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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

There seems to be very little doubt that the financial situation in the great land. In the piping times of financial peace, great money centres and great financial lords are as plentiful as blackberries, but when trouble comes it is to London and the great British institution that all the world looks for relief. It will hardly be disputed that the recent crisis would speedily have developed into a calamity if it had not

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The wrongs of the Transvaal Indian community will soon be known and brooded over by the dumb millions who look to us as all-powerful in India, and, when the evil is done, will be used for all they are worth by the agitators against our rule. And the worst of it is that their grievance will be just. Nor can we wash our hands of the business by casting the responsibility on the Colonial Government, for Mr. Harold Cox points out with undeniable force that His Majesty's Ministers specially reserved the right of the Imperial Government to deal with questions of this nature. Even now, while there is yet time, we hope that a statesman who has the honor and well-being of the whole Empire at heart will be found in South Africa able, by tact and justice, to avert such a calamity as would be the deportation of oeven a few loyal Indians, for it can hardly be imagined that the whole 10,000 in the country would be whole 10,000 in the country would hope. The Japanese of great interests? We are glad to be able to think that their only shall prevail in an atter which has there so there all to say:

The statement of Hon. Mr. Lember of Hon. Mr. Lem a calamity as would be the deportation of even a few loyal Indians, for it can hardly be imagined that the whole 10,000 in the country would be expelled from a British colony. It is not for us to suggest a definite way out of the impasse: but a moratorium and remain a loyal and responsible out of the impasse; but a moratorium in the execution of the law until the Transvaal Parliament meets again would at least afford time for sober reflection and consultation before ir-reparable mischief is done.

THE NATAL ACT.

Some expressions of opinion were uttered in the House of Commons recently which are of special interest to this province at this time. Sir Wilfred Laurier was speaking on the subject of Japanese immigration, when Mr. R. L. Borden asked the following question:

In this question was Mr. Borden's way of referring to a statement of the Prime Minister's to the effect that the Oriental Labor Commission had recommended the passage of legislation similar to the Natal Act, in case it should be found impracticable to regulate Japanese immigration otherwise. Sir Wilfred's reply was: "I have no hasitation, however, to say that under the state of the little of

the treaty we could not pass the Natal Act; it would be contrary to the treaty." Later in the course of the same debate, Mr. F. D. Monk, the leader of the Quebec Conservatives, said:

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To this Mr. Monk replied:
"That is what I understand from the
terms of the treaty, and if my honormoney centres has improved. Interest rates have declined to something not far above normal, and the banks no longer hold on to their reserves as though afraid they would never get which sends immigration to this countries. another ounce of specie. A striking try, who under the terms of that treafeature of the late crisis is that the brunt of it fell upon the Bank of Engthe same footing exactly as Canadians themselves."

These quotations will have a special

interest in this province at the present

THE UNIVERSITY BILL The University Bill, which

flowing tide of prosperity to inflate province a university, which shall street panic was due to the pricking of a good many financial bubbles. So-called securities ceased to be secure, and that was reason ed to be secure, and that was reason enough for anything. When the value of a security depreciates those who have loaned money on it demand payment. The public cluster but the proper solution of this have loaned money on it demand payment. The public always buys stock on a rise and sells on a fall. If therefore those, who are maintaining a certain line of stocks at an unreasonable to do so any lonof a security depreciate, those who meant The public aivays, which was the meant. The public aivays, which was the public aivays which was a class and sells on a fail. If there is a strong and the public aivas, which was a construction of the second of the public aivas, which was a construction of the second of the public aivas, which was a construction of the second of the public aivas, which was a construction of the second of the public and the public aivas, which was a sell of the second of the se

progressive people in the Orient. Just how far we could go in this direction, and remain a loyal and responsible section of the British Empire, we would not like to say. The British Japanese alliance is the only alliance that the British Government has; and, while alliance are chiefly matters of while alliances are chiefly matters of business, they gain something in vitality and spontaneity from sentiment, and sentiment in Japan would not be directed in the best course if a British Colony were to discriminate pointedly against the admission of Japanese subjects

The logical position of Japan in this whole question is irresistible, especially as against the Americans. The Jap-Mr. R. L. Borden asked the following question:
"Does the right honorable gentleman understand that while this treaty remains in its present form it is competent for us to oppose such an act."
In this question was Mr. Borden's were to serve few decades ago an exclusive people. The American compelled them to open their ports and admit foreigners. This was as direct admit foreigners. This was as direct an intervention in the affairs of another nation as if the Japanese fleet were to steam into Sar Francisco here.

