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A CHANCE TO ADVERTISE

point. California is a state where there is a great deal of accumulated wealth. It also contains a very large number of people who take an intelligent interest in mining. The visit of the press association may result in country of paupers. Even in the neighin mining. The visit of the press association, if rightly utilized, may result in
directing some of that interest and some
of that wealth to our gold fields. Without having consulted our city
contemporaries we feel able to
promise for the newspaper men
of Victoria that they will do anything in promise for the newspaper men of Victoria that they will do anything in their power to advance so excellent an object. On this excursion the press of California will be generally represented. Most of the visitore will send to their papers descriptions of what they see and reliate some of the things they hear; but what is of even greater importance, they can be impressed with the actual facts relating to the mineral wealth of the province, so that thereafter they will be able to appreciate properly such news as shall reach them from time to time. In other words their visit will enable us to open their eyes and through their instrumentality the eyes of the people of California to the limitless opportunities which British Columbar with what two seeks and fords. A few of the older resi
promoters going to distant states for articles of incorporation calls for some exticles of incorporation calls for some exticles of incorporation calls for some extincts of the fact that they will be the province than in the neighboring state and the price of all kinds of produce is higher. In view of this will full ignoring on the part of our next door regishors of facts which they must should be even pressed with the actual facts releating to the mineral wealth of the province, so that thereafter they will be able to appreciate properly such news as shall reach them from time to time. In other words their visit will enable us to open their eyes and through their instrumentality the eyes of the people of California to the limitless comportunities which British Columbar where the province than in the neighbors of facts that the neighbors of facts which her missed they must shall kinds of promoters' shares simultaneously with development shares ought to be absolutely prohibited, and seems to favor the shipping of ore has begun, or at least until some specific event has taken place which shall be designated in the proposal to the province, so that thereafter they will be ignorant of this attitude of our neighbors of the timulation. I of Victoria that they will do anything in men, in utter defiance of the fact that planation. It does not regard the regisof the people of California to the limitless opportunities which British Columbia affords. A few of the older residents remember the rush from Calidents remember the rush from Calidents remember the rush from Calithan been said the ministry could hardly
the placers of the France and its wight went to Washington on a somebia affords. A few of the older residents remember the rush from California to the placers of the Fraser and its
tributaries, and will bear us out in saying that if California can be shown that
it is worth while to invade the province
once more the thing will be accomonce more the thing will be accomplished. The new invasion if it comes once more the thing will be accom- and its failure removes a will-o'-the-wisp once more the thing will be accomplished. The new invasion, if it comes, will be one backed by some of the abundant capital seeking investment in that dant capital seeking investment in that ing to distract their minds from the de-

What we have in mind is that the vis- National Policy of Sir John Macdonald. iting newspaper men should be given an object lesson as to the richness and THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES. learned Chief Justice is much to be con and that each one of them should carry precious metals. This is, of course, only urges the establishment of something not the first body that has wrestled with matter best. All we want to do to-day a bureau which will handle mining mat- whole range of revenue questions. The think will be an excellent opportunity ince, and emphasizes its point by saying: theory of the position taken by the Hon to advertise the mineral resources of the province in a very promising field.

province in a very promising field.

A QUESTION DISPOSED OF.

It is quite evident that there will be no reciprocity treaty with the United States this year. We do not know that this is wholly a matter of regret. A reciprocity treaty framed on just lines would be an excellent thing for Canada, but we can get along without it. Thirty-two years have passed since the old treaty expired and Canada has in the meantime greatly advanced in wealth, commercial-importance and material bureau of mines. The first covers the Alberni and Barclay sound district; the second the Trail creek district, and the second the Barclay sound district; the second the Trail creek district, and the third the Slocan, Nelson and Ainsworth mining districts. Each one of the last three decades or to indulge in anything but the liveliest hope over the prospects for the future. With reciprocity certain interests would be materially advanced. The coal and timber industries, for example, have everything to gain from free access to the United States market. British Columbia and the Maritime provinces are especially concerned about this. An open market across the border for farm promarket across the border for farm pro-duce would mean much for Ontario and and every particular which can be all the Eastern provinces. There are other lines of industry which would gain

