleading to be heard in its own defence, at the bar of a criminal count in a British province, on questions, way back to find something analogous to Hon. J. P. Booth. Whilst he was at it he might as well have gone a grade or two higher, and compared him with the angel Gabriel; the analogy would be equally absurd. There is one thing, howof grave moment to the great body people, recalls the evil days of ex-officio information for libel at Westminster Hall. It raises an issue between the adever, we should give our member credit for, that is his modesty up to the present time in keeping himself in his place—that is the background. The stand Mr. Booth ministrators of the law and the liberty of the subject—to say nothing of the lib-erty of the press—which, we should hope, has taken on the question of cheap money for the furmers is enough in itself cannot long remain in abeyance or uncertainty. to satisfy his constituents. It came as

A Scottish medical man testifying bethe papers and found how well our repre fore the British royal commission, now sentative is studying our interests I sup-pose we have this consolation, as the Col-onist writer says. Mr. Booth "acted consitting to consider the liquor laws, declared that the noxious effects of whisky were chiefly due to the spirit being conscientiously." It would not have been sumed while too new; whisky should be nuite so annoying it he hal taken a manly stand and opposed it outright inkept in bond at least three years. New many stand and opposed it outright in-stead of beating around the bush with arguments the logic of which was far fetched and sully. If the Colonist report is correct we are told farming land has no value. If farming land has no fixed value, what is there that has a fixed value? Hundreds of thousands have whisky will produce violent drunkenness in animals (including man), with astonshing quickness; whereas old whisky produces quiet (and enjoyable?) intoxication. Sheriff Guthrie, of Glasgow, last year uttered the same opinion; saying it been spent on farms and years of un-remunerative toil; families have grown the people would only drink fine old matured whisky, from three to seven up, many of them have married and have years in bond, there would be scarcely the farms have no fixed value! All this any of the violence and misery now too frequent in the city. If a man must have whisky, by all means let him see to it ity. very encouraging according to the con-tession of our member that nine out of ten were failures, and our hope of relief blasted by the very man we fully ex-pected would have taken an opposite the stuff is mellowed by age, venerable by antiquity, and then he may elude the serpentine terrors that beset the new-

whisky consumer's path. The Colonist this morning calls us a fool, repeating the remark of the Van-couver World. So this is what British Columbia journalism is degenerating into? We shall certainly not do any-thing to encourage the introduction here of the sort of journalism that has given Seattle and San Francisco so evil a repu-tation. We may offer to the considera-tion of the sort of the morning calls us a fool, repeating the remark of the Van-ber of any honor conferred on him by the legislature: the election, so far as the honorable body was concerned, was a fore Hon. Mr. Higgins resigned; and that was the member for N. V. D. It strikes and Hon. Mr. Booth; the former had a panoramic view of the promised land; the latter has the advantage though for the latter has the advantage though for the latter has the advantage though committee and read a third the latter has the advantage though committee and read a third the latter has the advantage though for the latter has the advantage though for the sourd the gas inspection act was pass the latter has the advantage though for the latter has The Colonist this morning calls us a fool, repeating the remark of the Van-Now, I don't want to deprive our mem-



even if no distinct indictm Spanish government is inclu spanisa government is me serve hitherto maintained doned, and Spain wil, be American papers with t malice, while the American the American excited to the fever po "Spain, however, has so much that a conflict avcided, but if her object amend the gas inspection act was through committee and read a third The petroleum inspection bill and t further to amend the inland reven were also passed through their final The committee had a little fun of last of these, which, among other-authorizes the use of stamps for the authorizes for the start s

to gain time, it may be that in a position to adopt some tial attitude." The Daily Chronicle, after doubt as to whether th quiry has been conducted as the American commission port, it says, "is in narmo the probabilities of the case in narmo to the principal aspects the Was The patience of ernment," says the Chronich calm, pacific policy of the pre been beyond all praise. Had of the United States been po uestion, war would have before now, not, as is false on account of financial and interests, but on the groun ity, and because of the into of this open sore, close to the great republic. But it the time for action resident McKinley steps as will challenge in t way Spain's right to murde colonists any longer, if sh resist the provisioning of Cubans from American apart from any treachery can warship. Despite ail can warship. Despite ail r quite certain that Spain wo allies, and the result would eration of Cuba." The Daily Telegraph say ing the American report can iated, there can be no spain is primarily country would be, if a simi e occurred along the coast 'If the Spanish authorities ant of the position of mines, their ignorance is they were aware and omit guests, their position is fensible. The report adds flame. If the task of the d fensible tatesmen was arduous bef times more difficult now." The Daily Telegraph disc where the financial aspects says: "If the situation sho more acute there would cer big export of gold from this Spain's Dignified Att New York, March 26 .- Th cable from Madrid is in the United States Mininster called at the foreign minist to-day, and remained in con the foreign minister. Senor hours. General Woo resident McKinley, and he o have presented the synop Was rican naval court's ver Representatives of naintain on their respective lute finmness, Each reaffirm government, Minister Wood ing for the United States, Gullon for Spain, would be report of its own naval co he Maine came from the other asserts that the bay wrecked by an accidental plosion. With equal firmner ed the conflicting views of governments regarding situation and the condition centrados. When separated hours' earnest argument vielded an inch. The two were as wide apart as befor Spain is one the eve of a election. The fate of the I rnment and perhaps the dy upon the result of next Sund for members of the cortes. I have carefully inquired numerous political parties, find a single party nor even candidate, who will consent rifice of "Spain's rights to C deed, emiddate a full partie deed, candidates of all parti

