We reproduce the above paragraph not

readers of the immense superiority of Great Britain as a trading country over all the

nations of the world. It shows that the

British bought from the people of the United

States \$154,000,000 worth of products more

than they sold to all the rest of the world

Yet the Americans are insolent-in a com-

mercial sense—to this splendid customer

to unimportant countries whose dealings with them sink into insignificance when compared

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

The Wise Man said a long time ago that

there is nothing new under the sun. There

hood to question the truth of this saying,

but the longer one lives and the more he

knows, the more ready he will be to ac-

knowledge that in the questions that go to

national, the saying we have quoted is em-

The British Labor Commissioners, while in

quiring into the condition of the working

classes in Italy, were struck with the re-

semblance that the questions which came

before them bear to the problems which the

quired to consider. They say at the beginn

The Italian labor question has a twofold aspect. From one point of view it appears as a survival from a former state of society;

ing of their report on Italy :

phatically true.

with their trade with Great Britain.

The Colonist

The CAMPAIGN.

The Government party are working on the Island and the Mainland quietly and confidently. They have no doubte as to the result of the country in the Island and the Mainland quietly and confidently. They know their strength and are not in the least discomposed or disconcerted as the brag and bluster of the Copposition. They are well aware that in almost every district it is put on for the double purpose of keeping their friends in heart and of imposing on the supporters of the Government. But in the latter object they fail utterly. Let them boast as loudly as they may they will not prevail upon a single supporter of the Government to join them. But it and sold to the country a large them. But it and sold to the country a large interest in Samoa.

The trade of the country is, as might be supposed, not extensive. It deals more birthday of Queen Victoria celebrated more beartly and with greater sincerity than in this dity on the Pacific shore which is salled by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is alled by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in this dity on the Pacific shore which is called by her name. The Queen's Birthday is in the latter of the country will concern themselves very much about the queen's bear of the Covernment and the which retained in the country will concern th as they may they will not prevail upon a New Zealand appears desirous to assume single supporter of the Government to join them. But it appears to us that they are wise in their generation when they keep on blowing their trumpets as instily as their strength will allow. They know full well that it is only by putting on a triumphant air and talking as if they were already sure of success, that they can retain their appears to us that they have to such an arrangement it is difficult.

New Zealand appears desirous to assume control over Samoa, and as it is the country with which the Samoans have the largest dealings it is reasonable to conclude that some kind of union would be beneficial to both. But it does not appear that the Great Powers are prepared to place Samoa completely under British control over Samoa, and as it is the country with which the Samoans have the largest dealings it is reasonable to conclude that some kind of union would be beneficial to both. But it does not appear that the Great Powers are prepared to place Samoa completely under British control over Samoa, and as it is the country with which the Samoans have the largest dealings it is reasonable to conclude that some kind of union would be beneficial to both. But it does not appear that the Great Powers are prepared to place Samoa completely under British control over Samoa, and as it is the country with which the Samoans have the largest dealings it is reasonable to conclude that some kind of union would be beneficial to both. But it does not appear that the Great Powers are prepared to place Samoa completely under British control over Samoa, and as it is the country during the three days' holiday is almost a sinecure. The host of pleasure-seekers are wonderfully good-humored, kindly and courteous. These have been the chief character in the country beautiful to be a succession of the country had been dealings in the country had been dealings in the country had been dealings in the country had been dealings. can retain their apparent hold of have to such an arrangement it is difficult hundreds. On the other hand, to see. It might be supposed that all three there are large numbers of electors formerly powers would be pleased to get rid of the there are large numbers of electors formerly inclined to favor the Opposition who, when they look around them and see the kind of men they are asked to support and the prinches of can have little or no interest, and see them oiples they are required to countenance and even advance, make up their minds to vote ized community who have a direct and a should carefully and rigidly carry out. It only knows what the motley crew that form

There are more who talk in this way than most people have any idea of. The distrust of the leaders of the Opposition is deep and it is widespread. Those who feel it do not say much, but they think a great deal. The respect for and the confidence in the Premier are growing daily. The people adhis opponents and is able to give obnoxious to him was by a special messena good account of the acts of his administration. The manly qualities that significant hint, forthwith used it to put an he has exhibited are in striking contrast to the contemptible way in which leading men of the Opposition conducted themselves while the Legislature was in session and since. Thinking electors notice these things and draw their own conclusions from them.

their programme will be."

