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All Eyes on the Yukon. The Canadian Government must carefully consider the political outlook

in the Yukon. It is pretty clear from some things that are being said that an attempt will be made to force the administration to abandon the royalty as a source of revenue. There are a good many thousand persons in the Yukon who have not gone there to mine, but to subsist on those who do mine. There are many reasons for reaching the conclusion that it is the non-mining population who have endeavored the fill the mind of the correspondent of the London Times with their grievances, and they are seeking to in-Quence the press, both of Canada and the United States, with their views. We shall watch with a good deal of interest for some time, what the officials say, because we feel that we can locate the man who is engaged in speculation by the views which he may express on this question.

The people of Canada have been obliged to incur a large expenditure of public money for the safety of the lives and property of those who have gone into the Yukon country for the purpose of mining. It is a most reasonable thing that the people, who in this matter are represented by the Crown, to whom these mines belong, should have some portion of the wealth which they produce, to meet the expenses that ownership imposes upon the country.

We have heard that many idlers about Dawson, who have never paid a dollar of royalty, because they have never spent a day in mining, not only insist upon a change of policy in this regard, but they have also entered an earnest protest against the payment of customs duties with which they have been charged. We learn that in one instance a number of them harangued several thousands of their fellows against the alleged injustice of

the collection of this class of revenue. It is very important that law and order should be maintained, but it is also highly desirable, from a national point of view, that the Government of Canada should firmly adhere to the principle of the royalty, as the best means for defraying the cost of the government of the territory, which after due consideration was adopted. They may be well assured that nearly the whole population east of the Rocky Mountains, irrespective of their party alliances, regard the royalty as a very moderate return to the people as a whole. Indeed, when it is remembered that the whole of the inhabitants of Canada are the proprietors of these mines, it is not a charge at all. If there are adventurers from Australia and from the Western States, and dead-beats from England, who thought that the Yukon would be a country in which they might prey upon the industrious miners, they have been disappointed. It is well that they should be. The country is better without them, and neither the people, the Parliament, nor the Ministers have the slightest-interest in affording to them facilities that will enable them to appropriate to their own use, by gambling houses or by other illegitimate means, the gold that by the labor of others has been taken from the mines.

Two Important Bye-Elections.

What with general elections, and bye-elections, and municipal elections, the voters of free countries are not allowed to fall into stagnation. To those too much disposed to rest and be thankful, might be narrated the reply to the bishop, who was employing the example of someone said not to have had a single difference of opinion with his wife for twenty years: "Mighty flat, my lord! mighty flat!" These regular and occasional stirrings-up of electoral feeling are all right. Better fifty years of Canada than a cycle of Cathay.

Two bye-elections for the Ontario Legislature are at the moment attracting considerable interest-that in South Ontario and that in East Wellington. In South Ontario, Hon. John Dryden, the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, unseated the opponent who by bribery and corruption had defeated him. Mr. Dryden is now again in the field, and will be a winner.

The vacancy in East Wellington is caused by the lamented death of the late Mr. Craig, the Liberal member. By unanimous vote of the convention Hon. J. M. Gibson, the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Ontario Government, who was defeated in Hamilton, has been tendered the nomination. He, also, will be a winner.

In both constituencies, nomination day, Oct. 20; polling day, Oct. 27.

United States cotton manufacturers express alarm at the prospect of China and Japan becoming large cotton manufacturing countries. United States cotton growers express pleasure at the prospect of China and Japan becoming their best customers for raw cotton. The more cotton China and Japan manufacture the more raw cotton they will buy from the United States. The wishes of the United States cotton growers are, therefore, diametrically opposed to those of the United States cotton manufacturers. They can fight it out between them.

The After-Clap of War.

Richard Harding Davie, in the current Scribner's, goes pretty straight for what he openly terms Gen. Shafter's mismanagement of the Santiago campaign. He says he was physically unfit for the command, but did not resign, as he should have done. "So great was the obstinacy, so great the vanity and self-confidence of the man, that though he held the lives and health of thirteen thousand soldiers in his care, he did not ask to be relieved of his command." "In spite of blunder after blunder, folly upon folly, and mistake upon mistake, he still believed himself infallible, still bullied his inferior offi-

cers, and still cursed from his cot." George Kennan, another noted correspondent, also intimates, not obscurely, that Gen. Shafter must be held largely responsible for going into the Santiago campaign before seeing beyond peradventure that he had plenty of vessels for landing purposes, plenty of mules or other conveyance for shore use, and plenty of medicines and necessary comforts for the wounded and the sick.

As everybody knows, all of these things were inadequately attended to, and that much suffering and much loss of life was the result.

On the navy side, things seem to have been well managed, so that the loss in killed, wounded and sick was surprisingly small.