This is but one of the means emif the customs barrier were removed. There are also many lines of imports b which it would be of advantage to our people to obtain duty free. Without further particularizing it may be said that anything which tends to stimulate trade between two countries, so situated in respect to each other as Canada and the United States, must be beneficial to both. All this may be and is, in fact, admitted by every one, Conservative and

the fruitlessness of the Davies-Cartwright mission to Washington wholly with regret. Reciprocity has been a mining district in British Columbia, full favorite theme with the Liberals. They have made much complaint against the Conservatives for allowing so many years to elapse without securing it. They have made it a plank in their platform. They have given at least a very strong color to the elaim, made by their political opponents mines for sale or bond or mining stock in this country and the anti-British element among our neighbors, that in the spection. opinion of the Liberal party the prosperity of Canada was virtually in the hands value of the work done by the departof the United States. We shall probably ment of mines must be highly gratifying hear less of this hereafter. We shall to the government, to the minister of probably find the Liberal party more mines, and to his able staff of assistants, concerned with the development of our When it is remembered that it is imposcommerce on Canadian and Brit- sible not only to get any official reports ish lines than they have hitherto as to the mineral wealth of the neighbeen. If this is the effect of the acknowl- boring state, but practically to secure apedged failure of the mission to Wash- propriations for the construction of ington, the country may congratulate roads, trails and bridges into the mining itself upon the fact that the ministers regions, it will be easily understood how went there. It will be welcome news that badly our neighbors are handicapped in the Liberals have ceased to look south- competition with the Dominion in ward for the rising sun of prosperity. It mining.

will be still more welcome news to be told that they have resolved upon a policy of Canadian development.

In an article entitled "Business Problems," the Toronto Globe refers to the necessity for some legislation "to pro-

velopment of the basal principle of the

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is very gratulated upon his work as a revisor home with him a neat compendium of greatly impressed with the value of our the statute law. information regarding our wealth of provincial department of mines and a crude suggestion. Before any plan is similar in connection with the Federal what is called "the mortgage tax." agreed upon there should be consulta- cabinet. It says that the mining states is a very difficult question to deal withtion between those who understand the are badly handicapped by the absence of in fact one of the most difficult in th is to direct public attention to what we ters as they are dealt with in this provis no doubt as to the correctness

commercial importance and material progress. The business of the country is on a very solid foundation and to all appearances the threshold of a new area. The forest intelligencer has recently republished under this issue. We are very sure that the people of the rest of the Dominion with bureau of mines. The first covers the appearances the threshold of a new area.

ployed by the British Columbia mining bureau to bring about the development of the mineral resources of that province The Seattle paper complains very strongly of the manner in which mining interests are neglected by the government of the United States and insists that this neglect is an obstacle to the de-

velopment of meritorious properties. It

states the matter thus:

In this state there are mining districts Liberal alike; yet reciprocity is not necessary to Canadian progress.

We have said that we do not regard the fruitlessness of the Davies-Carthas ever been called upon to examine or in this state, his only source of informa-tion is the files of the newspapers, the interested statements of those who have

This unexpected testimony as to the the Sentinel kindly tell us what it is en-

We venture the suggestion that the failure of the mission to Washington tion which is being practised under for-OUR MINES.

OUR mines.

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Mand— Your husband has a great opine on of visit Victoria in June. We do not know for. A few leading American papers part of promoters, and unhappily good does

what will be the length of their stay, but and a very few leading American public it will doubtless be long enough to enable the people of this city to score a point. California is a state where there point. California is a state where there is a great deal of accumulated wealth.

In a lew leading American papers part of promoters, and unnapping good names are associated with concerns which would not be found there were thought console you for your husband's the ordinary responsibilities attaching to joint stock concerns operating in these,"

Our Toronto contemporary thinks that

that no company shall commence business until 10 per cent. of the capital stock has been paid in, and a graded scale of fees is provided. The act is not made retrospective in its operation. The

THE British Columbia legislature British Columbia, for example, has a Mr. Pooley. The expediency of acting bureau of mines, the head of which bur-

out distinction of party would rejoice

though with so many parts of the country without any railway communication it is premature to talk of a third line hetween these points.

Hon. Mr. TURNER very satisfactorily answered Mr. Semlin's protest against the omission of any redistribution bill from the government programme for the session. The fact that no one can tell what portion of the province may not rival Kootenay in increase of population before another twelvemonth is the best possible reason for delaying redistribution to the last moment practicable.

THE president of the council announced vesterday that it is the intention of the government to ask the house to make the taking out of miners' licenses optional with employees in mines, and to make new provisions as to the license fees payable by mining companies. These changes are in the right direction.

According to the Inland Sentinel the Colonist "unblushingly gives utterance to self-evident falsehoods," and it roceeds to add the pleasant assurance that "this is a course we cannot but espise." This is very sad. Now, will deavoring to get at?

THE esteemed Times does not like the speech. If the Times did like the speech, Othello's occupation would be

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Weyler, fexpectantly)—"Have they discovered the whereabouts of the Cuban army?" Orderly—"No, "sir." Weyler (fervently) "Thank God!"—Judge,

Mabel—Your husband by

about it, mostly exclusive: It was a great piece of work, I assure you."—Cleveland Leader.

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CLOSED DOWN.