NOT TO BE DENIED. We are glad to see that Col. Prior has been persevering in his advocacy of the cause of the permanent military force of the Dominion. It is a reproach to the country that it should avail itself of the services of out and unable to learn a new business, throw them heartlessly upon the world without the slightest provision for their support in their old age. We know that there are some narrow-minded, small-souled people in the Dominion who are horrified when they hear the word "pension" uttered. According to them, pensions are not justifiable under any circumstances. No matter how much a country may be indebted to men who have spent their best days insufficiently remunerated in its service, they must not get a dollar when they are unable to work any longer. The mere statement of the case of the soldiers of the regular force shows how any controlled that the meeting would not pass off quietly, as it was known that soshi (heelers) attached to opposition parties would be present. The Progressist leaders had prepared for this eventuality by engaging a number of those professional rowdies for their own protection. From the very opening of the meeting there were signs of trouble brewing, as the whole sudience appeared very excited. Mr. Lizuka, the first speaker, was met by shouts of disapprobation from all sides directly he began to ex-The mere statement of the case of the speaker, was mer by anoute of disapproba-soldiers of the regular force shows how un-just and ungrateful the country is that does disorder increased upon the next speaker, just and ungrateful the country is that does not make a moderate provision for their support in their old age. Yet it seems that it is in deference to the prejudices of such men that the Government of the Dominion when it established a permanent corps did not provide pensions for those whom long service had given a claim on the country. We believe that it was a mistake to defer to the prejudices of this class of our countrymen.

We are convinced that those who belong to it do not express the good sense and the good feeling of the great bulk of the people majority of the Canadian people will cheerfully pay the very small addition to their taxes that the pensions will require. Col. Prior when he stood up for the old soldiers and the invalided soldiers did his duty both by the soldiers and the people. We believe that before long he will see the policy he advocates established on a reasonable basis,

ABOUT SAMOA.

So much has been said and written about Samoa of late years that it might be considered a large, rich and important country. We find that three great nations have entered into an agreement to preserve its neutrality and to protect the white people who have made the islands their home. When it is known that the native population all told is only 35,000, and that the cluded fourteen Chinese—the reader may be well excused for wondering what all the fuse is about. The islands appear to be a kind of paradise without its innocence. Al. country. Japan does not yet appear to have though their inhabitants have everything that though their inhabitants have everything that mortals in their condition need wish for, arisen in it a whole swarm of "inkamong themselves and Europeans interfered to keep the peace and to make the country safe for civilized people to live in. An agreement was made at the Berlin Conferunder which the administration of the affairs of the islands was provided for and their neutrality guaranteed by England, Germany and the United States. But by s'l accounts the tripartite government has been "a failure so undisguised that some modification of existing arrangements is by common consent admitted to be essential if

European relations with the Islands are to The trade of the country is, as might be

PROGRESS IN JAPAN.

the Opposition would take it into their The political education of the people of heads to do if they had the chance. No one knows what their principles are or what Japan is progressing. They are beginning to know what are their rights as free men and they are learning to exercise and assert them in the most approved fashion. It was only the other day, so to speak, that they were the submissive subjects of a despotic Mikado. They had no wills of their own, no rights and no privileges but such as their heaven-sent rulers vouchsafed to them. All mire him for his ability and his courage. had to do when one of the people became that the Mikado or other Highmightiness end to his own life. The process was called hara-kiri. It was not a pretty one, but it was very effective. But this and other old customs have be-

come obsolete in Japan. The Japanese are free now. They have a Constitution of their own and they enjoy representative institu tions. They vote by ballot and they hold public meetings. It is at these meetings that they best show to the world how far their political education has advanced. They have learned how to cheer politica orators. They have progressed so far as to be able to howl a speaker down. They seem to have reduced interruption to a fine art. good men during their prime, pay them in.

And some of the village politicians who have gone through all the degrees have succeeded in breaking up a meeting in disorder. The following passage from a Japanese journal, were it not for the outlandish names might have been cut out of the report of a Canadian country newspaper :

The police were called in and after they had turned the rowdles out they had their We are certain that the vast own innings, and allowed only whom they favored to speak. This was not bad for a other. He appeared to be a gentleman who country which has had only a few years' was very fond of hearing the sound of his experience of constitutional government, If the Japanese improve at their present rate it will not be long before they have their Coxey and their General Kelley, and if a revolution does not intervene they may arrive at the point of development in which Pennoyer and a Lewelling are possible.

oal agitation. The criticism of the newspapers on the policy of the Government is trenchant, and is spiced with personslities which are rather pungent. The Cabinet is as having done anything notably beneficial spoken of as "a do-nothing Cabinet" and to New Westminster or to this Province must an "incapable Cabinet." One of the ministers is stigmatized as a "dinner minlater"; this seems to be equivalent to be on his own side of the House, and some the "figurehead" of Western countries, a little worse. Certainly no one ever misforeigners living among them number less than four hundred—and in these are inministers are accused of the most flagitious To use a rural simile he was "among the favoritism. So truculent did the Mainichi Shumburi become that it was suspended on the charge of disturbing the peace of the

