OUR VISITORS.

The Dominion ministers who have lately visited this Province evidently act upon the principle contained in the beatitude, "Blessed are they who eximpressed them with its importance with a breast-work of palmetto logs, and of a counterfeit that contains as much of jurisdiction all records and legal transrelatively to the other provinces of the Dominion; but they cannot tell how which the Spanish troops are quarmany of the members of their party on tered."

of a counterfeit that contains as much of the precious metal, and is, as bullion, worth as much as the coin issued from this area are three distinct districts, whom they must depend for support "General Weyler," we are told, "con-dollars are just such coin. It would be and the North Fork. If we are to inhave formed an equally high estimate tents himself with guarding this line, surprising if silver in the United States clude American interests in this zone or of the capabilities of the Pacific Prov- upon which he has long permitted himof the capabilities of the Pacific Prov- upon which he has long permitted him- were not illegally coined into dollars. Rossland to the Okanagan section, there ince. It is quite probable that a large self to be beseiged, virtually, by the innumber of the members from Ontario surgent forces. And it has always been merely coining the silver the coin- that is inevitably tributary to this trade and Quebec have come to the conclusion maintained that the insurgents could that the Ministers have been dazzled by cross it when they chose, and at various such coin is comparatively again in attractively again. that the Ministers have been dazzled by cross it when they chose, and at various such coin is comparatively easy, trict. the glitter of the gold they have seen places have actually crossed it." and heard so much about, and that they have formed an opinion of the capabilities of this Province altogether disproportioned to its actual importance. It is The number of the insurgents is not have found their way into the Treasury with commercial, mining and proving are, as a class, rather slow, and it is only numerous enough to keep at bay an ment with gold as they are now reprereasonable to conclude that the Minis- army of some 200,000 men. The armies sented by silver certificates. This is one avoided. ters are acting wisely in "going slow." of Spain have been vainly endeavoring of the evils consequent upon making For our own part, we have not the for nearly two years to subdue what has coins of a metal which has greatly deslightest doubt as to what will be the been frequently described as a mere preciated in value, a legal tender. ultimate verdict of the representa- handful of rebels, badly disciplined, illtives of the whole Dominion. We ex- equipped, and insufficiently supplied pect to see before very long among the with the munitions of war. Although the least enterprising members of the ma- country is unhealthy and a large part of jority in the House of Commons, the the Spanish army is at all times in hos- tide has set in against the Conservatives territory covered by what is known as

We must say that we are a little dis- army. appointed that some member of the Laurier Government has not taken the bull by the horns and become the enthusiasdiscretion. We are beginning to think that the hopes of British Columbians this way. with respect to railway development will not be realized until our railway of trumpets during the North Grey camschemes are taken hold of by some man paign that if Mr. Paterson were elected possessing Sir John Macdonald's enterprise, courage and foresight. Is that man in sight? We fear not.

OUR UITLANDERS.

There are in this Province at the pres-Are they regarded with suspicion and carry out the pledge. distrust by Canadians and other British subjects? Are they made to feel that they are intruders who are not entitled to the full protection of the laws of the the mining camps on both sides about the movement:

say, are good, and the other laws are honestly enforced. There is no mining camp on the American side of mining camp on the American side of has, by dint of wise persistence, roused Wilmington. Del., for supposed violation with the content with as well as official unthrift and misfeasance; but it has, by dint of wise persistence, roused Wilmington. Del., for supposed violation with the content with as well as official unthrift and misfeasance; but it has, by dint of wise persistence, roused with the content with as well as official unthrift and misfeasance; but it has, by dint of wise persistence, roused with the content with t respected and enforced as it is in Ross-The street-improvement club is now land and the other Kootenay towns. The street-improvement club is nearly as pervasive as the political club Whatever growling there is in Kootenay in a lively campaign. We have such orfrom American citizens. We are glad to know that this is the case. John Dullis several more. Their present policy is a chronic growler, and he is never happy mainly one of electric lighting, but in unless he has a grievance to complain of. time it may be expected that they will from an American Kootenay miner.