World, with their deliberate falsifications, hushings up, and other attempts to blind the travelling public are solely to blame. They are on a level with the Sound papers, and have in this matter downright stupidity." But the efforts of is that the most serious injustice is being done to Canadians going over the Summit, and all hands should unite to have this grievance redressed without delay. Every day lost is so much more damage done to the vital interests of the province. TREACHEROUS AND CRIMINAL. That candid philanthropist, of blessed the Kettle River Railway bill. Thereby, that miserable gang of blunderers proved

company, a deserter of his public duty as an editor for the mean hire paid him by the company. He should hold his pursued a course of dishonesty and peace about "playing into the hands of aliens"; his unblushing sacrifice of the those journals can be dismissed with the real interests of Vietoria for the purcontempt they deserve; the main point poses of the company is too well-understood. The Colonist mentions the Vancouver World in this connection. What do we care about the opinions of the Vancouver World? Nothing: and we never met anybody who cared anything about them. The Colonist is getting reckless of its reputation.

WILL LEASE TO THE C.P.R.

Railway and Navigation Company was memory, the late Mr. W. H. Vander- formed for the purpose of building a bilt of New York, never in his long and railway from the coast to Kootenay. self-useful life carried more boldly into The proposed road was to be indepenpractice his own famous maxim: "The dent of the C.P.R., and the project republic be damned" than the Turner gov- ceived the support of the people of the ernment have put it into practice in coast cities largely on that account. The forcing through the legislature that most V. V. & E. has a provincial charter and atrocious and cowardly resolution against expects a provincial subsidy. At the present session of the Dominion parliament a bill will probably become law themselves traitors to the province that declaring the proposed railway to be for is putting up with their abominable the general advantage of Canada, and stupidity and extravagance, and fools bringing it under the operation of the railway act. This will give the road a as well; for how can they dare to face Dominion status and make it possible the country after battering that resolufor the government-whenever they feel tion through the house? It will be the most damning piece of evidence against so disposed-to grant it a Dominion subsidy. That it will receive a Dominion them at the elections. There is no myssubsidy is, however, far from certain; tery about the cause which led up to the indeed, it may be stated positively that spineless government of British Columbia finding the boldness at a most critical there is not the slightest chance that it juncture of their history, to fly deliber- will receive aid from the Dominion durately, we must believe, against the wish- ing the present session, whatever suces, most emphatically expressed, of the cess its promoters may have next year, people of the upper country. We shall or the year after, in subsidy-hunting. soon make clear that cause. The resolu- The government will not subsidize any tion was rushed through the house by railways this year, a policy which-albrute force and upon pretexts brutish in though it, will be unpopular in certain their illogicalness; so unterable and im stocalities will be approved in the com pudent that a footpad attempting to offer try generally. We say frankly, and hav-excuses for robbing the victim might ing in mind the great things we expectblush to use them. Here then is the rea- ed from the Coast-Kootenay railway, son why the weak, vacillating and un- which the Times advocated strenuously worthy Turner administration came by and consistently, that the refusal of a enough stiffening to pass a resolution Dominion subsidy will not be received that certainly took some resolution to with so much disfavor as it would have pass, for it is not in them to have done been had the original independent charit alone, knowing that the whole upper acter of the road been maintained and country could thereby be rendered irre- thus some guarantee have been continued concilably hostile and would take the that the great trade of the Kootenay opportunity soon to be afforded of ex- country would be assured of the bene pressing their detestation, resentment fits of a competing line, This hope may and disgust at the conduct of the James | now be abandoned since all claim to "in Bay gang. The almighty C.P.R., with dependence" was practically relinquished its admirale ramifications pushed into when the V. V. & E. applied for power every corner of Canada, its corps diplo- "to lease its works of any part thereof matique, as well as commercial, its train- to the Canadian Pacific, Railway, Comed and skilful emissaries everywhere; at pany on such terms and conditions and the federal apital, at every sent of pay-er in the the Dominion yes, the al-mighty, monopolistic C.P.R. octopus had something to do with making the inver-tebrate Turner ministry act as if they

had really a spine. The C.P.R. have in to provide a competing line between the Victoria now, and have had for some coast cities and Kootenay.