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"As I understand it. we have abandoned and surrendered, so far as Japan is concerned, these measures which it has been found absolutely necessary in the interests of Canada to embody in our general immigration laws. We cannot now exclude Japanese coming to this country who would be stopped under these immigration laws for the causes enumerated in those laws."

Mr. Ralph Smith asked:

"Did I understand the honorable gentleman to say that the treaty prevented the operation of our ordinary immigration laws as against Japan-ese?"

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ADULT MUNICIPAL SUFFRAGE

The proposal that there shall be adult suffrage in municipalities will hardly prevail for the present at least. Wheat it means is that every person above the age of twenty-on The conditions which made some peo-ple suspect that it was not being kept have been fully explained away. We

For several years the people of Victhe Board of Trade, kept up a persistent agitation for better safeguards in hied, but there has not as yet been any to navigation on the West Coast, and such request. Women know pretty especially at the entrance to the well what they want, and are not as a Strait. It is well known that the persistence of the Marine and Fisher are going to allow all women to your manent staff of the Marine and Fisher-ies Department at Ottawa was not very favorably disposed towards the sug-years of age, no matter whether they exhibited by the Bank of England.
Why was there a panic? The history of business teaches that it has its ebbs and flows, but these would be no more injurious than similar movements in the tides, if it were not that unscrupulous speculators take advantage of a flowing tide of prosperity to inflate provements, is glad to be able to acknowledge that as far as they have gone they appear to have been very well done.

must surely continue then to rely upon

Australia keeps one of the finest stretches of the worlds surface for the British race, which is the greatest service to the British connection of which we can conceive ourselves capable.

This is pretty plain speaking. It is the statement of Hon Mr Lensing the statement of the

The proposal that light-houses shall send their beams perpendicularly instead of horizontally is meeting with very considerable favor. It is pointed out that a search-light on a ship can project its beams for fifty miles, and the reason assigned is that they are projected not horizontally, but at an projected not horizontally, but at an

be allowed to have a vote for mayor and aldermen. We suppose there is no valid reason why a woman should not be just as able to form as good an opinion as a man as to what a city needs, but we have a great deal of doubt whether any considerable number of whether any considerable number of women would take the trouble to do so. If the majority of women should express a desire to be placed upon the same footing as men in regard to the word of our ally until that word toria, through the newspapers and the Board of Trade, kept up a persuch a request could very well be desuch a request could very well be degested arrangements, but very many of them have been carried into effect, and Colonist readers have an opportunity of reading every morning on our Marine Page what the reports are from saverel route. This is certainly cease to depend in any degree upon the payment of taxes and that the voters list would simply be a roll of all adult persons in the city, for it would be inequitable to say that one man could not vote because he had not paid his taxes, but another could because he did not have to pay any taxes. We have never been able to under-stand the great antipathy in this pro-

vince to the idea of a poll-tax, for municipal purposes. There are provinces in which a poll-tax is paid and no one objects to it. In such places the poll-tax payer has as much voice in regard to money by-laws as the rate-payer upon property. We are not ar-guing for a poll-tax, for to do so would

bia in the autumn. The hope that he will be able to come will be very general, and if he does, proper steps ought to be taken to make his visit memorable. Canada owes much to the distinguished peer, and all British Columbians have a warm place in their umbians have a warm place in their hearts for him.

