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VICTORIA'S®REIGN.

Friday was been proclaimed a holiday and so gross that it is seen through by by the Mayor "to commemorate the at- the least discerning. When those papers tainment by Her Most Gracious Majesty try to make their readers believe that privileges? Or why cannot civil service Queen Victoria of the longest reign in the Government never offered the vacant British history." Queen Victoria's British Columbia judgeship to a gentlereign has been long. There are many man who is not a member of the Bar of of her subjects who have gone through the Province they state what they themyouth and manhood and who are enter- selves and everyone else now knows to ing old age, who have known no other be untrue. We are not greatly surprised Sovereign. From their earliest child- to see the Westminster Columbian affecthood all public acts have been done in ing to believe that: the name of Queen Victoria, and as far back as they can remember Queen Victoria has been prayed for in the ventive Conservative circles, doubtless,

churches. In all that time they have to the effect that an outsider-some churches. In all that time they have not heard their beloved Queen's name slightingly mentioned or known an unworthy act attributed to her. Her name has never been mentioned except in praise, and is very frequently ac-in the words. (slightly paraphrased) of in the words. (slightly paraphrased) of inflicted, for what punishment is more name has never been mentioned except B.C. Bench-were, it is now announced companied by a blessing. "The Queen, In the words (slightly paraphrased) of the late Mr. Pope, a Conservative worthy God bless her!" is a great deal more than a form of words to British ears. fond of quoting—there was "nothin' in

When Queen Victoria began to reign she was a young woman of eighteen The Westminster paper is so strong a right in their views with regard to the not think of offering a pastor less than years of age. She ascended the Throne partisan that it evidently believes there political status of civil servants let them \$650, and if we do not mistake \$800 a on the 20th of June, 1837, so she will is no harm in trying to deceive the pub- embody them in a law, and not doom year is the lowest salary that a Presbyhave reigned sixty years on the 19th of lic if the deception is calculated to bene- civil servants to something that has very terian congregation is allowed to offer. next June. But she has already reigned fit the Liberal party. It knows very much the appearance of slavery. Let The accounts of the poverty of clergynext June. But she has already reigned well that the "stories" were not in-longer than any other British Sovereign. wentions and that they came from Lib- law and performs his duties afficiently used of mining and that they came from Lib- law and performs his duties afficiently used of mining and that they came from Lib- law and performs his duties afficiently used of mining and that they came from Lib- law and performs his duties afficiently used of mining and that they came from Lib- law and performs his duties afficiently used of mining and the mining and the store afficiently used of mining and the mining and the store afficient to be accounts of the poverty of decays. Her grandfather, George the Third, ventions, and that they came from Lib- law and performs his duties efficiently, read of ministers who cannot afford to reigned fifty-nine years, three months three and four days. On the 22nd of Septem- those who protested most strongly him at the mercy of an arbitrary minis- who are unable to pay for medicine and Hydraulic Giants, Pipes and Sinking Pumps for Mines. as George the Third. But the reign of Liberals, among them Mr. Morrison, the Queen Victoria has been a happier one representative of Westminster in the tisans. to her personally than that of George House of Commons. It, no doubt. the Third was to him. She has during knows that Mr. Joseph Martin was ofall that time enjoyed good health of fered the judgeship in the face of the mind as well as of body, and has had the most earnest protests of Mr. Morrison satisfaction to know that she has been and other prominent Liberals of the beloved by her subjects, high and low. Province whom we could name, and it rich and poor. She has had a great most probably knows that if it were not sorrow which has saddened much of her for Mr. Morrison's strenuous and loval life, but has not darkened it. She has opposition Mr. Fraser, of Nova Scotia, had lesser sorrows which she has would have been appointed to the borne with exemplary fortitude and vacant seat on the British Columbia resignation. The Queen has had the Bench. The Columbian should not for satisfaction of knowing that her troubles a moment forget that Liberals in Ottawa have not been of her own creating. They and elsewhere are not blind and dumb. have been troubles common to the lot They see what is going on, and some of of mortals, and her sufferings have en- them, when the proceedings of the Govdeared her to her people. Her reign, ernment do not please them, are honest too, has been on the whole a reign of enough and manly enough to state their objections audibly. This has been the peace. The long reign of George the Third ment to the Bench. It was offered to was a stormy one, and it does not appear that he enjoyed any unusual amount of accounted it he mould to don he appear domestic happiness. His mind, too, Columbia judge. That he does not accepted it he would to-day be a British occupy that position is not owing to any in which others had to think for him and to act for him. During have for the opinions and wishes of the his reign Great Britain became have for the opinions and monotone Liberals of this Province, for Mr. Martin powerful and won a large share of military glory. But the process of with him whether he should or should becoming great and powerful is often a not be one of the judges of British very painful one, painful alike to the Columbia. All that it does when it people and their sovereign. But the denies what thousands in British Colum-British nation has not been required to bia now know to be true is to convince suffer in the reign of Queen Victoria as the public that it has no regard for the it had suffered in the reign of George the truth. Third. It increased wonderfully in