The Three Days' Atlantic Ocean

Passage. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, has written to the London Spectator a very strong plea in favor of connecting Great Britain and Ireland by means of a tunnel. This project, which has occupied the attention of British statesmen for some time, possses a greater interest for Canadians than many may at first sight suppose. Dr. Grant regards this endeavor to connect the two islands by physical as well as by political ties as essential to complete imperial unity, and he points to Canada's expenditures for

securing of the unity of her provinces as an example to the people of the old land. Canada, he says, has spent \$50,000,000 to unite her Maritime Provinces with old Canada by the material bond of a railway, and when British Columbia demanded two or three times the amount to build another railway across "the impenetrable rocky wilderness north of Lake Superior, the uninhabited plains further west, and then a wide sea of mountains, as its condition of union," Canada assented to the demand, though wise men believed that she had consented to carry out the impossible. Dr. Grant is able at this early stage in the history of the country, and notwithstanding the extravagance and corruption that attended the construction of the national highway, to assert that the line has paid the Dominion-not in cash, it is true, but in assets more indispensable to the nation. Similarly, the construction of the submarine link between Great Britain and Ireland seems to be an absolute necessity as an imperial bond between the two islands, where the title deeds of the empire are, and

where they must always remain.

If this tunnel were constructed, Principal Grant points out, the nearest British terminus to a short passage across the Atlantic Ocean would be on the west coast of Ireland -probably at Galway - and Green Bay, on the east coast of Newfoundland, would be the western terminus of the ocean passage. The distance between these two points is only 1,700 miles, or three days' steaming for a first-class Cunarder. Thus, 1,200 miles would be cut off the ocean passage, as compared with the distance now traversed on the stormy Atlantic when passage is taken by way of New York. Railway connection can be supplied by building a branch line of forty miles length to Green Bay from the most northerly station on the Newfoundland transinsular line, which has just been constructed across that island by Mr. Reid. Ten hours only would thus be occupied in taking passengers and mails across that island to Port aux Basques, and after six hours of steam-system. ing across Cable Straits, they would reach Sydney, Cape Breton, the terminus of the Canadian Intercolonial Railway, by which access would be given with all haste to the other great lines of railway in Canada and the

United States. Thus the new route here outlined will cut the present ocean passage in two, and it is almost sure to be adopted by some enterprising association of capitalists at no distant date. That it would be a success there can scarce-

ly be any doubt, for few ocean passengers would care to undergo the tedium and sickness incident to the longer passage if this one were available. Dr. Grant does well to point out the importance of completing the link by providing for a tunnel between England and Ireland, and by making the eastern port of this phenomenally short and advantageous ocean route on the west coast of Ireland.

Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, M.P., has obtained a franchise from the Sultan for the electric lighting of Smyrna and Salonica. Sir Ellis visited the Sultan during the Armenian atrocities, and hastened to assure the world that Abdul was a sweet, angelic creature, who had been shamefully maligned. No doubt the foxy knight had the electric lighting contract in his mind's eye at the time.

Hamilton's loss is East Wellington's

East Wellington and South Ontario greet Messrs. Gibson and Dryden with cordial "Be seated, gentlemen!"

The assessors give London's population as 38,575. Including the fringe of people on the outskirts it is 40,000, in good round numbers.

Emperor William has decided not to visit Egypt in the course of his journey to Jerusalem. It might wound his vanity to gaze on the pyramids.

It is odd to hear Conservative papers calling for investigation of the Yukon "scandal," so-called. Which of them would have called for the investigation of any scandal touching the administration prior to 1896?

The Italian Minister of Marine has renounced his sweeping naval programme for lack of funds. Had this kind of renunciation been practiced earlier in both branches of the military service, Italy would not now be facing bankruptcy and revolution.

The billeting committee of the Christian Endeavor convention, which opened in Hamilton yesterday, had trouble in getting billets for the delegates. This is no reflection on Hamilton's hospitality. It is merely another proof that the billeting system is nearly played out.

The New York Herald has a cockand-bull story about the Canadian commissioners blocking reciprocity by asking everything, and conceding nothing. Meanwhile the Conservative press on this side insists that the Canadian commissioners are yielding everything and asking nothing. Strike an average between the two statements, and you may come near the truth.

The latest Government report shows that there are 14,465,371 children in the public schools of the United States, but the average daily attendance is only 9,747,015. These require an army of 400,325 teachers, of whom 269, 959 are women and 130,266 men. There are 240,968 school houses valued at \$455,948,164. The annual cost of the schools is \$181,453,870.

Armour, of Chicago, has made arrangements by means of refrigerator cars and steamers, to land dressed beef in England every day. With dressed beef, chilled beef, frozen rabbits, foreign bacon and other meat products pouring in, what has become of "the roast beef of old England," which was once said to be the true source of British greatness? Has cold storage frozen it out?