This is a pleasant state of things. We and British subjects it would act as a Supervisors and the Street Department such aid and comfort as may be found in the range.

A numb drawback on enterprise, and would materially retard the development of the and relentless pressure. When the clubs legal material support,

Supervisors and the Street Department such aid and comfort as may be found in the range.

A number of newspaper writers repeatedly compare the mineral showing which has been promised by the junta,

country. From all that we can learn the now in existence or yet to be formed best feeling exists between the miners of get their lighting problems solved, they tionalities.

THE "TROCHA."

In reading accounts of the struggle in pect nothing for they shall not be dis- Cuba one frequently meets with the they expressed themselves favorably as to get no help from even the best dictionnot been long in office. They fortifications across the Island from hold of the special case. cannot tell, as yet, how the north to south. The trocha divides the rank and file of the party Island into two parts, and it is intended feel with respect to British Columbia to keep the insurgents of the East from

known, but it is seen that they are and must be redeemed by the Govern-cial interests naturally centre at Grand most enthusiastic advocates of British pital it seems wonderful how so great a It is, however, altogether inaccurate to Columbia enterprises. But they must force as that which the Spaniards have represent Cornwall as a Catholic con-

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

It does not look well to see a man's tic advocate of British Columbia railway friends, especially if he is a politician, improvement. Caution and prudence trumpeting any kind or generous deed are very good things, but there is he may do from one end of the country such a thing as being too cau- to the other. Uncharitable people will tious and too prudent. Those be apt to consider that it was for the who are old enough, must have a lively purpose of getting advertised in this way remembrance of the horror with which that the generous act was performed. the Liberals, as a party, regarded Sir The politician particularly, if he does John Macdonald's scheme of a railway not want to be judged uncharitably, across the continent. It was vehemently should not let his left hand know what denounced as a grazy scheme that no one his right hand does. Ostentatious givbut a lunatic would undertake. If Sir ing is, on the part of a public man, a John and his fellow workers were as mistake. But we have no name for the discreet and as prudent as the present folly and the stupidity of the Gives Way to this Marvellous Beenedy, Minister of Marine and Fisheries and friends of a leading party politician the Minister of Railways and Canals, the who raise the report that he has done a Pacific railway scheme would never have good deal which he did not perform or gone beyond the incipient stage. But think of performing. They should know the veteran Premier acted on the prin-that the truth would leak out sooner or or working over a low bench or table, in a ciple "Nothing venture nothing win," and he performed what hundreds of thousands loudly declared to be sheer that the truth would leak out sooner or later of working over a low bench or table, in a stooping posture, try to straighten up, and sounding blasts from the hillsides surficely a sharp pain as of a knife, thrust through your kidneys.

That is lumbago.

When it becomes chronic it is one of the impossibilities. The magnificent Canadian Pacific railway is the result of his made a victim of in this way by some unsplendid imprudence—his glorious in- principled or inconsiderate friends. The story is told by the Mail and Empire in

It was announced with a great flourish ne would give his first session's indemnity to the widow of his predecessor, Mr. Clark. Rev. D. A. McLean. of Kemble, now says on Mrs. Clark's authority that the \$1,000 has not come to hand. Possibly Mr. Paterson made no such promise. Some zealous friend may have given it in his name, just as Mr. Hardy promised public works. In political matters Mr. Paterson is—well, he is a politician; but if he had proof Kemble, now says on Mrs. Clark's ent time a large number of Uitlanders. political matters Mr. Paterson is—well, Does the Government of either the Prov- he is a politician; but if he had proince or the Dominion treat them badly? mised to give \$1,000 to any body he would

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

A movement has been set on foot in San Francisco for effecting city improveland? We have heard no complaints. San Francisco for effecting city improvements, The citizens have become weary on the contrary, the American miners in the Kootenay country feel quite at matters, so they have decided to put home in British Columbia. In fact, their own shoulders to the wheel. This some among them do not hesitate to is what the Chronicle of that city says

of the line is largely in favor of street improxement which has come of British Columbia.