new lease of life to monarchical institu- jeopardy. He may expect to be deprived go to the polls, the Mayor, who is a gentions. If monarchy, after sixty years of of his means of living as soon as the tleman of high intelligence and who is Queen Victoria's reign, is more popular Government or one of the Ministers has more than usually strict in the exercise in Great Britain than it was when she had time to pay attention to his case. of the power entrusted to him, freely deascended the throne, the credit is due to Then such a system as this opens the clared that Dr. Duncan had committed no our good Queen. In an age when denio- door wide for malicious intrigue and offence against the law of the city, and cratic ideas were enthusiastically dis- false accusation. When it is known that voted against the motion for his dismisseminated and when they were received all a partisan of the winning side has to sal. If Mayor Beaven believed that Dr. gladly by multitudes, when thrones were do to ensure the dismissal of a civil ser- Duncan had violated the law or neglecttrembling and toppling in all directions, vant whose office he desires to possess is ed his duty there can be no doubt that Queen Victoria reigned secure. Her to write to Ottawa accusing the civil he would have voted for his dismissal throne was never, for a moment en- servant of having during the election without the slightest hesitation. Everydangered by revolutionists. The loyalty tried to persuade electors to vote against one who knows him is convinced of this. of distant colonists was not only pre- the party in power, accusations against When it is considered that Dr. Duncan served, but grew more intense and en- civil servants will pour into the depart- as City Health Officer was the reverse of thusiastic as time advanced. Would ments in a steady stream. The accused careless or neglectful, that indeed he was this have been the case if a bad or even man will be afforded no opportunity of remarkable for his zeal and his diligence, throne of Great Britain? We think not. unfounded charges preferred against the suspect he did what was illegal and Queen Victoria has always been judici- him. It may be thought that we are unprofessional is neither more nor less ous. She has never strained her pre- uncharitable. Those who come to that than absurd: rogative. She has never given the peo- conclusion know very little about the

The truth of the matter is, that this ple of the British Empire reason to think greed, the unscrupulousness and the case is one of political persecution. The that if another Sovereign was on the pertinacity of the average office-seeker. zeal for the preservation of the public Throne they would be better governed. It is very hard to say what some of health exhibited by Dr. Duncan's perse-Whatever discontent there may have them will not do to accomplish their cutors is a shallow and a transparent been in the Empire during the last purpose. pretext. His enemies are actuated by

