

The Pacific Cable.

Correspondence Between British Columbia and Dominion Governments.

Hon. Mr. Cotton Takes an Active Part in Discussing the Scheme.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, June 12.—A return brought down to-day comprising the correspondence between the British Columbia government and the Dominion government in respect to the Pacific cable. In addition to the telegrams which have already been published from the British Columbia government, the return contained a letter from Hon. Mr. Cotton, dated May 5th, in which he said that British Columbia was deeply interested in the scheme, and he offered to contribute to the cost. He considered it of the greatest importance that Britain should be a co-partner in the scheme. If the Imperial Government was prepared to accept an equal share in the cost, he would be glad to contribute to the cost. He also said that he had already written to the Imperial Government on the subject, and he had also written to the Hon. Mr. Cotton, dated May 5th, in which he said that he was willing to contribute to the cost of the cable.

There Was No Demonstration When President Loubet Visited Longchamps.

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DRUGGED AND ROBBED.

A Wealthy Alaska Mine Owner Relieved of Several Hundred Dollars in Vancouver.
 (Special to the Times.)
 Vancouver, June 12.—The steamer Elihu Thompson, from Seattle, called here last night on her way north and left for Victoria to-night.

EDUCATION IN ALASKA.

A Sensational Report—Grand Jury Ask That the General Agent Be Removed From His Post.
 According to advices received by the Steamer Cottage City which arrived here yesterday morning from Juneau, Alaska, the grand jury of the United States district court for Alaska have made a sensational report on the conduct of educational matters in Alaska. The report reads:

"In hope that it may be able to effectually reach some remedial power or authority, the grand jury desires to direct attention to the deplorable condition of educational affairs in Alaska. Blame cannot be justly laid at the doors of Congress. Between the years 1884 and 1897 inclusive, there was appropriated for education in Alaska an aggregate of \$415,000, a sum which, had it been judiciously expended, ought to have given Alaska a system fairly commensurate with the requirements of our people."

THE FRASER.

(Associated Press.)
 Quebec, June 12.—The river has risen six inches in the past 24 hours. The weather is showery.

THE CROPS.

(Associated Press.)
 London, June 12.—The Mark Lane Index, in its weekly crop report to-day says: Belgium, Holland, Italy and Spain of Austria-Hungary promise average wheat crops. In France, Germany, Spain and Poland the crops are fair, and there are hopes for a full average in Russia the drought is too prevalent to allow of a hopeful yield of either wheat or rye. In Rumania, Serbia and Bulgaria a short wheat crop is regarded as inevitable.

Ready For Action.

Great Britain Is Prepared to Enforce Her Demands in the Transvaal.

Arrangements Made for Immediate Transportation of Troops.

Officers on Furlough Warned to Be Ready to Rejoin Their Regiments.

(Associated Press.)
 London, June 12.—The commander-in-chief, Lord Wolsey, has been busy for several days and evenings at the War Office preparing for eventualities in South Africa.

FROM RIVER'S INLET.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
 The cameras on the Inlet are rapidly preparing for the busy season. Most of the cans have been made.

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OCEAN MINERS.

They Create That Sink Deep Shafts.

Some Remarkable Miners are Found in the Ocean Delving into the Hardest Rock.

Others Penetrate the Muddy Bottom and Increase the Shaft in which they Work with Lime.

So far as its resemblance to a miner of the land is concerned the shell known as *Pholias* is the most remarkable, as it is not only a wonderful miner, but also carries a light, bright and vivid, that seems to serve as a miner's lamp, and that has some interesting properties. One of which is that it shows in the water and in a vacuum, and while clear, and distinct, emits not the slightest heat.

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CANNIBALS BRITONS.

Discoveries Just Made Indicate that the Early Englishmen Ate his Brother.

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