The local sealing mdustry has in leed fallen on evil days, the "last straw" being the unusually low prices obtained at the sale in London just held. Oh, well, we still have Capt. Balcom and the whales—a combination that is pretty hard to beat.

The Asiatic Exclusion League has assed a resolution declaring that the Lemieux solution is not satisfactory. This is another illustration of the fact that "you may lead a horse to water but cannot make him drink." It is one hing to make an agreement; it is another thing to have that agreement approved by all the people concerned.

It is very satisfactory to be officialv informed that splendid results have already been obtained at the sanitar-um for consumptives at Tranquille. Most of the patients are said to have been materially benefited from the scientific treatment which is now possible to give them, and there seems promise in this that the hopes of the

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A TASTE OF WINTER

D ID THE LITTLE TASTE OF WINTER FIND YOU UNPREPARED? Some of the "extremely optimistic" people thought Summer was here already. We have had an unusually fine and mild Winter but there is still room for a big number of chilly days to squeeze in ere Summer days smile on us again.

Notice the news item about the southern flight of the Wild Geese? The old weather prophets of the chilly East see in that, signs of chilly winds and Winter snows, and the wise ones will prepare. Now, are you ready for a "cold snap"? Got all the blankets and bedding necessary to comfortable sleep? When such liberal offerings in Bedding are offered by this store there is no reason why you shouldn't be "ready" and comfortable.

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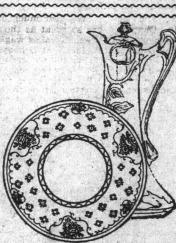
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Among the traditions nost interesting and which assigns to the specially favored place he was then called, was peared to him and made words: "As for me, be and thou shalt be a fat shall thy name be calle be Abraham, for a fath made thee. And I will and I will make nations ut of thee. And I wil tween me and thee an generations for an ever unto thee and to thy se unto thee and to thy se in thou art a stranger, everlasting possession, a follow certain other pro-ling to Ishmael and his d stated that the covenan was subsequently to be

The date usually assign is about 2700 years ago, some investigators have existence as an historica have been thrown upon individual. The idea a Abrahamic legend is a r the race, that subsequer as Hebrews, Jews, or Isr in an individual to who ful qualities and a direct deity. A very remarkat dus VI. It is verses 2 "And God spoke unto A the Lord; and I appeare by the name of God Al hovah was I not known gested that this implies on the part of Abraham Israelites in the times arch's western migratio part against the idolatr mong whom he spent by other writers that h tical reasons and was force. However this ma man of wealth, sagacity rative in Genesis and as ditions is altogether too ontention that he was He differs from all other associated with his nam tioned. This is not the pears in Genesis. In Cl sented as saying to him: nation; and I will bless great. And I will bless curse them that curse th families of the earth be l have this promise: "And dust of the earth, so that dust of the earth, then In Chapter XV. we are to Abram in a vision and the stars said: "Look no

said unto him. So shall XXII. we have the pron "In blessing I will bless will multiply thee heaven and the sar sea shore and thy see earth be blessed, because From that day to the pr descendants of Abraham the promise, although the fulfilment seemed utterl seems to be now for the recognized descendants o which line it appears the out. Abraham had other not know. The principal cept the descendants of sprung from Ishmael, but

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accept the Bible narrative far as details are concern expect them to believe th no such promises are ma no such promises are mamore reason for believing municative to men thirty day. We think we may of the objection. So far as likelihood of such commi now; but we have yet to Power does not speak to voice of nature, but by tion. If there is any one any approach to a conse mankind, it is as to the frequency of just such co believe that in a certain Abraham were in closer the great mass of their co the present day, but we lieve that there has ever l mankind, when the race v union with its Maker. P. materialistic will naturally tercourse between the hun hose, who accept the doct of God and admit that m at least a spark of the san culty in conceding the pos divinely appointed missio necessary to argue in fav of the Deity to certain in be made for the imagery races surrounds every nar hamic legend of all such f main the exceedingly inte come down to us from a

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perfection or the imperfectice, just as much as it de