Tobonto, Feb. 10.—(Special)—The Agricultural Fire Insurance Co., of Watertown, N.Y., has closed down its Canadian offices and will accept no more with in the control of th risks in this province. Up to about two years ago the company confined its busi-ness to farm and dwelling house risks. ness to farm and dwelling house risks, but since that time the agents have been accepting all ordinary kinds of commercial risks, and in the general rush of customers cut rates time and again. The insurance men of Toronto were more particularly affected by these cuts. All the risks accepted by the Agricultural company have been reinsured in the British American Insurance Company.

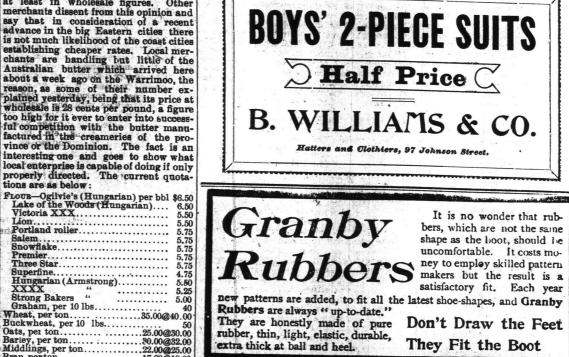
hn Snell of Wingham, Ont., was in a throne Mealstrom of Pain and Agony From Dis-

"Five years ago I had a severe attack of La Grippe which affected my kidneys and caused intense pain in my back and urinary organs. I suffered untold misery, at times I could'not walk, and any standing position, but one who did not know that he occupied the position of leader of his side of the house might have been excused for supposing that he was an indicated although I had little faith left in any remedy—having tried so many worthless ones—but a drowning man will grasp at a straw, and I procured so many worthless ones—but a drowning man will grasp at a straw, and I procured terday discloses the nature of it. Mr. Cotton's criticism was decidedly mild, and his promise at the end of his speech to give the government a loyal support.

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co. Five years ago I had a severe attack of

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Mr. Kellie has put some interesting mises from the gentlemen on the left of notices on the motion paper. He will ask for information as to the incorporation of mining companies, the production of precious metals in Kootenay during the Speech. ing the year, and some other subjects o when the Companies' Act comes to be dealt with and matters relating to Kootenay and the mining interests generally

There are a few little differences in There are a few little differences in legislative routine between the practice of our provincial assembly and that of some of the others. For example, the public accounts were distributed without any formal message from the Lieutenant-Governor. In some of the provinces the accounts are withheld until the Governor's speech has been disposed of.

the mace, and everyone knows the country would go to smash without the mace.

A casual visitor to the house yesterday afternoon when the debate was on might have had some difficulty in deciding which of the speakers were government supporters and which were government the opposition. Excepting the very earnest attack made by Mr. McPherson earnest attack made by Mr. Mcrinerson upon the Commissioner for Lands and Works, there was hardly anything to ruffle the atmosphere of a debate, which came measureably near being a political love feast. Compliments were the order of the afternoon and the criticisms were, with the avention mentioned of the with the exception mentioned, of the

The mover and seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne made capital speeches. They were full of meat and the points were Mealstrom of Pain and Agony From Discussed Kidneys—South American Kidney Cure was the Welcome "Life Preserver" very fortunate in having two such excellent representatives to open the discussed in the points were full of meat and the points were of Tacoma; the Bellingham Bay Co., of Tacoma; the Bellingham Bay Co., of Tacoma; the Bellingham Bay Co., of New Whatcom, and one Gray's Harbor mill have refused to enter the organization of the points were such as a contract of the points were

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A published interview credits Mr. Semlin with being opposed to the introduction of Dominion issues into Provincial politics. It is not easy to point out how any good result can come from dividing the house upon federal lines. There are matters of provincial policy, weighty enough in their bearing upon the welfare of the people, to occupy the attention of the voters without distracting their minds at local elections with issues relating to Manitoba, Quebec or any of the other provinces, or those broader questions which affect the Dominion as a whole.

Mr. Kallie has put some interesting

The mildness of the opposition attack, if it may be so called, left very little for the members of the government to say. That little was very neatly said by the premier. At the close of the session Hon. Mr. Pooley addressed himself to the mortigage tax, and in very concise terms stated one side of that very much vexed quastion. The mildness of the opposition attack, vexed question.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

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To some Easterners the fact that Mr. Speaker does not wear his hat looks like an attempt to destroy the pillars of the constitution. The absence of a silk gown is remarked by these people, but it can be overlooked, for the Deputy Speaker does not usually attire himself in silk. But the hat—the glossy silk tile, which is always on Mr. Speaker's head when he is sitting down and never for one moment when he is standing up—seems to be as much a necessary part of the legislative machinery in the effete East as the mace, and everyone knows the constitution.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis. Catarrh, Ashima, and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has fering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.