sixty years, Queen Victoria was While this business of denunciation political spite and political greed, and it not for a single day its object. and false accusation is going on the po- is unfortunate that the defeated Liberal The position of colonists during her sition of the faithful civil servant, who candidate has made himself prominent reign has been immeasurably improved. knows that there are many of his fellow- among them. If they had said that Dr. Since 1837 the bonds which have united townsmen who are doing all they can to Duncan was a Conservative and had no British America with the Mother Counhave him dismissed, is not pleasant. He right to the office and therefore should try have never been felt to be galling. is morally certain of this although he has be dismissed, they would at any rate be Canadians are to-day as proud of being not had the opportunity of seeing the frank and honest. But when in their the subjects of Queen Victoria as are the representations of his rivals and his ene- eagerness to displace him and to get the most loyal of the inhabitants of Great mies. He lives in a state of suspense position for a Liberal, they attacked Dr. Britain. They sing and uncertainty that must, if he has Duncan's professional reputation, they

nerves, make him exceedingly miser- evinced a vindictiveness and a malignity able. for which there can be no possible ex-

We consider it cruel and most unjust cuse. We confess that we shall be surto place men in this miserable position. prised if we find that the Minister of If the Legislature of the Dominion con- Agriculture has consented to Dr. Dunsider it best in the interest of the public can's dismissal before hearing what he

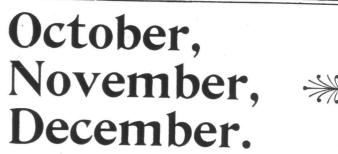
The hypocrisy of our Liberal contemservice that civil servants shall has to say in his own defence and withbe disfranchised, or that having the out finding out how the course he purporaries is not artistic. It is in fact privilege of voting they shall not take sued is regarded by medical men of high very much the reverse. It is so clumsy

an active part in elections, why cannot standing. a law be enacted defining their political " CLERICAL POVERTY." rules be drawn up making it clear what It is generally supposed that the a civil servant is permitted or forbidden clergymen of the Church of England in to do in political contests? He would England are very well paid. People then know how far it was lawful for him read a good deal about "fat livings" to go in supporting the party he favored,

and if he violated the law he did so with or next to nothing, and are exceedingly well paid for what they do not do. But take the consequences. But without there is very little truth in these reprelaw or rule to make that an offence for a sentations. Revelations that have been civil servant which is considered by men recently made in England show that of other classes and occupations a prethere are thousands of hard working cious privilege or an inalienable right, is clergymen of the Established Church who are obliged to work on what are literally starvation wages. According by attaching to the manufactured offence to an estimate made by the Dean of Norwich there are 400 beneficed clergymen who receive less than \$250 a year each, 3,500 who receive less than \$500 severe than to take from a man his and 7,000 who receive less than \$650. means of living?

This is a miserable state of affairs. A If Mr. Laurier and Mr. Davies are backwoods settlement in Canada would

is so conspicuous and so well known



During these months every subscriber to THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST renewing a subscription for one year and enclosing five cents to cover cost of mailing, will receive a copy of the beautiful lithograph "LISTENING TO THE BIRDS,"

a fac simile of the picture issued with the Xmas Number last year. This picture is a gem, and neatly framed is well worthy a place on the walls of any home.



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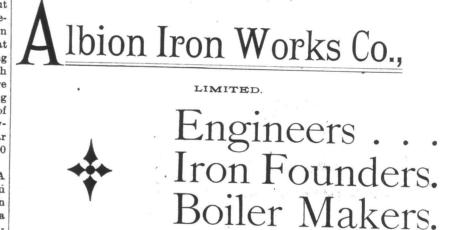
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## ABOUT DISMISSALS.