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SAVE THE BABY! A mother will risk her own life many times over, to save her babe drophobia. There are graver perils from which a mother should protect her child. A mad dog is a rarity, but thousands of children die daily be cause of the seeds isease implanted in their little bodies be-

fore birth. A woman may insure the health of babe if she sees to it that she is thoroughly strong and healthy in a wor manly way dur-ing the period of gestation. Dri

Pierce's, Favorite Prescription cures all weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs that sustain the burden of It makes them strong, healthy, It banishes the vigorous and elastic. queamish spells of the expectant period nd makes baby's introduction to the world, and makes baby's infroduction to the worky, easy and nearly painless. It fids maternity, of peril. It insures the newcomer's health and an ample supply of nourishment. It transforms sickly, nervous, fretful, despond-booth; Booth; Booth is Booth. It is true I helpful, amiable wives and mothers. Over go,coo women have testified to the benefits derived from this marvelous medicine. It does away with the necessity for the embarrassing examinations and local treat-ment upon which most physicians insist. It substitutes certainty for the doubtful eatment of obscure physicians, who sel-om correctly diagnose these troubles. All nedicine dealers sell it, and Dr. Pierce will cheerfully give free advice to ailing women who write him.

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Scores of women who have been permaremark often niade: and the practically what it meant until the las general elections. However, I was ho alone in that fix; there were two candidates for North Victoria, the one so

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'One of the most sordid cases of downight fraud" was the description given by the official receiver of the Central Klondike Gold Mining and Trading Comdying of a cancerous growth involving pany, Limited. The London Mercantile the bone tissues back of the nasal pas-sages. The melancholy truth is now ad-Guardian says: mitted privately by his son. Mr. Herber

The fraud was of such an ordinary Gladstone, and other members of his character that it affords no novelty in family. method. The arch-rogue has levanted, and those to whom 'Klondike' acted as The unanimous verdict of several spe ialists who have been consulted regardan open sesame to their pockets are be-wailing the loss of their money. It is ing the case, is that an operation is possible owing to the aged and enfeebled well, indeed, for company promoters that England is populated, as Carlyle said, mainly by fools."

condition of the patient. It would be possible to afford considerable reliet and also to prolong life by surgical means Mr. Gladstone were younger, but his heart already threatens failure to per-Recognizing the importance of cabinet form its functions and the surgeons are of the opinion that the administration epresentation for British Columbia, the Nelson Tribune begs to propose Mr. J. of anaesthetics would result in immedi-. Maclagan, of Vancouver, for the job. ate death. This can bardly be scored as a bull's The only relief possible is that afford-This can hardly be scored as a bull's eye for the Tribune. There are several will be used freely as the disease pro-

serious objections to Mr. Maclagan's ocgreeses, for, although they trend to short-en life, it is the wise judgment of the physicians and the family alike that they upancy of the post; he is too popular in vancouver for one thing, and for anothen would not be justified in seeking to pro-long the gony which has already led the he is too rigidly faithful to his promises ever to make an ideal minister." The aged sufferer to express a pitiful longing Tribune might try again. for death.

The pain has now continued for six Close upon 300 witnesses were exammonths and although it is somewhat less ned by the commission appointed to enacute than what it was a few weeks ag the strength and vitality of the patient's wonderful constitution are sadly declin ed. The end, when it comes, will be from failure of the heart's action rather than from the direct ravages of the ter-rible malady. It is hardly probable that it will be long delayed."

The great chimes of St. Patrick's Ca-thedral, New York, were rung for the first time on St. Patrick's Day. They were its vented by a Canadian.

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THE SURGEON FOILED.