The mining laws of the Province, they say, are good, and the other of the say, are good, and the other say.

To be street improxement which has come letter dated in October at La Campanai, being done there this winter.

To the west of Boundary creek are the province of Santa Clara, Cuba, was say, are good, and the other sanathy to contend with as well as office Capacilla of the Capacilla o comes from British subjects, and not ganizations on Polk, Larkin, Fillmore, We have yet to hear the first complaint take up other plans of betterment, including street paving, cleaning and sew-

ering. One of the great benefits expected of would be very sorry to hear that Amerithis movement is a better municipal adcan settlers on British territory were ministration of public works. City offimade to feel uncomfortable by their admonitions of men, but they fear the neighbors of British origin. If any in- power of organizations. Much of the vidious distinction social, or other, best pavement now in the city has been were made between American citizens laid because of the way improvement ed States, has issued an address to "The part of the district, a move that seems

all nationalities in the Kootenay councident, by joining issues, work a radical try. There is, in fact, very little to re- which the maximum of expense is commind them that they are of different na- bined with the minimum of result in street management. It will be a great service to San Francisco to have the keep eye of organizations fixed upon every dollar's worth of street or sewer work that is performed. Then there will be

some honest results. The new movement of the taxpayers appointed." Both Mr. Davies and Mr. word "trocha." This word to very is, fortunately, extending to Market Blair spoke highly of the resources and many is a stumbling-block; they can-the capabilities of the Province, and not find out what it means, and they possibilities in the West—will soon become worthy of the Coast metropolis. the projected railway undertakings, but aries. The word means a cross-road, or This prospect, it is almost needless to the projected railway undertakings, but they were very careful not to make any a path across the main road; but in the say, is much enhanced by the influences which the Merchants' Association are River, Boundary Creek and North Fork specific promise. This is a dis- accounts of the movements of the hos- bringing to bear and the vigor with districts it will be necessary to define creet policy. The ministers have tile forces in Cuba it means a line of which its executive committee has taken

QUEER COUNTERFEITS.

for no one but an expert can From this source of description Grand This appears to be a very weak bar-distinguish them from the coin issued by Forks is beyond a doubt the central rier to keep out an enterprising and the Government. As a matter of fact courageous enemy.

and from here we must draw the maga large number of these spurious dollars netical line. All business connected

THE CORNWALL ELECTION.

500, which proves nothing at all as to the way in which the Catholics voted.

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am completely cured. You may publish as you see fit, so as to help others.
"THEODORE YOUNG,

Smith's Falls, Ont." who gave me medicine that seemed to make me worse at times. I would be deaf and short-sighted. I was told of Dodd's Kidney ills. I got one box, and I have used part

CUBAN INSURGENT PROGRESS.

Wilmington, Del., for supposed violation York and Buffalo capitalists. In Copper of the neutrality laws. After some personali camp is the famous Dig Copper properallusions, the letter says: "The genty, which has a well defined vein of red oxides of copper and copper glance, the be more satisfactory for us. We are more powerful avery day, while at every step, and at every moment, the absolute the vein for a distance of 2,000 feet. The inglish us is put to vanquish us is put. incapacity of Spain to vanquish us is put same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the article of the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the article of the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem, able to keep the same showing is also made in the mines ducing more ore per diem. in ewidence. Our fowces cover all the of Deadwood, Kimberly and Greenwood the other conducting offensive tactics everywhere and repeatedly striking good blows on the enemy's forces and owns as much as the special character of this war allows and the manner in which the Spaniards' army carry on the campaign.

Aid and Comfort for Cuba. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—President Ethan

Kettle River, North Fork, Boundary Creek and Greenwood Camps.

An Everlasting Shipper-Peculiarity of Ores-Proposed Smelter -Around Midway.

