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MR. MACPHERSON'S BILL.

We direct attention again to the am endment to the "Master and Servant" act, introduced into the legislature by Mr. Macpherson, which passed its second reading a few days ago. It is said that there is an intention to re-commit the bill so as to make it only applicable to persons hired outside of Canada. If than for the sensational articles in the this is done the bill will be improved, newspapers. These were undoubtedly but it will not be free from objection even then for reasons given below. We sist in revolt; but nothing that was said stitutional right to pass a measure of more calculated to excite strife than this kind as applied to persons coming from foreign countries.

The bill as it stands would prevent any one from hiring a person in the other provinces or elsewhere to do anything in this province except to teach. act. lecture, sing or work as an artist, unless the person hired was a skilled laborer, the person hired was a skilled labor for the purpose for which he was engaged could not be "otherwise obtained." We draw attenask, is to be the judge whether the skill-will be with our American cousins. ed labor can be "otherwise obtained," the employer or the employee? If this bill became law in its present state and a person in this province should agree with a person in Toronto to come here and perform certain skilled labor for and the house adopted a resolution askhim, and should advance him the money to come with, to be repaid out of his a duty on lumber and shingles in order wages, and the person so hired, on com- to offset the duty on Canadian lumber ing to this province, should find that an-to offset the duty of Canadian lumber other man here was available when he and shingles imported into the United was hired would he be at liberty to re- States. We find on the orders of the day

spect, we do not know why they could cordingly. We do not wish to go very not without violating any further the far in discussing these matters, for we not, without violating any further the principles upon which the union is based, concede that there are times when the not, without violating any further the far in proceed to enact that contracts for the local legislatures may very properly tenpurchase of goods in other provinces, der their advice to the federal ministry. when similar goods can be obtained in Our object is to point out the inadvisathe province, shall be void; nor can we bility of overdoing what, if done in see why cities might not discriminate moderation, may be a very excellent against each other in the same way. Our suggestion to Mr. Macpherson is it is desirable for the legislature to tenthat, having obtained the assent of the der its advice to the federal ministry, house to the principle of the bill, he the resolution should, like that in regard would do well to withdraw it, with the to the duty on lumber, be moved by the consent of the house, and ask the At- Premier and seconded by the leader of torney-General to frame such a measure, the opposition and, if possible, be passed as in his opinion the legislature is com- unanimously after full discussion.

petent to enact, and as will be so safeguarded as to effect the objects aimed at The Toronto Telegram charges the without putting a premium on dishon-Turner government with beng incompeesty. tent and corrupt. Incompetency is a matter of opinion. Corruption is a fact,

A WARLIKE OUTLOOK.

of its imitators in this province to lay The prospects of war between the their fingers upon an act of the Turner United States and Spain are growing government or any of its members that more serious. Every day sees new state an honest man would characterize as ments made to the effect that the Maine corrupt.

and we challenge the Telegram or any

was destroyed by external causes, and not a word is uttered by the administra-MORE OBSTRUCTION. tion to the contrary, although every one An afternoon and evening wasted by along in a resistless current towards hosthe opposition in obstruction of the ranktilities. It is now announced that the est kind-this was yesterday's record in report of the court of inquiry will be the legislature. This thing has got to

nade public on Monday, when President such a stage that it is a scandal and a McKinley will send a message to condisgrace to the men who are responsible gress on the subject. for it. There is only one good feature So far as we are able to judge the feelabout it, namely, that the country is ing in this city is that the United States growing so sick of Mr. Semlin and his cannot retreat from the position it has followers that it will make their overreached, partly through its own fault throw next summer the easiest kind of a and partly through accident, without task. Hitherto Mr. Semlin has manag great loss or prestige, and that the only ed his party with some regard to politicourse left for President McKinley is to cal decency, but in an evil hour he perdeclare once and for all that the war in mitted his course to be shaped by a mem-Cuba shall cease, quite irrespective of ber who last year spent every spare hour the responsibility for the Maine disaster. There is not the shadow of doubt that, if and in whom his political associates had in plotting to get into the government, Great Britain were in the place of the so little confidence that they compelled United States, Spain would have been him to pledge himself in writing to be brought to her senses long ago. The true to them. Under the guidance of weak point of the policy of the Washingthis gentleman. Mr. Semlin is permitting