Ayer's Pills are invaluable for the oure of

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

orderly manner. The office of policeman in America. sinceure. The host of pleasure-seekers are wonderfully good-humored, kindly and States is dependent on Great Britain for a market for its products as to remind our

A SOUND PRINCIPLE.

for the supporters of the Government. comparatively large interest in making and in keeping them peaceful and prosperous. all purchases made by the city exceeding a certain amount, which should not be large, should be by tender. Such a way of purchasing material of different kinds leaves are some bold spirits who have the hardino door open for corruption. In these days public bodies should so conduct their business that there cannot be room for even a suspicion of wrong-doing. Too much care cannot be taken in regulating the way make up the problems of life, individual and in which money is to be spent. It is far better to err on the side of too great carefulness than on the side of carelessness and coseness. People complain of "red tape," but red tape is a capital thing in its place, and one of its places is the details of the expenditure of public money. No Alderman should take it as a reflection on himself that rulers of Italy in ancient times were rethe Council should insist that a good principle such as calling for tenders for material should be carried out rigidly. If exception can be made in one case, for an apparently good reason, an exception can be made in another for a reason that can be represented as being quite as good. In fact, it should not be in the discretion of the Council to make exceptions in such a matter as this. Committees should be required by law to call for tenders when the sum to be expended exceeds a very small amount.

The plant for the new electric works will cost a large sum of money. It is in the interest of the city that it shall be obtained the contract lies the peculiar interest of her history. The political and economic problems of the present day are closely connected with a feudal and even with a classic past. The agrarian difficulties of the times of the Gracchi though complicated by the alave question were not unlike those of the nineteenth century. Then, as now, complaints were heard of the evil influence of capitalists and the ruin of the small

if it were his due, and made a tremendously long speech to show that it was all well deserved. No one in Victoria, that we know of, saw anything that was at all wonderful in Mr. Brown's performances, oratorical and own voice, and who gave every indication of having a very high opinion of himself. Beyond that the frequenter of the gallery of the Legislative Chamber saw nothing that was at all remarkable in Mr. Brown or his performances. He has some remembrance of an amusing episode in one of the debates The journalism of the Japanese appears to in which a member of what was once the be quite as far advanced as the art of politi- independent party described Mr. Brown in caucus as being pretty nearly the whole party—in his own estimation. To see this talkative, self-satisfied gentleman described estimation there were some better men than took him for a great man in esse or in posse. middlings, like small potatoes."

A LOSING GAME The San Francisco Examiner exposes the olly of Senator Lodge's scheme to compel at which Washington lumbermen stand Great Britain to accept bi-metallism as it is aghast and raise a dreadful howl, the comby-and-by how its Parliaments do their nderstood by the silver men of the United Headache, Constipation, Stomach and Liver troubles, and all derangements of the digestive and assimilative organs. These pills are sugar coated, safe and pleasant to take, always reliable, and retain their virtues in any climate.

The Examiner, by showing them the extent of the trade between Great Britain and the United States and leaving them to imagine the condition that the Americans would be miner's article:

On ooal may give the Washington coal-mine owner a somewhat wider

at least one of our neighbors on this Coast is allowing a little light to enter its mind on this subject. The Seattle Tele-

graph has been making inquiries, and has found that if reciprocity in farm produce, found that if reciprocity in farm produce, most of which is raw, were now in operation between Canada and the United States; the State of Washington would be very considerably the gainer. It finds that higher prices can be had in Victoria, British Columbia, for oats, potatoes, hay, onions, eggs, butter, cheese, beef, mutton, chickens, turkeys and fresh pork than can be obtained in Seattle Things." says the Telegraph, "are higher there than here. If there was free trade between the two countries, Washington would sell British Columbia three dollars' worth for every dollar's worth that British Columbia would sell here." Mr. Steavenson's derection, to an appropriate the Columbia producers are pretty ive audience. The cast was as before: are, and British Columbia consumers are not greatly grieved to see that Americans are

finding out that in this matter of reciprocity

they are cutting off their noses to spite their faces. With respect to timber reciprocity, at which Washington lumbermen stand aghast and raise a dreadful howl, the com-Great Britain to accept bi-metallism as it is understood by the silver men of the United States. There are journalists in San Francisco who approve of Lodge's proposition and would even make it more sweeping. The Examiner, by showing them the extent of the trade between Great Britain and the United States and leaving them to imagine the condition that the Americans would be in if that trade were cut off, shows them what fools they have made of themselves. This is the concluding paragraph of the Examiner's article:

But how would it be if the tariff was ex-

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market then he would have had under reciprocity but the duty does not exclude British Columbia coal from the American market while it forces the American coal consumer to pay a higher price for it than he would if it were allowed to enter the United States market duty free. This in these hard times is very far indeed from being a benefit to the American manufacturer, the American railway companies and the American steamship companies. All these people must have British Columbia coal, for it is much superior for their purposes to Washington coal, and they are consequently burdened for the purpose of conferring a doubtful benefit on the coal mining industry of the neighboring State. The Telegraph is right. Our American neighbors ought to see that even such a reciprocity as was estabtished by the old treaty—a reciprocity in the products of the forest, the farm, the sea and the mine, would be quite as beneficial to the United States as it would be to Canada.

IN MUSIC'S REALM.

Delightful Concert by the Faculty and Pupils of the Conservatory -Repeated Attractions.

would gain all the benefit which such an arrangement was capable of yielding, and the United States would suffer all the loss. the United States would suffer all the loss.

Canadians believed that this was a false as ance on the Victoria platform will not soon be forgotten. The programme closed with the National Anthem. The faculty of the reciprocity treaty of the fifties was even more favorable in its operation to the United States than it was to Canada. We find that at least one of experienced tuition.

The repetition of Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," together with selections from the "Creation," given Tuesday night at the Metropolitan church under the direction of Mr. W. Edgar Buck, was quite up to the standard of the first concert given last

Victoria's latest amateur dramatic sucwas repeated Tuesday evening, again under Mr. Steavenson's direction, to an appreciat-

Aladdin

tainment was of an unusually high order of merit, and might be given a third time with entire success.

THE "LIBBIE'S" SAILORS.

Graphic Description of the Drowning of the Two Men Given by the Only Survivor. A much more graphic and pathetic de-

scription of the drowning of the two sealers, Henry Jorgeson and J. T. Bodine, than was contained in the letter to Miss Collinson contained in the letter to Miss Collisson referred to in yesterday's Colonist, has been furnished Capt. Hackett by his brother, who commands the Libbie, the vessel to which the lost men belonged. The information, too, comes more directly than that previously obtained, it being told the captain of the Libbie by Melville Collinson, the young man who accompanied Jorgeson and Bodine in their adventure with the whale. Captain Hackett says in his letter that on the 23rd of last month, the doomed boat was lowered with other boats comed boat was lowered with other boats doomed boat was lowered with other boats from the schooner early in the day. With the exception of this boat, they all returned by five o'clock. On account, however, of their being generally late in returning this had caused no particular uneasiness until darkness came on. By that time there was a stiff breeze blowing and the cautain fearing that his more had time there was a stiff breeze blowing and the captain, fearing that his men had been carried to leeward, shaped his course in that direction. As he himself states in his letter it was probably more by good luck than good seamanship that he espied Collinson late in the evening of the same day. A more pitiable sight or a more help-less leeking object could hardly be imagined. Collinson was completely exhausted and his for the new electric works and for the new electric works are for the new electric works are for the new electric works are for the new electric works and is one to the head of the control of the small of the city that it is easily a six and the rain of the small opposite the standard of the control of the small of the control of the control of the small of the control of less lecking object could hardly be imagined. Collinson was completely exhausted and his rescue was extremely timely. His story to a Captain Libbie in short was that about 5-e'clock on the day he and his companions were heading for the schooner, being aided by a sail. On the way the man in the prow called the attention of the others to the immediate proximity of a whale. The others, however, did not realize their danger until they were tossed by the whale about ten feet out of their boat. They were not further troubled by the monster and all being swimmers they succeeded in reaching their boat, which was capsized and badly broken. An attempt was then made to patch up the holes with canvas, but this was of no avail for

(From the Miner.) As R. E. Lemon was leaving the Stanley house between 12 and 1 a m. on the night of Friday last, some one threw a handful of sand into his face, filling his eyes and sand into his face, filling his eyes and causing him intense agony. But for the assistance of Dr. Arthur and Dr. Le Bau, it is probable that Mr. Lemon's sight would have been totally destroyed. Mr. Lemon has no idea who could have done it, nor whether it was the result of a thoughtle jest or malicious assault.