To the Editor:-I read an article¹ in last week's Colonist, if not dedicated, something very much the same, to the Hon. J. P. Booth. It may have been DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS. written in Galiano Island or in the Col-onist office, but notwithstanding all the RENDERED IT UNNECESSARY. Too many doctors are too ready to use a certain extent, I have kept track of the knife. Many a one is sacrificed on the altar of a surgeon s ambition to oper-ate who could be saved by the use of Dr. that career, but I cannot remember Mr. Booth taking an independent, manly Booth taking an independent, manly stand in the legislative hall. He always Chase's K -L. Pills The case of MRS. reminds me of the country choir I once met, the members of which couldn't de W. B. AIKEN, of Zephyr, Ont., is one in point. Her husband says that she had pend upon themselves, or didn't want to, so the leader instructed them to watch his mouth; when he opened it they were been doctoring with several doctors for Inflammation of the Bladder for over a to open theirs and sing; when he closed it they were to do likewise. Some may year. wonder how some men get into the house; well may they wonder. I rememhe said if that did her no good she would be compelled to have an operation perber Comox sending two members to re-present them at two different periods Dr. Chase's K.-L. Pills in Mr. Dafoe's Dr. Chases A. L. Pills in Mr. Datoe's store, and my wile took one bill that night and one in the morning, and he has never felt the provision of pain since. I will always keen Dr. Chase's PUL in mit house for allour family completing." one of them was stone deaf, the othe had to be removed on several occasions for violent conduct. I have heard the "Between the devil deep sea," but I didn't know

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surprise to us, though, when we read

wing families on their firms, and yet

The future of the farmer is not

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packages of tobacco introduced in conse-quence of the increased duty. These stamps have been in use for some time now with-out the express authority of parliament, ard Mr. Foster ralled Sir Henri about this breach of low. Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. Foster that the parliament of the parliamen New York, March 25 .- The Sun publisehes the following from its London correspondent to-day: "Mr. Gladstone is Sir

Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. roster that the returning officer for Prince had not yet been appointed. The house adjourned at 10 o'clock. Dr. Sproule will again introduce a bill to strengthen the provisions of the act for the prevention and suppression of combinations in restraint of trade.

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In the Senate. In the senate yesterday the Yukon bi was introduced and read a first time with out discussion. It stands for the reading on Tuesday next. When the senate met yesterday the

en the senate met yesterday the sp unced that His Excellency had a announced that His Excellency had a to give, assent to the bill passed b senate to protect Canada from an post known as the San Jose scale. Black Rod was dispatched with the message to the commons. When the bers of the lower house arrived, head the speaker, and took up their plat the bar, Lord Aberdeen entered the ber attended by his side. Cantain F ber attended by his aides, Captain Ersk and Major Dennison, and assented to

bill. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was present and stock on the right of the vice-regal disc during the short caremony. After the departure of the Governor Convent the sente resumed its slitting.

General the senate resumed its sitting. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

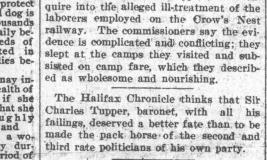
Better Showing Than Previous Year in the Half-Yearly Report.

Toronto, March 25 .- A special cable to the Evening Telegram from London says: The half-yearly report of the Grand Trun railway, just issued, shows receipts for t period to have been £2,247,151, an increa of £135,617 as compared with the corru-ponding period of the previous year. T working expenses of the previous year. f1,434,804, being a decrease compared w the similar period of £80,616, making net traffic receipts for the last half of year £81,347. Adding to the above f107. Interest received on bonds of other railw and the International Bridge Comp "makes the net revenue receipts f020/235. and the International Bridge Company makes the net revenue receipts 5920,235, an increase over the net revenue charges, in-cluding rents of leased lines, interest on debentures and stocks and bonds, and the amount advanced to the Ohicago & New Haven Company, amount to £644,972, leav-ing a surplus, which, deducted from the deficiency shown in the report of June-1897, Bavesnias, balance of £10,280 to the credit of net, revenue account for Decem-ber, 1897, to be carried forward to the next half year's account. The revenue surplus shows an improvement of £236,177, and for the entire year of 1897 £277,972, as com-pared with a deficiency of £42,975 shown for 1896. The Grand Trunk and Wabash agreement is also shown by which the latter line between Windsor and Buffalo via Suspension Bridge is leased at a yearly rental of \$275,000, increasing every five years \$25,000, the Wabash paying its quota of the cost of operating and maintaining the line leased. The directors regret that the amicable relations between the G.T.R. and the C.P.R. Systems have been intervented in conse makes the net revenue receipts £920,23

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quence of the unwillingness of the latter to agree to passenger rates arranged by Am-erican competition with the G.T.R. Manager Hays' efforts on behalf of the road the directors highly appreciate and make due record of the fact. The retiring directors, Messrs, Hubbard, Jackson, Sergeant and Welby, and also auditors Whinney and Davidson, offer themselves for re-election at the semi-an-nual shareholders' meeting to be held on the 5th of April.

a new French commander-in-chief General Jamont, who is a Breton, He is by years of age and served in the Cri-mea, Lombardy and Mexico. He was also at Metz in 1870, and in 1885 commanded the Tongking expedition.



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