The acquisition of Barotseland by the Chartered Company, again illustrates the fact that the greater part of the British Empire has been won without Government initiative. In fact, much of the territory under the Union Jack today has been forced upon reluctant British Governments by commercial corporations like the Chartered Company. The path has been usually blazed in the first place by the roving Briton prompted mainly by the love of adventure. In this way, the foundations of the British Empire have been laid unconsciously.

The old age pension bill, which has passed the present New Zealand Assembly, applied to all persons over 65 years old. The pension amounts only to \$90 a year, or about \$175 a week, and no one who has an income of over \$5 a week or property worth more than \$2,700 will be entitled to it. Again, \$5 of the pension will be deducted for every \$5 of income which a pensioner may receive from other sources. There are certain other qualifications, among them twenty years' residence in the colony and ten years' exemplary conduct-which shuts off the vagrant and the drunkard.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

A Strong Argument [Hamilton Herald.]

There will be some objection to the abolition of the ward system. It will come from would-be aldermen who would be wiped out if the wards were.

-London Advertiser.

That suggests the strongest argument in favor of abolishing the ward

Whipped, Yet a Hero. [Springfield Republican.]

Admiral Cervera is the only officer of the war who became a hero in two countries, and he was one of the worst whipped admirals in naval history. Here the girls kissed him, and in Spain they have made him a life senator. Queer are the paths of glory.

The Burning Question.

[Ottawa Free Press.] Only by discussion and consideration of what is rapidly becoming more and more the burning question of the day can an effective plan of civic government be worked out. The existing antique and ineffective methods which have so manifestly not only outlived their usefulness, but by a devolutionary process produced all sorts of injury in their descent, must be either radically reformed or be ut-terly abolished and something better

take their place. Smiff Is in Love.

[Bobcaygeon Independent.] A western contemporary is in a terrible way because girls are not allowed to propose to the boys. Our distinguished confrere must have been brought up in a monastery or a lumber shanty, to be so lamentably ignorant of the feminine arts and wiles. It is not nécessary that a girl should seize a man by the neck some night when she is sitting with him on the sofa, and say: "Mr. Jones, I have \$300 a year. I'm in sound health, well limbed, can knit stockings and fry flap jacks that will posed of the monstrous allegation

make your back teeth water. Will you marry me?" Not at all. No girl has to say a word in proposing. Has our confrere never sat on a verandah of a soft summer's eve, when the birds on the honeysuckle were twittering of love, and the scent of the roses lulling the senses into dreamland, held a girl' hand and seen her epeak volumes of unepeakable bliss, tender affection and general mush, all with her eyes alone! Why, heavens above, dear boy, you are missing all there is in the world worth living for.

A Worthy Couple.

[Montreal Star.]

The departure from Canada within a few weeks of their excellencies the governor-general and the Countess of Aberdeen, will sever a connection that for the last five years has been a most pleasant one to the people of Canada. All our people, irrespective of political leanings, must have been impressed with the thought that the most striking characteristic of the vice-regal couple is their kindly disposition, their lavish hospitality and their evident desire to make other people happy.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Philosophy. You ask me, darling, if I, Should you refuse me, Would take some weapon grim and Well, you amuse me

I'd live to learn from him you chose, That other fellow, And from his life-couleur de rose, Or sickly yellow-

What mine had been-what I'd have Had you been kinder; Had the good parson made us one. And love been blinder.

Newly Rich.

"They say that Mrs. Bondly throws on a great deal of agony since they became suddenly rich." Well, rather. That woman used to walk in her sleep. Now she gets up and rides a chainless bicycle or orders a carriage."-Detroit Free Press.

His Contributed Efforts.

"Great Scott, Clara, what do you mean by keeping me waiting here on the corner, looking like a fool?" "Well, Harry, I know I kept you but you did the rest yourself."-Chicago Record.

Regarding Fashoda. A Frenchman met a Briton Far down in the Soudan; And the Frenchman said: dropped in here

With a civilizing plan, To do work humanitarian For our heathen brother man."

Said the Briton to the Frenchman: "Really, now, that's very nice; But we've civilized some thousands At a reasonable price,

And we think the job is so well done It won't need doing twice." -J. W. M., in New York Press

Sufficient.

A wife certainly has no cause for complaint if her husband doesn't love her any more-providing he doesn't love her any less.-Chicago News.

The Department's Efforts to Arrive at the Truth.

The Monstrous Charge Against the Ontario Cabinet-Fair Play for the Doukhobortsis.

Ottawa, Oct. 10 .- Matters in connection with the Yukon administration are gradually assuming definite shape, and the efforts of the department of the interior to arrive at the truth and remedy such evils as may be proved to have actually existed are being rapidly brought into practical form. The minister himself has stated succinctly that no charge has been laid before him, but that the strictest investigation shall at once be made when material comes to hand. Major Walsh, whose appointment as commissioner was hailed with universal satisfaction, has stated that every effort on his part failed to produce a single witness who would testify to wrong-doing. The correspondent of the Toronto World, who has just reach-Victoria, and who will certainly not be suspected of favoring the government, states that no charges have been formulated and so on. The dispatches further declare that Commissioner Ogilvie is ready to begin a thorough investigation directly definite

charges are made to him.