Under one act for the prevention of fire in unincorporated towns and villages, Messrs. John Houston, John H. Matheson and Hamilton G. Neelands have been appointed fire wardens for Nelson and Fort A. ballast car on the Nelson and Fort

A petition has been got up in Kaslo ask-ing Judge Spinks to adjourn all Kaslo cases to that town.

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10isco. R. A. McLEAN, M.D., Dean, 305 Kearny St., cor, Bush, San Francisco, my17-2w-d&w

NEWS OF THE 1

Government Candidate Richmond Riding—S Reductions in Va

The Lazaretto Grant Parks-The Pythia tion Day.

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nominated here to day in

interests for Richmond ridir will make a strong candida every probability that he v He was a member of the lature during the Norquay and will bring to the Lagisla the strength of parliamentar decided individuality and powers. Mr. Douglas was for editor and proprietor of a h paper and will thus add journ his other qualifications Vancouver about four years conducted a very successful real estate business ever sino of excellent business qualities is thoroughly well acquaint the riding of Richmond, and considerable interest in the has identified himself with there taking there, taking an active par local enterprises. He has been a member of the council of Sou and was a prominent mover tion of that municipality. P Government nominee is popu mands the respect of all who k personal influence, therefore s rong factor in his candidatur gether with his more than ord in a public capacity will ensur

by a good majority.

The license board met yes license of the Baldwin on Carre transferred to Wm. McKinnor transferred to Wm. McKinnon hotel license was transferred building on Richard street to block on Columbia avenue.

The City Council will be recovered as the number of hotel licenses to \$200 and event the number of hotel licenses from 53 to 50, the sal increased from 12 to 16 and the creased from 6 to 4.

creased from 6 to 4. The be thus increased about \$800, that have been selling retail mone form of trade only.

W. J. Dowler, city clerk at sent the council here the correspectived by him in relation to the propriated by the Dominion Government of the council here. aid the lepers. The letters show \$1,000 was intended for Victoria

\$1,000 was intended for Victoria the fact that the Dominion Gov written to Vancouver stating the intention of the Government \$1,000 used for Vancouver as w A number of ladies have per city to purchase land for public they are able to get it at reasons A by-law will be submitted to

A by-law will be submitted to for the purchase of the Tram and by the city for \$410,000.

Harvey Haddon, an Englishms ing a handsome block on the Hastings and Cambie streets.

18 feet wide will run through ture. There will be fourteen either side, while four more front on the two streets.

The British barone Gainsbe

The British barque Gainsbo towed into port yesterday to lo The Vancouver B.C.B.G.A. 1 church yesterday.

WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, May 22 Foster, accountant of the departs tice at Ottawa, surprised people b in last night to take charge of th tiary pending an investigation if fairs by Mr. Justice Drake. W. Bride and Deputy Fitzsim emporarily relieved from duty. Mrs. Mary Hargraves is s Tramway Co., for \$10,000 damag juries caused her in a train acd July. The case is proceeding in th

oourt.
William Carroll's little boy fell embankment on the street a few and was badly injured. He now \$2,000 damages from the city.

The Board of Trade will assis

The Board of Trade will assist Council in settling on the bridge p. The water in the Fraser rose to yesterday at Yale. The freshet down with a rush.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, May 22 .- Mayor Qu

rived home this evening. Sewerage matters are being agir

Sewerage matters are being agit now though the prospects of anytherapy done to improve the product of a flairs are small.

Decoration day will be observe local Knights of Pythias on the I? The final meeting of the celebrat mittee was held last evening, when ments were completed for the Quee day festivities Probably the most ing feature of the day's events withose-real contests, in which teams focuver, New Westminster, Vict Nanaimo will compete.

Wynn Johnston returned this matthe steamer Esperanza from his train search of the missing farmer Ged lachlan. At the south end of island Maclachlan's sloop was four ing but half full of water. On both two sacks of potatoes, a roll of blar some tee, but everything else womer is but little doubt that Maclach drowned, though there is some pof his baying these will be of the owner. drowned, though there is some of his having been picked up bound steamer.

ANTI-SEMITE ASSAULT Two Men Waylay and Horsewhip a

VIENNA, May 23 -Two men Deputy Kaiser, a notorious Anti-Se

the streets yesterday and lashed him leather whip. One of them was The affair made a great stir as newspapers and was discussed to-da Reicherath. The Minister of Jus swered the questions of the Kaiser Semitic colleagues by saying that the ping had nothing whatever to do wit er's denunciation of the Hebrews. sailant was an employe of an insurciety whose methods the deputy had nounced to be dishonest.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS CANADIA

London, May 23.—George John Ro F.R.S., LL.D., died suddenly at Ox day. He was born in Kingston, (May 20, 1848, his father being the lat