GRAND FORKS, Dec. 13. - Before enthe difference between it and what is generally known as the Yale mining division of British Columbia. From the Columbia river west to the Okanagan It seems that the United States has country, covering a distance of over one railway undertakings. They have, ac- co-operating with those of the West. been flooded with spurious silver dollars. hundred miles, is what is known as the cording to their own admissions, just It for the most part consists of "a The dollars contain as much pure silver Kettle river country. This district discovered British Columbia. What barbed wire fence three feet six inches as the genuine government dollars, but covers an area of over three hundred they have seen and heard since they high, about forty yards back of which is they are not intrinsically worth more miles square, and is properly known as came to this far Western Province has a trench three feet wide and four deep, than half as much. It is a queer kind Yale mining division, and under that the Government mint. But these new known as Kettle River, Boundary Creek

> Forks, simply because it is the inlet and outlet of the country, and cannot be

When railway facilities are provided. furnishing the country with an outlet through different channels of trade interests from the Coast, as well as the East and over the boundary line and into the States, Grand Forks will still remain the junction and natural distribut-The result in Cornwall shows that the ing point to all districts in the mining Yale mining division.

Included in this topographical circle than it does against the ragged rebel and Cornwall was, in 1895, 27,156, of designation places the different promin- ores, but in reality there is a vast differwhich 16,577 were Protestants and 10,579 Catholics. These are the figures of
the Canadian Year Book of the year 1896.

In their respective subdivisions. For instance, the North Fork
country is divided up into what is designed and process as the ores of this country.

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The year process as the ores of the country. the Canadian Year Book of the year 1896. nated as Pass Creek camp, in which are For example we will take the Volcanic The Government's majority is only about located the Garnet mountain posses or Seattle mines, up the North Fork sions; Brown's creek and Brown's camp, in which are situated the famous Volume and the requirement of the re canic and Pathfinder properties; Knight's they earry in substance all the required camp, in which are the interests of the fluxes, in the way of iron chlorides, sulmountain; Clark's camp, in which is are no exceptions to this rule anywhere located the Seattle property, one of the in the country, in fact there—are no rerichest mines in the country; Fisher fractory ores in the country. They are man creek, where the R. Bell property, owned by Salt Lake, Utah, parties is being worked with promising results; Hardy mountain, with three score of valuable properties and Chief for the country. They are a parely sulphide ore, averaging on the surface from \$5 to \$16 in gold, from \$1 to \$10 in silver. Galena, or local ores, are selected with the second of the country. valuable properties, and Observation mountain, at the very threshold of Grand Forks, upon which is lecated the Bonita, Grey Eagle, Grand Forks, Observation and a degen other valuable properties. All the shown panels are covered over by an ison capping from one to ten feet in depth, apparently like a slab of rock thrown every a colid properties. All the above named properties are being worked and have a most lions where an iron can does not lead to as Do All Afflictions Arising From Impure Blood and Disordered Kidneys.

erties are being worked and have a most tions where an iron cap does not lead to mineral, and in many instances up the March Forks the formation is configurable. mining interests, and ten per cent. of

them are being developed. to the different mining camps. The approach of winter, however, in its exseptional severity this year does not seem to impede the indomitable energy and ambition of the prospector, and what is being done now, in a mining sense, is of a

substantial and systematic nature. People as a unit have a great deal of and as a rule look with pride and decis- 80 to 100 feet in width.

is located the Winnepeg and Wellington have the first practical and experienced mines, both famous for their large bodies of ore and their/values in gold and copper; White's camp, where there is now being extensively developed the not describe it without being accused of metitors. Smith's Falls, Ont."

Gentlemen,—I have been troubled for over one year with female weakness and urinal trouble, I have consulted a doctor, who gave me medicine that seemed to make city of Paris and Lincoln mines by Mr. now being extensively developed the not describe it without being accused of petitors City of Paris and Lincoln mines by Mr. exaggeration. The mineral showing on A. G. Hennage, who represents English Volcanic mountain is conservatively escapital; Greenwood camp, in which is timated to be from 1,000 to 1,200 of the box, and I am completely cared. My urine is natural now. You may publish this if you like, that it may help others.