THE THUNDERER TAKES A HAND. Perhaps the most important development of the last few days is the appearance of a letter in the London (England) Times, in which its correspondent severely criticises the mu-nicipal administration at Dawson and distinctly charges corruption to the officials, though still without giving the essential details. Following the lead of the Canadian Liberal papers, the Times emphasizes very strongly the necessity of prompt official action to the end that the truth may be arrived at, and points out that the sending of Mr. Ogilvie into the country as commissioner is evidence of the determination of the government to shield no one, but to get at the facts at all costs, adding, "there is a general conviction, fully shared by people of the mother country, that the Canadian Government have neither any sympathy with such practices nor the slightest disposition to shield the guilty persons. There is not in Canada any more than here any organized system of corruption." The Times in common with all other unbiasedmobservers thoroughly appreciates the difficulties of the situation.

A MONSTROUS CHARGE DROPPED The Ontario election trials are going on apace, and so far have proved just as satisfactory to the government as was to be expected. The most notable event of the week has been the dismissing of the petition against the commissioner of public works, after failure on the part of the prosecution to prove a single charge out of the 287 originally alleged. The only charge that was proved was of so little importance that the prosecution did not even know of it until they stumbled

across it during the proceedings.

Not only was the case satisfactory to Mr. Harty and his friends; it was of wide-spread importance, as it dis-

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that the entire provincial cabinet had conspired to raise a boodle fund of \$10,000 for the express purpose of debauching the constituency. The counsel for the petitioner, on behalf of the Conservative party, admitted that there was not one word of truth in, or even suspicion of justification for this charge, an admission which drew from the court a stern but richly

deserved castigation.

Though knowing full well that this atrocious charge was without the slightest foundation, Mr. Whitney, with his chief supporters and leading papers, has worked it for all it was worth for some months past. It is not by such means that they can expect to obtain the confidence and support of the country.

DOING THE SQUARE THING.

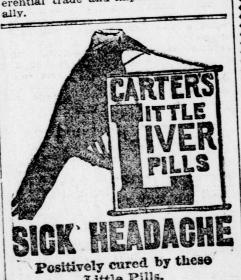
It gives one more than ordinary satisfaction to note an editorial in the Ottawa Citizen this week upon the Doukhobortsis, the Russian colonists whom it is proposed to locate in the Northwest. When first the project was made public, it was prophesied in these letters that the papers which with such evident pleasure persistently maligned the Galicians would quickly turn their mud batteries upon the new comers, and the prophecy has been amply verified, for within 24 hours the assault began. Further information, however, showed the more than ordinary injustice of this course, and the Citizen is manfully striving to atone for its error. The article in question admits that there is excellent reason to believe these people are moral, intelligent, thrifty and industrious, that their continued existence in Russia has been made well-nigh unbearable on account of religious persecution, and that they are akin in their religious convictions to the Society of Friends, than whom there is not a better sect in the Christian Church. It further gives publicity to the statement, before suppressed, that all who are brought to Canada will have sufficient means to establish themselves without assistance from the state, and that there is every reason to believe that they will make good citizens. It is to be hoped that the Citizen's

contemporaries will show like commendable desire to be kair in the treatment of this matter.

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON. The Mail-Empire has discovered that the present area of prosperity is foretold by Solomon, when he declared that "the Liberal soul shall be made fat." The Mail-Empire and its friends might learn a greater eco-nomic truth in the previous verse to that in which their quotation occurs, where it is stated that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that witholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." omon pronounced many a truth that might be studied advantageously even in these latter days and this, that "expenditure" and "extravagance" are not synonymous terms is not the least of them. The Conservative organ is to be commended for its study

of the Scriptures. A JOURNALISTIC RIP VAN

WINKLE. La Minerve, the resuscitated French Conservative paper of Montreal, appears to have been doing the Rip Van Winkle act during the time of its non-appearance. A few days ago it reproduced that old charge, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier destroyed any possibility of reciprocal preferential trade with the mother land, "which was the undoing of imperial federation and put the colonial secretary in a humiliating position." If La Minerve would only look up the fyles of some of its contemporaries it will find that, while it has been asleep, this fallacy has been entirely exploded, and that imperialists, from the colonial secretary himself down, are very fully alive to the immense practical value of the Canadian premier's policy in helping forward and developing preferential trade and imperialism gener-



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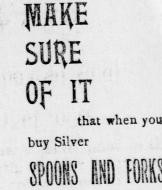
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