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THAT LEEDS REPORT.

Once more the Colonist has been drawing unduly on its much-abused imagination. Nobody else could have discovered that the Grits are "bewildered" or the Times "confused and confounded" by the report of the Leeds farmers...

Our Victoria contemporary, not knowing what else to say, asks why, if the report is correct, the Conservative government still includes in its platform reciprocity with the United States in natural products?...

There is a marked confusion of ideas here, for the Times did not refer to the Liberals, but to the government party. Evidently the Colonist thinks our question premature, we may be allowed to substitute another and ask: Will the government, in view of this report, be likely to drop reciprocity from its platform?...

The other questions asked by the Times are disposed of in this characteristic fashion by the Colonist: "Our contemporary asks a number of silly questions which have nothing whatever to do with the problem which the Leeds farmers gave themselves to solve."

U. S. PENSION FRAUDS. The case of Judge Long, of Michigan, supplies the pension reformers across the line with a vivid illustration of the abuses of the present system.

Would the farmers of New York state be injured or benefited if they were suddenly cut off from their "sixty-five million market" and limited to the same markets as the farmers of Leeds county? Whether they are "silly" and whether they have nothing to do with the question of reciprocity, we are content to leave our readers to judge.

Judge Long was first examined in 1884, when the rate of his pension was fixed at \$30 per month. Five months later the rate was increased to \$50, although this rate could not lawfully be granted except for helplessness or a degree of disability so nearly approaching helplessness that "the regular aid or attendance of another person" was required.

he is able to earn a salary of \$7,000 per year. In 1880 Corporal Tanner came into the pension office and Long was one of his earliest beneficiaries. In May, 1880, the rate of his pension was made \$50 from 1874, instead of 1884, arrears for ten years thus being added.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

The people of Vancouver are at present considering a proposal that the corporation should acquire the stock and plant of the street railway and electric lighting company there at a cost of \$300,000, and afterwards keep the two services going as corporation concerns.

At the same time the revenue from the private lighting pays all the expenses of operating both the public and private lighting, as well as interest, sinking fund and depreciation on capital account, and, where the extension to the plant recently ordered, under authority of the by-law passed last May, has been put in place and fully loaded, the net earnings of the works, after giving street and public building lighting free, will be from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per annum.

The silver men in convention declared that they would not consent to the repeal of the Sherman silver purchase law unless a free coinage law is substituted. This is to say, the nation must go ahead on the road to financial ruin rather than allow the silver men to suffer loss, which is rather a hard fate to lay before the nation.

If the financial stringency in the United States had no worse result than the collapse of the Chicago pork market the public would not be entirely displeased. No sympathy will be wasted on such men as Cudahy, Wright and Fairbank when they lose money through trying to squeeze others by the "cornering" process.

This different version of the Imperial Federation League's troubles is given in a London dispatch to the Empire: "It is said that the affairs of the Imperial Federation League will shortly be wound up. A committee has now been sitting for some time with instructions to report on future action, and it is stated that should the decision be favorable to suspending operations it will not be due to lack of funds, but because of differences as to future policy."

Formerly a Canadian "honorable" censured to be an "honorable" when he went out of Canada. When he visited Great Britain, for instance, he was put down as plain Mr., and his dignity suffered beyond measure. Now it has been ordained by the Queen that this state of affairs should cease, and that the Dominion privy councillor should be allowed to keep the "Hon." before his name when in Britain as well as in Canada.

The Oregonian mournfully observes: "With 450,000 cases of 'sockeyes' for the Fraser and but 125,000 'Chinooks' for the Columbia, the salmon business does not appear quite as it did ten years ago. More 'Chinooks' is what is wanted and Oregon must supply them."

In speaking of the proposed banquet to Sir Hector Langevin, Le Monde says that several distinguished Conservatives have formed a union, and Sir Hector is asked to be its chief. Perhaps Sir Hector will have some fun with the Conservative party yet.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—The labor secretary of the midwinter exposition now has the names of 500 men who desire employment either in grading the site or upon the buildings. A committee of the Six Companies have agreed to erect in the park an exact counterpart of the tomb of Confucius.

EARLY DAYS.

The First Settlement of White Men on Vancouver Island in 1788.

To the Editor: The remarks made by the Hon. Senator Macdonald at the Mackenzie centenary meeting, on the 20th of July, relative to the just claim which Captain John Meares had to be included in the early history of British Columbia along with other navigators and explorers, viz: Captain Cook, Vancouver and Sir Alexander Mackenzie, has induced me to offer the following to your readers. It certainly places Captain Meares before them in a very favorable light.

He had been a lieutenant in the British navy, but was at the time referred to in his narrative, 20th July, 1786, placed in charge of a trading expedition, consisting of the Nootka, a vessel of 200 tons, and the Sea Otter, of 100 tons. The former vessel was commanded by himself, the other by Captain William Tipping, who also had been a lieutenant in the British navy. Captain Meares reached Nootka on the 13th of May, 1788, and anchored abreast of the village, in Friendly Cove, in four fathoms of water, after a passage of three months and 23 days from China. He was received with much kindness by the natives. The principal chiefs, Maquilla and Callicum, were absent on a visit to the Sandwich Islands.

Mr. Meares, with an equal degree of surprise and pleasure, it was indeed, impossible for any ear susceptible of the light from musical sounds, or any mind that was not insensible to the power of melody, to remain unmoved by this so-called impromptu concert. The chorus was in unison, and strictly concerted as to time and tone; nor did a dissonant note escape them. Sometimes they would make a sudden transition from the high to the low notes, with such melancholy ball from the quavering, that we could not reconcile to ourselves the music in which they acquired or contrived this more than untaught melody of nature.

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Had His Excellency owned a whiskey shop in British Columbia the objection would have been more intelligible, but I suppose none would have been made. A. MAITLAND STENHOUSE, University Club, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 22nd, 1893.

No Blushing Brides Now.

The phrase "a blushing bride" has come to be a mere figurative expression totally inapplicable to the severity of the modern young woman who forms the centre of attraction in the modern fashionable wedding. Her grandmother, in order to be becomingly cultivated the utmost possible shyness of demeanor, but a couple of generations have changed all that, and the modern bride exhibits a placid composure and indifference to the scrutiny of the guests.

For the stores and provisions. The architect's shop was attached to one end of the building and communicated with it. The upper story was divided into an eating room and chambers for the party. On the whole, our house, though it was not built to satisfy a lover of architectural beauty, was admirably well adapted for the purpose to which it was destined, and appeared to be a structure of uncommon magnificence to the natives of King George's Sound.

The good harmony and friendly intercourse which subsisted between us and the natives, will, we trust, be considered as a proof that our conduct was regulated by the principles of humane policy; while the generous and hospitable demeanour of our faithful allies will convey a favorable idea of their character, when treated with that kindness which unenlightened nature demands, and is the true object of commercial policy to employ.

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How the People's Money is Spent on Useless Roads.

Albany, Aug. 2.—Splendid weather; the hay harvest is well in hand; there are excellent crops of the high lands brook. It is also a good crop, and well gathered. Mr. McPherson, the contractor for the Albany-Cowhick road, has finished his work, and the government agent from Cowhick, has inspected it. The more useless piece of work has never been done, or public money more wantonly wasted; it is the road leading from Albany to Cowhick, and has been made to open out the railway company's land. The contractor says there is not room for ten settlers on its whole length, and some places the trail is impassable for a load, and perfectly useless for settlers.

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