MRS. George Barnes."

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Capital, Greenwood camp, m which is timated to be from 1,000 to 1,200 to the season by Colonel George Turner, a Van-reasonable to the writer, but it is a fact. season by Colonel George Turner, a Van-reasonable to the writer, but it is a fact. courer gentleman of means and mining. The outcrop of this massive body of ore experience; Long lake camp is at the can be seen for twenty miles away standhead of Pass creek, but on account of its ing out like a treasure sentinel against

To the west of Boundary creek are the

Midway is situated nine miles south of Greenwood camp at the junction of Boundary creek with the Kettle river. All business connected with the government for this entire section is transacted there, and in a measure places people on this side of the range to a great disadvantage, especially at this time of the year. An effort is being made, however to divide up the district and make Grand people of the United States," asking for to be favored by parties on both sides of eighty-five young men for the Cuban

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of this country with that of Rossland, when in reality there is a vast difference. be allowed time to come to sound con- in Cuba does not make better headway stituency. The population of Stormont as camps, which for convenience and they are identical as a class of sulphide In one sense of the metallusgical term Bonanza company's mines on Bonanza, phur, arsenical iron and silicates. There

ly like a slab of rock thrown over a solid North Fork the formation is exclusively an iron cap, and with very little depth Two months ago-it was not a common mineral is found, and often where there 1896. thing, so I am informed—but that re- are no signs of a vein or walls to a vein. Most of the country on Pass Creek may be termed a mineral farm, because the entire formation is thoroughly minties could be seen going in all directions evalized. The character of the formation generally is diorite and phophyry, and the contract is a dolomite lime micacious granite and some quartzite. The large mineral deposits, such as the Wolcanic, Pathfinder and most of the Greenwood camp mines have no regular walls, but seem to be immense chimneys or deposits. The Seattle, which is faith in the future of the country, and most promising mines in the country, is considered to be one of the best and seem to have settled down to business, a genuine true fissure, averaging from

Washington, Dec. 16. - The following of the mining camps, there is no work eral is low grade on the surface, while on the hanging wall a well, defined stratum of silicious tissue quartz from 40 to 50 feet in width is found, near which is a fair grade of copper and gold ore. This property is owned by a company mostly composed of Grand Forks men, who contemplate the erection of large smelting works as soon as practicable next season and otherwise place the property in more smelter farnaces in blast and employ more miners and laborers than any other mine on the face of the globe.

With the advent of a railroad into this British Commbia country will terminate as an ore producer and everlasting shipper of the precious metals. PORT ANGELES, Wash., Dec. 17.-The

army. They are prepared to leave for

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and as a rule look with pride and decision to a bright and properous season the coming year in the Kettle river country.

Boundary creek, like the North Fork, is one of the main tributaries of the Kettle river. The district is distant twenty miles west of Grand Forks, where the young and prosperous mining town of Greenwood is situated. Between here and Greenwood are the prosperous camps of Wellington is located the Winnepeg and Wellington.

Deputy Sommissioner of Lands & Works. Lands and Works Department, Victoria, E.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-lm



Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Re-rision and Appeal will sit as follows: vision and Appeal will sit as ionows:—
For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City and Cassiar:—At 46 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th days of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—
At the Royal Oak on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Sasnich, on Saturday the 2sth day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon. For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Sasnich:—On Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 O'clock noon. With the advent of a railroad into this country and a market for the product of the mines, there is no telling how the Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m. For that portion of the Electoral Districts o Comox and Cassiar known as the Cosst, Rupert Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 46 Langley street, Victoria, on Monday the 21st day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m. Gay of December, 1850, at 11 October a.m.

For that portion of the Cowiehan-Alberni
Electoral Districts known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December,
1896, at 11 october a.m. Cuban junta has a representative in this city, who has succeeded in recruiting

Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November,

S. PERRY MILLS, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal, del-3wd&w

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