ONLY EXPORT TRADE

The Central Lumber Co., which controls mills in the states of California, Oregon, Washington, and the province of British Columbia, is defunct, but out of it has arisen, or rather will probably arise, another trust embracing equally as large a territory, differing only from the old concern in that it will confine it-self to export trade. The Central Lum-ber Co. made rules for both domestic and foreign trade. The mills that will probably enter the combine are: The Tacoma Mill Co., Port Blakely Mill Co., Puget Sound Lumber Co. of Port Gamble, Washington Mill Co. of Port Had-lock, British Columbia Mills, Timber & lock, British Columbia Mills, Modyville Trading Co., Vancouver; Moodyville Land and Saw Mill Co., the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co., and the

Ster. The St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., mill have refused to enter the organiz-ation. It is, however, probable the

Salmon River Country W More attention This Than Ever Before

Splendid Samples of Ore British Canadian Gol Co.'s Properties

Some very pretty sample were received yesterday from district by the British-Can Fields Company; also samp

Galena Farm (Slocan) ore. Speaking of the Kootena s representative of the Co Western manager, Mr. Her bert, said that in his opinion overlooked and neglected dis Nelson was, during the comi been bestowed upon it for The rapidity with which oth have sprung into notice and tion paid to Roseland by the the other side of the line to tent caused prospectors to Nelson country, but during months this has changed great expectations are being to the coming season.

"Several English and Canacates and companies are on

cates and companies are qui ing properties, and now that is doubling its capacity and City, connecting with Nelson, is sure to make a name for fact, one of the company's beties is within a mile of the ties is within a mile of the merit was never realized un hold of it; but as soon as w no less than three other pa after it. The company has no cured it—the Sunset—but its which gives a fine tunnel site feet. Nine men are working the sunset—site feet. mine, in three tunnels, 35. feet respectively, and it is face of the latter that this fir of ore was obtained. All s tunnel there are two feet of averages at least \$15 per ton while in the face there is th half feet of it. We expect t chute going \$200 to the ton i 30 feet; but the present or will give us a profit of \$9 per deducting cost of mining and The company will erect a co there almost immediately

"This is only one instance of properties around Nelson.

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something like \$29,000 in c semething like \$20,000 in c latter mine and men are wor and day driving a 7x5 foot tun is now in 100 feet. I expect estimates for a large plant for n a few days and to make arr with the directors for putting i Assays as high as \$17,000 per been obtained. The latest r the contractor is that there is the best ore in the face of the

found in the mine.

"There is generally a distriction belief is that in ten years Brithle in the intervention of the country I have not visited an belief is that in ten years Brithle mill have a population. belief is that in ten years Brit bia will have a population people. The way towns have even this summer is simply as The company has properti these districts. In that most promising district, t Fork of the Salmon are some perties. The Ben. Hassen, Canadian King, Arnold, Iro Mersy, Arlington, etc. The Mersy, Arlington, etc. The velopment work done in that far, is on the companies proper Victoria, Daisy, Alberta and These are known all over their large low grade ore be do you know, that mining members are waysford of the where are waysford of the mining members are waysford to the mining membe where are very fend of a low position with great bodies. eight men on this property night and day, one tunnel is galena, which is improving all and one cross-cut tunnel is which is expected to strike an upon which we have sunk shaft and out of which we ha

assays. From the appearan matter now coming in, it is sible from all indications we large body of good grade ore, build know in a few days. "I am convinced that if could be got into that country coast, say to Rossland, the for mining—I care not who be how it reaches it, so it does so, in 24 hours to be better times here in than has ever been known. our salvation. This company obliged to buy a great man from Spokane, which I wo rather have purchased here if such a railway ever goes connecting us with that coun hours, Victoria will be the hours, Victoria will be the city of British Columbia. "I notice a letter in the Con-Mr. P. A. O'Farrell about Ros

its mines, and he writes as no can write of it. He has know its infancy; but what can it Rossland now in a few years w Rossland now in a few years we of many towns in the interiorfar its mineral riches are conce

"I have just received a most telegram which points to the se closing of a deal of some remaining for which has been reprint for which has been pending for and which will give the comp thing like 600 acres in the country. I expect to go up as almost immediately.
"The president of our comp George E. Foster; ex-finance n Canada, and our Fasters was

Canada, and our Eastern man C. B. Murray, are expected her expect the result will be greateness, the company and the large." expect the result will be

ABERDEEN'S INFLUE

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.-(Spec five thousand metre race was a poned owing to the softness of It will come off to-morrow.

In an address before the Car last night, Hon. L. A. Desjar minister of militia, who formed the commission which the Bo ernment sent to Winnipeg to co