

riety during the recent visit of the evangelists Brown and Avis, as having been cured by faith and prayer, died yesterday of her old ailment, paralysis.

SPEAKING at Listowel the other day, Mr. Blake complained that he had been blamed for calling British Columbia a "sea of mountains," although he got the expression from Principal Grant's book "From Ocean to Ocean." Mr. Blake cannot understand why he is called unpatriotic when he uses such language, while Principal Grant is called patriotic. There is a great difference in the way of using such an expression. Principal Grant's book was throughout noted for its patriotic tone, and on all occasions in speaking and writing he has expressed himself as full of hope for the future of the Dominion. Principal Grant is proud of his country, proud to call himself a Canadian, and when he was a preacher down in Nova Scotia aroused some opposition among disconcerted anti-confederatists by the Canadian tone of his utterances. Principal Grant did not try to convey the impression that British Columbia was a possession of no value to the Dominion. On the contrary, "From Ocean to Ocean" is sure to impress the reader with the importance of the province to the Dominion. But Mr. Blake used the expression in an attack upon the Canadian Pacific policy of the Government, taking the ground that it would pay Canada better to allow British Columbia to secede from the confederation than to undertake the immediate construction of a railway from ocean to ocean.—*Star*.

WINNIPEG, November 18th.—Reports from all points on the C. P. R. show that the railroad is absolutely free from the snow blockades that have virtually caused a suspension of traffic on the American trans-continental lines. The thermometer ranges from 13 above zero at Donald to 45 above at Gleichon, with very little snow.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

THE BULGARIAN SOBRANJE elected Prince Waldemar of Denmark to their throne; but he declined the dangerous responsibility. Russia still harasses Bulgaria; and General Kaulbars has left it, taking the Russian Consuls with him, and threatening it as he goes. Germany declined to undertake the formal protection of Russian subjects in Bulgaria, and they have therefore been placed under the charge of

France. This fact goes to show that the triple alliance exists no longer. At last Germany seems inclined to depart from her old motto with regard to Russia, viz., that the nearest neighbors are the fastest friends. The Russian newspaper, *Novoe Vremya*, commenting upon the rumors that war between Germany and Russia is impending, says if there is one thing upon which Russia will rejoice to exhaust her last blood, it is to uphold her independence against the Germans.

THE concord between England and Austria is closely associated with the formation of a defensive league between the Servian and Bulgarian Governments. Overtures will also be made to Roumania with a view to her joining the proposed league. The latter power recently informed Count Kalnoky, the Austrian Premier, of the existence of an agreement between Roumania and Russia permitting the passage of Russian troops through Roumanian territory to the Danube, and she asserts that her present inactivity is caused by the fear of reprisals, in the event of war she would be exposed to the brunt of Russia's onslaught.

THE POPE is in trouble with both Italy and France. In ITALY Cardinal Jacobini, the Papal Secretary of State, on the plea of ill health, asked the Pope to accept his resignation. It is known that the chief cause of his desire to resign is the approach of a difficulty with the Quirinal. It is reported the Pope wrote to Emperor Francis Joseph, asking him to intervene. In FRANCE it is stated that M. de Freycinet telegraphed to the Pope requesting him to either give up sending Nuncios to China or withdraw his Nuncio from France. The Pope knew that this meant that the French Government intended to deprive the French clergy of Government support in case of a refusal, and replied that, wishing to preserve amicable relations with France, he would recall his Nuncios from China. This action is likely to precipitate a quarrel between supporters and enemies of the Church in France.

THE BRITISH CABINET is said to be preparing a land bill for Ireland based upon expansion of the Ashbourne Act. It limits tenants' purchase of lands to holdings under sixty acres. If the commission sanctions the transfer, the Imperial Treasury will advance the amount, the commission paying four-fifths to the landlord and retaining the other fifth until the tenant's annual instalments amount to the already paid sum. Tenants' repayments shall extend over thirty-nine years, with interest at 4 per cent. The total sum necessary to be guaranteed by the Treasury is estimated at \$125,000,000. Sales under the Ashbourne