ton government has consisted in the fact his party to become a public naisance. that it has delayed too long what every When last spring the Colonist chalone has for some time seen was inevilenged the opposition papers to a discustable. No fault can be found with the sion of the charges, which they claimed manner in which President Cleveland to be able to make against the governand President McKinley have acted in ment, it said that the emptiness of their the premises, except on this ground. case would be apparent when the legis-They were mindful of the obligations of lature met. We then challenged them, if their nation towards a friendly power they had anything to show as a reason and used reasonable diligence to prevent why Hon. Mr. Turner and his colleagues filibustering. They cannot be held reshould not continue in power, to have it sponsible for the inflammatory speeches formulated and brought before the legisof irresponsible congressmen any more lature. We told the opposition then that it was great at scandals behind the backs of the ministers, but had not a effective in inducing the Cubans to perword to say in support of its allegaassume that the legislature has the con- in congress or the American press was answer them. So it has proved to be. The house has been several weeks in were the utterances of certain prominent session and not a single specific alle public men and newspapers in Great gation has been made against the gov-Britain on the Armenian outrages. ernment, though days have been spent

It is time the atrocities in Cuba were in weary speeches from the opposition stopped. It is time that blot upon Chrisbenches, not one of them ascending tian civilization was removed. Circumeven to the deadly level of mediocrity. stances seem to cast the responsibility of Paucity of ideas, poverty even of inven-tions, a complete lack of information of action upon the United States. We sympathy of the English-speaking world tuting that body are at needless pains to demonstrate their entire unfitness for

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

be without excuse for existence as a po-A few days ago the Premier moved. litical organization and to be individueconded by the leader of the opposition, ally incompetent to rise above the grade ing the Dominion Parliament to impose

long letter to the Post-Intelligencer in pudiate his contract with his employer? If not, what language in the bill would that the Lieutenant-Governor be reprevent him from so doing? If on the other hand the employer should be aware that when he made the contract "too much credence to a mass of misinformation from prejudiced persons," and

The World says the Times has a per fect right to make a fool of itself. We dispute the proposition. No one has a right to attempt to improve upon nature's perfect work. The next thing we know, the World will say that any one has a right to paint the lily or perfume the rose.

The U.S. battleship Oregon left San Francisco for Callao on Saturday last, and it is expected that she may be ordered to the Atlantic coast. If so the Pacific coast of the United States will be left in rather poor condition to repel an attack from the sea.

Here is a little prediction. If the United States and Spain go to war and nostilities are prolonged for any length of time, Russia and France will consider the time auspicious to press their pretensions in China.

"All we can say is that it is time for change." So says the News-Advertiser. This is quite true. It is all that our con temporary has been saying for months back ever since the fiasco of which a certain member for Vancouver was ero last winter.

The news which Mr. Lukes, of the Mackenzie-Mann company, gives as to the condition of travel on the Stikine will be very satisfactory to those per sons who have friends on the river. The Kootenay Mail seems to be in

chronic "state of mind" over the par liament building. Does it think the legislature ought to meet in a tent?

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"Yes," said the professional pugilist, "I began at the foot, and have gradually risen to where I am now." "I under-stand from that," replied a bystander, "that you began by blacking men's boots and have now gotten up to blacking their eyes."-Yonkers Statesman.

She-I see there's an invention by which locomitives consume their own smoke. He-Yes; but the inventor would do the public a greater service by ap-plying it to a cigarette fiend.—Philadel-phia Record.

