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It was clearly shown by Hon. William Templeman, addressing the Liberals of Victoria West on Monday, that British Columbia had everything to gain from the initiation of the reciprocity agreement between this country and the United States.

Turning to the industries of the province, it was further shown that most of these would be benefited. The only business about which there was any doubt was the fruit-growing industry.

Other subjects of interest were taken up, but not at any length. The enthusiasm of the gathering was a happy augury for the future of Liberalism in this city.

RECIPROCITY AND FRUIT GROWING.

The cry of certain Canadian politicians that reciprocity would ruin the fruit industry of British Columbia has been taken more or less seriously in Great Britain, from which country many immigrants come here annually to go into the fruit growing business.

Notwithstanding the tariff, Ontario, the province of Canada supposed to be most hard hit by reciprocity in fruit, last year shipped 16,000 barrels into the U. S. A.

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people to eat them. Canada has a rapidly growing population, but the United States has a population of ninety millions already existing, and growing rapidly, too.

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that this should be thoroughly understood by the people at large. The commission confirmed the impression which has long been held that more or less smuggling of Chinaman opium into the province has been going on.

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MEXICO FACES GRAVE CRISIS

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

Senior Limantour Surprised at Change of Sentiment Among the People

Mexico City, March 23.—Admitting that Mexico is facing a crisis even greater than he had believed, Senior Limantour said yesterday that the administration had no definite plans for the solution of the problems confronting it.

Just why this is so, I cannot understand, said the minister. "I am trying to find out. I have talked with a great many people since my return and I have discovered that there is a certain lack of accord between them and the government."

TO HONOR SIMON FRASER.

Sir Simon Fraser, the discoverer of the Fraser river, is to be honored by a monument erected in his honor on Albert Crescent about three years ago.

NERVOUS SYSTEMS

Always Follows a Run Down Condition of the Blood.

It is an old story now that nervous ailments follow the blood becomes poor and thin, and the nervous system is affected.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is a tonic for the blood that will supply it with the necessary elements to nourish and tone up the nerves and the cause being removed, nature does her best and health is fully restored.

FLOWERS OF THE SPRING.

Exhibition Being Planned by the King's Daughters.

Arrangements are being made to hold a daffodil and spring flower show on Wednesday, April 19 (Princess Day) under the auspices of the King's Daughters.

The announcement is made that entries may be sent to Miss M. M. Lettich, of 82 Linden Avenue, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mount Adelaide, Esquimalt road, Mrs. R. B. McKicking, 464 Kingston Street, or to Mrs. Hasell, the Alexandra Club, not later than April 8.

Class 1.—One dozen yellow long trumpet daffodils.

Class 2.—One dozen double daffodils.

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN COAL THEFT CASE

Accused's Solicitor Claims the Prosecution is Trying to Cover Its Own Misdemeanors

Challenging that F. R. Lehrman, formerly the employ of C. W. Kirk, coal merchant, Victoria, West, is being prosecuted in order to cover up charges against his late employer, and to prevent an action being brought, H. A. Maclean, K. C., who appears for the accused, asked the court for an order whereby he could obtain the production of the weigh-bills of coal consignments to the Fairview Greenhouses, Limited, from which, Mr. Maclean claims, on behalf of his client, he can prove that the prosecution has abstracted coal to sell to other customers and shortweighed the Fairview Greenhouse Company.

The magistrate held that the weigh-bills would be material in a civil action between the company and the coal dealer, but he had observed Lehrman charge before the court they were immaterial.

Henry William Lester said Lehrman had seen him after leaving his employment, when accused had said he had left because of a row with C. W. Kirk, and that he would fix Kirk, that he could do Kirk more harm than Kirk could do him.

HEAVY GALE BURST OVER CITY TO-DAY

Wind Blew With Great Velocity From the Southwest—Yucatan Nearly Hit Lorne

Coming on without the slightest warning, a heavy southwest gale accompanied by rain burst upon this city and Vancouver Island early this morning, but although it blew at a great velocity for several hours no damage as far as can be learned, has been done by shipping.

About 1 o'clock this morning a dark cloud hanging low crept up from the westward and as it hovered over the city the storm broke. For over two hours the city was in the grip of the howling and drenching rain, but about 3 o'clock it died down considerably, although during the day a disagreeable breeze has been blowing in the straits and gulf a nasty sea has been running and the ferry boats were delayed a little in arriving.

While the gale was blowing the old wrecked steamer Yucatan, lying at the Outer Wharf, came near adding another chapter to her already interesting career. She broke all the lines making her fast to the dock but one, and commenced to swing across to the other dock, where the tug Lorne was lying. At first it looked as though a collision could not be prevented but as the steer line on the dock held, and those aboard the steamer managed to keep her from drifting too far, if the big bulk had hit the tug she would undoubtedly have done a great deal of damage.

DAUGHTER Appoint Delegates Arrange for Mrs. Henry Frere, being elected as a member of the Chapter, was formed new position a parlor of the Chapter.

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MINISTER DINES

Sincere Trust

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As in former stamping ground be Shawinigan lak.