powerful; but its progress, for the most A good deal has been said of late about regard to persons supposed to have come part, was a peaceful progress. And the the dismissal of civil servants. The incontact with a man who was believed nation is still advancing. It may be that question is really not a party one. A to be suffering from smallpox. The city before the good Queen is called away the great many on both sides of politics are by-law, as everyone who reads it knows, first steps will have been made towards of opinion that a civil servant, should leaves it wholly at the discretion of the a closer union of the British Empire, not take an active part in politics, and health officer, whether he should keep and that she may have good reason that if he does he must not think it hard suspects in confinement or whether he to hope that before very long the if he is dismissed by the men against should, after they have been disinfected, whole British Empire will be firm- whom he worked. This is the declara- allow them to be at large. In the case ly welded together and will form a tion of Mr. Laurier, Mr. Davies and of the suspect of which so much has nation greater and more powerful many others-Conservatives as well as been said, Dr. Duncan exercised the disthan any that has yet existed on the Liberals. But is not this treatment of cretion which the law allowed him. No face of the earth-a nation which will civil servants arbitrary and unjust? It harm came of it, and no harm could cherish the institutions peculiar to means that if the civil servant is active come of it, for the young man was per-Great Britain and bring them to perfec- on the right side he has committed no fectly free from disease and his person

population, in wealth and in all that

goes to make a people enlightened and

offence, or rather that he has made his and his clothes had been duly disin-It will, we believe, be admitted by the tenure of office more secure, and put him- fected

historians and the statesmen of the self in the way of speedy promotion; When Dr. Duncan's political enemies A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free future that Queen Victoria, by her vir-tues and her good judgment, has given a side he has put his official head in missal because he allowed the suspect to 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

a host of greedy and unscrupulous par-

A CASE OF PERSECUTION.

The Times on Thursday repeated ediprevious day's issue in its Ottawa corresto the Times, "something like 40 clergypondence that Dr. George Duncan, Supmen, including Nonconformists and erintendent of Quarantine, has been dis- Roman Catholics, and I never charged missed. We find it extremely difficult except in the case of Bishops, well paid to believe this, because Dr. Duncan had church dignitaries or men with private P.O. Drawer 12. Telephone 31. received no intimation that any charges fortunes, and I never heard of any dochad been brought against him. It is not tor who did charge the poorer clergy." the custom of British Governments to There is one class of the clergy who dismiss a public servant arbitrarily with- are not kept on starvation allowance. out letting him know why his services That class is composed of Bishops. One are no longer required; still less is it of the correspondents of the Times their custom to try a man behind his writes:

back on the ex parte assertions of his "For a Church whose Bishops in enemies. Nothing more unfair and un-England and Wales have an aggregate just and, we may add, more unincome of £153,000 a year-i. e., £5,110 British than this can be imagined. (\$25,500) a year each on an average-to It must be remembered that appeal to the laity on behalf of the a great deal more than Dr. Duncan's poorer clergy is a somewhat cynical proloss of office is involved in his summary ceeding unless accompanied by some atand arbitrary dismissal, if he has been tempt of equalization of incomes." dismissed. It affects and deeply affects Those who denounce the clergy of the his professional reputation. If Dr. Dunestablished Church in England as a can committed the offence of which he is number of over-paid and under-worked accused by his political enemies, not men should try to remember that there only is he unfit to fill the position of are about 11,000 clergymen in England quarantine officer but he is unfit to perwho do not get \$650 a year each, a very form the daties and to be entrusted with large proportion of them getting much the responsibilities of medical practiless. Nothing is said here of the army

of under-paid curates. The simple truth is that Dr. Duncan TORONTO, Oct. 15 .- Dr. Murray, Brycommitted no offence whatever. He is anston, is dead, aged 40.

merely suspected of having done wrong by political partizans who are ignorant

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of the duty of a health officer with Highest Honors-World's Fair, DR CREAM

medical attendance for themselves or for French Ranges, Stoves, Grates, Etc. of these unfortunate ministers of religion

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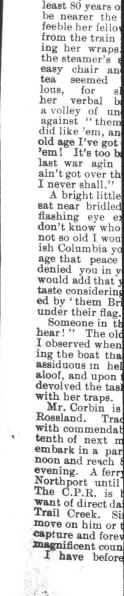
that medical men do not think of charg-ing them for their services. "I have Henry K. Worthington's Steam Pumps. torially the announcement made in the attended medically," writes a physician Ingersoll Rock Drill Co.'s Steam Rock Drills.

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