Grace-What, do you mean to say that Charlie is earning his own living now? May-So he says. Grace-Goodness, we must invite him to dinner at oncepoor boy must be starving.-Harlen intagonism He had been boasting of his family ree, and Miss Cayenne interrupted

tree, and Miss Cayenne Interrupted with the inquiry: "Isn't it something like the orchard?" In what respect?" ""All branches and no doots."—Washington Star. Returned traveller—One of the sail-ors lost both legs when the boier ex-ploded. Friend—Poor fellow! Did the pas-senger take up a collection for him? Returned Traveller—Oh, yes! Quite

enough to put him on his feet again.-Brooklyn Life. She-It seemed so funny to-day to see young men in deercoats taking young ladies in to treat them to ice

cream. He—Y-ees. Too bad I left my over coat at home.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. SHE WAS LEARNED, BUT-OH-

Edwin I. Shope in Indianapolis News.

She had views on protoplasm; And the prehistoric chasm That separates the monkey from man; And by means of valued data Gleaned from geologic strata, ald calculate the years since Earth

the position of critics of a government's policy. They have shown themselves to began.

She was well-informed in science And had studied each appliance hat drives the wheels of mechanis roand; While the planetary motion Inspired her with devotion

To astronomic theories profound.

for space.

She had learning Oriental-

She was glib on meningitis, Likewise appendicitis, ad neurasthenia set her tongue apace; For, she's, stuffed her head with knowledge, Both in and out of college, And her brain was really handicapped



the Spring. Prospect of Rate Cutting Discussed-Movements of Local Shipping.

Long clear Canadian shoulders, hams, per lb. Hasgow Beef. r lb.... Beef, per lb.... Sides, per lb..... Veal

Mutton, " " " carcase, per lb..... Pork, fresh, per lb. Turkeys, per lb. Geese, per lb. .9%@10% ...9@12% ... 20@25 ... 15@25

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the business of late. The steamer George

W. Elder, calling yesterday to enable

her prospector-passengers to secure min-

ers' licenses, furnishes an example. On

three hundred passengers-this time she

carries but 76, and her agents in Port-

quite up to anticipations, the fleet now in service will be equal to the demand

for transportation facilities, and some at

least of the big steamers coming here from the Old Country and the Antipodes will go short of business. The Tartar and the Athenian on their trips from the

Old Country are said to have not more

than fifty passengers between them. Whether or not the keen competition will result in the cutting of rates by the many steamers employed in the Klon-dike trade remains to be seen. In Vic-

toria the contrary opinion is held; on Puget Sound a rate war is deemed inevit-

A KING OF COAL CARRIERS.

6.25 her last run north/she had upwards of

New York, March lishes the following correspondent to-day is dying of a cancer ing the bone tissues passages. The melan admitted privately by bert Gladstone, and his family. The unanimous specialists who have garding the case is th

impossible owing to feebled condition of would be possible to a relief and also to prol cal means if Mr. younger, but his heart failure to perform its surgeons are of the opi ministration of anaest sult in immediate deat "The only relief pos forded by opiates and These will be used free progresses, for, althou shorten life, it is the the physicians and the they would not be justi prolong the agony whice the aged sufferer to longing for death."

The pain has now months and although it acute then what it was the strength and vitalit wonderful constitution ed. The end, when a from failure of the heat than from the direct ra

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rible malady. It is hard it will be long delayed.'

Settlers and Other Trav. Winnipeg Streets Schools Under

Winnipeg, March 25.-were very busy scenes station during last night the heavy westbound tr travellers, three sectio settlers on board from were 300 returning excu the trains and by the t tion arrived the C.P.R. pot building were swa ple.

