

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1900.

THE DEFEAT AT TIEN TSIN.

The defeat of the allies at Tien Tsin is a very serious matter. The news of it will spread like wild-fire all over the Chinese empire and will tend to further arouse the people. Hitherto their attacks upon Chinese positions foreigners have, as a rule, been so suddenly and overwhelmingly successful that they gained great prestige among the people for military prowess.

That the situation is grave in the extreme cannot be denied, and the powers do not appear to be in a position to cope with it. The statement was made a few days ago that Russia had 30,000 troops marching on Pekin. Now it is generally denied. There will be great regret at the denial, or rather there would be if there was not reason to believe that 30,000 troops would not be a strong enough force to accomplish anything.

CANADA AND CHINA.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the government is not considering the desirability of sending troops to China, but if they are needed and there is a public demand for such action, they will certainly be sent. This is very good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough.

COOL PRIOR'S SPEECH.

We print this morning Col. Prior's speech on the claims of British Columbia. The principle for which our representative is striving is old enough, but he gives us some new facts, and must be admitted to have made out a very strong case indeed.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

His Excellency Lord Minto and party will arrive in Vancouver on Monday, July 30th, and will come to this city on H. M. S. Waratah on Tuesday, the 31st.

SESSIONAL INDEMNITY.

In view of the probability that the forthcoming session of the legislature will be unusually brief, some interest is attached to the sessional indemnity. The session is very general that the allowance of \$600 is not payable unless the session exceeds thirty days in length.

MAILS TO DAWSON.

It is this now that arrangements were made for the winter mail service into Dawson. Last winter there was a weekly mail, and we understand it was fairly satisfactory.

RAIL TO THE YUKON.

In a conversation with the Colonist yesterday, Capt. Henry J. Woodside, of the Yukon, spoke about the importance of an all-Canadian line into the Yukon.

CONDITIONS AT NOME.

The conditions prevailing at Nome are appalling. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer heads its latest news item on the subject with the following lines: "Hope, Hatred and Failure—Vari-Colored Plagues of Nome by Garonne Passengers—Sickness and Destitution—Smallpox, Typhoid Fever and Pneumonia Epidemic."

BAD POLICY.

Until some explanation is given of the reason which influenced the Minister of the Interior to withdraw from sale the reserved claims on the best creeks in the Yukon country, we shall have to be unable to suggest any that will be all satisfactory to the public.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA'S CLAIMS.

The Times is undoubtedly right when it says that the true ground upon which to base the claims of British Columbia is more liberal treatment at the hands of the Dominion government.

parts of Canada that their contributions to the revenue are exceptionally large. We are glad indeed to see that the Times appreciates the necessity for action on the premises, and if it does its work in its own way, and the other papers in the province do theirs in their own way, between us all we will accomplish something.

NORTHERN TRADE.

There is a good deal of talk in the city in regard to the trade of the North, and especially as to what can be done to draw some of the business, which comes down to this city.

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Verdict Rendered at Yesterday in the Stream Trial

Points of Interest in of Mother Boy.

A coroner's jury made son (foreman), W. Leonard, yesterday brought a verdict in connection with the Goldstream case, which R. McClure an daughter, lost their lives. McClure was seriously wounded.

The only witnesses examined were the little boy, Clive, Detectives Hoskins and clerk, and Mr. Stewart, who by D. H. Ross & Co. Trip, an employee at a waterworks, and Miss T. The preliminary investigation on Monday was very interesting.

CANADA AT I

Something about the habits in the Trocadero. From Montreal Herald. But what about the Trocadero grounds? Frankly and colloquially, we think that the Trocadero grounds in Western Australia is not a British colony.

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On June 25 Admiral Hope attempted to force a passage, with six vessels of his fleet, through the Peiho river, which was defended by 40 were killed or wounded in 30 minutes.

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