

The Colonist. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 1892. NOT "POACHERS."

It is not a little provoking to notice how glibly our neighbors across the line talk of "foreign poachers" in connection with the sealing industry in Behring Sea. As is well known in all the cities of the Sound, at any rate, there is little or no poaching done in that sea by foreigners. Sealers from British Columbia do not hunt the fur seal in what are lawfully the territorial waters of the United States...

THE AMERICAN VIEW.

Our able contemporary, the Portland Oregonian, says that the McKinley Act "was not intended to hurt Canada." That may be so, but it cannot be denied that it contains just such provisions as would be in an expressly intended to injure Canada commercially.

A COUNTRY GAINED.

The Abbotts Government has been again victorious. Soulanges was declared by a considerable majority to be in favor of honest government and the National Policy. Soulanges returned a Liberal at the general election.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

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RESPECTABILITY.

We are told in the London Daily Telegraph, of a late date, that the Vicar of Rye, in one of his sermons devoted to the "faults" of his congregation and himself during the last twelvemonth, condemned as a fault "the respectability of the people."

THAT ENQUIRY.

In an article, in which there is a great deal more scolding and vilification than reasoning, the Times endeavors to create the impression that the Government desires to keep school matters out of the range of investigation. The Times knows very well that it is the fault of the Opposition that a committee was not appointed on Wednesday to enquire into those matters.

It was not to be expected that the majority of the House would agree to a committee, three out of five of whose members were taken from the minority. To consent to such a committee would really amount to an expression of want of confidence in themselves.

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MORE VICTORIES.

The elections of Thursday resulted in two victories for the Government. In Prince Edward County the Conservative member was re-elected, but in Lennox a seat was gained from the Liberals.

APT SCHOLARS.

The Japanese are an exceedingly clever people. They have, without any political experience to speak of, and without going through a tedious course of political training, adopted constitutional government.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

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SCABBING PATRIOTS.

The Parnellites and the anti-Parnellites in Ire and are still scabbling. They seem to enjoy fighting, and are in no hurry to become reconciled. They are bringing bitter suits against each other, and are accusing each other of acting dishonestly.

The Government, finding the Opposition intractable, decided to dissolve Parliament, and a general election is now in progress in Japan.

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Intentions of B. Hon. and the Duke of Devonshire. Newfoundland Pressing. With the U. S. President and Princess.

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