About 200 new settler

Manager Con

the 1896 period of 2 net revenue charges, leased lines, interest stocks and bonds, an vanced to the Chicas Company, amount to 3 surplus which, deduct ciency shown in the 1897, leaves a balance credit of net revenue ber, 1897, to be carri next helf-year's acco surplus shows an imp 177, and for the en f 242,975 shown for Trunk and Wabash shown by which the Windsor and Buffalo

This Time It Is Internal War That Threatens Her With Further Misery. Victoria's Chinatown is in a ferment of excitement in consequence of letters and cablegrams just received stating that the "hakas" are again raiding in the three great districts of Sun-ning, Ying-ping and Hoi-ping, having already beized the town of Heong-mai and mas-sacred its inhabitants. "Hakas," it is explained, is a synonym for strangers sacred its inhabitants. "Hakas," it is explained, is a synonym for strangers applied by the inhabitants of the Chinese coast districts (the Bon-da) to the bar-barous people of the hills, with whose customs they have for centuries been in 6.00 4.50 6.50 Although under the same federal gov-

ernment there has been feudal war be-tween the two classes since time im-memorial, and in 1853-4 the hakas made

memorial, and in 1853-4 the hakas made repeated attempts to capture the country of the Bon-da and exterminate its in-habitants. Their plans were betrayed to the Chinese government, and the gen-eral. Chang Yick Ya, with imperial troops, suppressed and drove them into the mountains and their own principal city, where they have since resided, close to the borderland of Sun-ning. During the past twenty years they have been engaged in strengthening their strongholds, Teo Teong, Yak Ying Fow, Hen Hu and Ta Kai, at the same time obtaining funds by subscription for the purchase of war material. Every haka man going to or coming from a foreign country has been compelled to contribute the equivalent to \$20, besides which Europeans have been engaged to drill

Europeans have been engaged to drill the forces in the methods of modern war-

fare. It is stated that their plans are per-fected, and they have marched into Sun-ning, seized households, and massacred the entire population of the little town of Heong-Mai, in Sun-ning province. The invaders are armed with American mag-azine rifles, and are reported to be marching on to the large city of Foo Sak, the peaceful Bon-das flying in ter-ror before them. or before them.

A banquet was recently given in France in honor of Clemence Royer, who won eminence for lectures and writ-ings on scientific subjects nearly 40 years ago. She was one of the earliest to advocate and develop the atomic theory and the theory of luminous vi-bration.

Admiral Henry Keppel of the British navy is still deeply engaged upon the preparations of his book, which is to be entitled "Reminiscences of an Old Sailes." Who callest Admiral intendent tled "Reminiscences of an Old The gallant Admiral intends to

2.00@24.00 ing for an opportunity to secure release, 25.00 although confident that as soon as river navigation opens, a much greater ex-odus than has yet been witnessed will atke place. Just now everyone seems waiting for the spring, non-residents of 36 the West having as a class declined to 36 the West having in the winter time ... 3@4 through the northern solitudes. Even 6 should the April and May rush prove 15 outie up to anticipations, the fleet now Potatoes, per 100 lbs..... Cabbages, per lb..... Lettuce, per head Asparagus, per lb. 15 Droumbers, per lb. 25 Bhubarb, per bunch 10 Hay, baled, per ton. 17.00@18.00

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12% .12%@15 8%@9% Mutton,"

On reaching San Francisco with her first load of coal from Nanaimo, the big Norwegian whaleback steamer Titania attracted considerable attention through her peculiar build and the immensity o

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of corner grocery politicians. THE STIKINE ROUTE. S. G. Yerkes, of Seattle, has written

with the Toronto man he could get the Wash., to the Boundary Creek country, skilled labor he needed in the province, ployee. But is the legislature prepared to go on record as having made a law in the coast lumber trade, and that it is that will give an employee the right to not desirable, at present, at least, to persneak out of his bargain, if he wishes, for that is what it amounts to? If the idea is to exclude alien contract labor. let the contract be void as against both parties. To simply make it void against the employee would be to put in the hands of evilly disposed persons a means whereby they can get their expenses paid to come to this province, and then be free to break their contracts and go into competition with men who had paid their own way out or who were born in the province. We fear that such a bill would defeat its own purpose.

So far as unskilled labor is concerned, the measure, if confined solely to persons not residents of the province, would be objectionable on the score that it would inferentially exclude alien contract labor. An employer would be at liberty te bring in workmen under it, if he saw fit to take the risk of their breaking their contracts with him, and there is little doubt that ways would be discov ered whereby the element of risk could be eliminated altogether. The only way to keep alien contract laborers out of the country is to keep them out, and when legislation is brought forward which will accomplish this, the Colonist

which will accomplish this, the Coloning which we object to it. What we object to the third question, the duty of the person the statute book; and not the third question, the duty of the members are hardly able, the there are no statule on the transformation at their disposal to the beginstature when we say that the intervious are guide to form any information at their disposal to form any point. We are not the transformation at their disposal to form any point. We are not the transformation at their disposal to form any point. We are not the transformation at their disposal to form any point. We are not the transformation at their disposal to form any point. The provincial legislature when the nose. They are hardly able, the transformation at their disposal to form any point. The provincial legislature and there are normation at their disposal to form any point. The provincial legislature and there are normation at their disposal to the personal to the point of the completed by the construction of the contary.
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that Seattle has as much interest in havrailway construction from Northport, ing the route opened as any city. He takes the point that American goods can could he repudiate his contract? The answer to the last question will be that the bill proposes to make the contract void only as against the emand another by Mr. Kellie askopinion that something should be done, if possible, to equalize conditions The advantages I claim for the Stikine are that it allows a miner to ride on a steamer through the range of mountains over which he must climb if he adopts the Dyea or Skagway routes: that his mit a railway from the United States to tap the Boundary Creek country.

It is much impressed with what has been said in regard to a duty on lead the Dyea or Skagway routes; that his land journey is made through a dry, roll-ing bunch grass country, instead of over and lead ores, but needs further light on the subject before arriving at a definite conclusion. We mention this because we a precipitous mountain range in constant rainstorms: that he no sooner lands at wish to take this occasion to say that Glenora, after a trip of thirty-six hours, not two or three days, from Fort Wran-gel, than he is in a good country for the legislature may very-easily go too

the legislature may very-easily go too far in its efforts to instruct the Domin-ion Parliament as to the policy it ought to follow in any particular. The question is not whether members of the local house are as competent to form opinions on these matters as the members of par-liament although it is night to say hat they have not the material at hand to enable them to arrive at correct con-clusions on all federal questions. In regard to two of the three subjects above mentioned possibly the local members are as well prepared to speak as any one can be, that is so far as the effect of the con-trade and so far as the

lumber and sningles affect the northern trade and so far as the effect of the con-struction of the proposed railway goes. These matters have been considered so often in the press, in the legislature and eisewhere that the members of the local house are quite familiar with them. In the Stikine district, where, as you an-nounce in this morning's Post-Intelli-nounce in this morning's Post-Intelli-gencer, James R. Hayden, jr., has struck rich gravel and has located quartz ledges averaging \$20 in gold. This only confirms what Frank Cal-braith, one of Mr. Hayden's partners, told me at Fort Wrangel. On the Sti-kine route a miner no sooner lands from

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panied in playing their rounds by gentleman scorer, who will certify to the scores and will oblige by placing the ecore cards in the box furnished for that purpose. Through the kindness of a number of lady members, tea will be served each afternoon of the tournament in the club house. . Sugation of all the second second

delegates also departed 11 from Kansas and fiv and Minnesota who w Three from Kansas left monton and five from Alameda. monton and five from Alameda. It is stated to-day on ity that at an early da tor Rochton will start do of inspection and that will visit a large nun separate schools, which come under the provis lic schools act amendm sion. Upon the inspect will follow in due cour To-day was the six of Premier Greenway's A Fort William spe Frees says an acciden second section of the press at English Rive Full particulars canno the train was in cha Brown. The accident broken rail. Dr. Ham geon here, is now at accident. accident GRAND TRUNK A Much Better Showi the Previous Year Toronto, March 25. to the Evening Teleg says: The half-year Grand Trunk railway, receipts for the perio £2,247,151, an increa compared with the co of the previous year. penses of the road are penses of the road are 804, being a decrease similar period of £80 net traffic receipts for the year £81,347. Ad £107,886 interest rece other railways and Bridges Company ms enue receipts £920,235 the 1896 period of £ net revenue charges,

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