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CIVIC REFORM.

The citizens of Victoria will probably some evening next week to consider mat-methods which have been applied to the city. It is now some weeks since Col. last year. Prior first gave notice that he intended the need for a thorough inquiry and asto invite the people to come together and serts the fitness of Mr. Ogilvie for the talk the matter over, and the reason that work of investigation. It has taken the an earlier date has not been fixed is that Toronto paper several months to reach he was desirous of discussing the various questions involved with a number of the something may be accomplished. Civic position taken by the Colonist and other problems are usually difficult, and those papers long ago, and for which they relating to Victoria form no exception to the general rule. Many interests press. It says that the officials themhave to be consulted and wide differences selves demanded that Major Walsh of opinion have to be reconciled. To ask should make an investigation, but that the people to come together and submit a cut and dried programme for them to adopt would be to invite defeat, no matadopt would be to invite defeat, no matter what the merits of the plan might be. On the other hand to call a meeting and have no suggestions to offer would be a profitless undertaking. How to hit a happy medium between the two extremes is what Col. Prior and those looked into, that we were simply giving ject have been endeavoring to decide. It is right to say that in taking hold of derfeet who had come home poorer than the matter at all, Col. Prior has not they went out. We were old that the been influenced by any ulterior motive, nor is he desirous of giving effect to any particular proposition. He moved in enforcement of Canadian law. And we the matter only because of a sense of public duty, and so that the result of the he came forward largely in response to would be interesting to know why, in the call for reform which found expression in many ways through the columns government declined to order an investigation until after the London Times Many things must be discussed, and it joined in the demand for a probing of

is very clear that they cannot all be dis- the matter to the bottom in the interest cussed advantageously at one meeting, of the good name, not of the officials, 'Among them are the city charter, the but of the Dominion of Canada. number and mode of election of aldermen, the relations of the schools to the article is an apology for the postal accity government, the permanent executive commodations at Dawson. It admits ment of streets, the water supply, sew-erage, fire protection and so on. Any one of these subjects presents difficulties, when it comes to being treated in a care of it. This is not an excuse; it is business-like way, and others when it a confession of incapacity. If Mr. Mucemes to securing for any solution of it lock did not know that thousands of the assent of the people. It would be people were going into the Yukon, that an error for any number of persons the mail service would be irregular, and committee, to formulate a plan, cover-would be a great rush for them, he was meeting to ratify it, and citizens may rest ignorant on these points. The excuse as assured that those who are active in given by the Globe is simply a confes-moving for reform have no intention of sion of complete neglect. The post office moving for reform have no intention of doing anything like this. On the other hand it would be useless to attempt to frame any scheme covering the necessary features in a public meeting. When the city of St. John, N.B., found itself in need of a new charter, the provincial nothing better could have been done, government, at the request of the city, The right man in the right place would appointed a commissioner to frame one have provided against the contingency and after devoting some months to the which arose, and which everyone saw task, he reported a charter, which was would necessarily arise. endorsed by the city council and passed by the legislature. The city government is being carried on under that charter ter, and inferentially it is an admission attle a few years ago felt that its old man as Mr. Fawcett gold commissioner, charter had outlived its usefulness, a and a still greater mistake to provide commission was appointed by the city him with insufficient assistance. council to frame a new one, which was was not sufficient assistance given? afterwards adopted by popular vote. In Every one knew that the force in the

But important as a city charter for season for the season of complaints of the children of men to curry it juto effect is equally as, A super and allerance on the control of the control of the children of men to curry it juto effect is equally as a super and allerance of the children o New people will not come unless the town is made attractive to them. Things may be good enough for us, who are used to them, but they fail to attract men of means, who are looking for homes or investments. Such persons will seek towns that, though they may

"QUI S'EXCUSE, E'ACCUSE."

The Toronto Globe devotes a long article to "The Yukon Investigation." Two tigation. It is a long and labored efverb with which this article is headed be asked to meet in the city hall on They are a substantial indictment of the the Globe, of complete incapacity.

The first section of the article admits questions involved with a number of the citizens, so that when the meeting is held were roundly condemned by the Liberal with whom he has consulted on the submovement is the betterment of the condition of the city, he will be quite satisfied, whether his own ideas are or are the officials themselves insisted upon an not carried into effect. We feel it due to him to make this statement, because to him to make this statement, because

The second section of the Globe's staff of the city, the debt, the improve- that these were grossly inadequate, but who might constitute themselves into a that, when letters did get in, there ing all these points, and ask a public the only man in North America who was

with very great satisfaction. When Sethat it was a mistake to make such a both these cases the commissioners took Gold Commissioner's office was utterly evidence and suggestions from any inadequate to the work assigned to it. source from which they were tendered.

But important as a city charter is, the choice of men to carry it into effect is don, to get this fact into the head of the

the scandals regarding Dawson official dom. This investigation is now to b made, and the reasons why it is to be

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not be deprived of his presence.

for the occasions when such language

QUARTZ IN KLONDIKE.

sence of extensive deposits of auriferous Already the C.P.R. has its second line quartz in the neighborhood of the Klon- through the Rockies, and the prospect dike placers. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Ogil- is that it will find it necessary to con-

The world has as yet only a vague idea

fields have been handled without inafter a refreshing shower, or the fir tree
venting grievances that can be promptly
on the mountain top, as it breasts the shown to have no existence. For our fiercest winter gale, participate in some selves, while holding that the royalty is too degree, however unconsciously, in this high and probably not judiciously impos- sensation. clamor for much reduction of the share, which the Yukon miners have to pay towards the expense of governing the wards the expense of governing the country. A very large proportion of them are foreigness, who will remain in Consider the large proportion of them are foreigness, who will remain in and dread. They were unable to do the

the young girls that are growing up, in the writings of Faul. Communications because they thought he had departed for the Golden Shore—that is of the Yukon.

AND YALE.

The Rossland Miner is jubilant over Khartoum has recalled the splendid life columns are taken up with it, and about made are precisely those which we gave the growth of Kootenay and Yale, and of Gordon, a man whose whole career, made are precisely those which we gave the growth of Rootenay and Tale, and after he came before the public, seemed as the reasons for demanding it. If the full of the highest hopes of particular the came before the public, seemed the control of the highest hopes of particular the came before the public, seemed the came before the public that the came before the c result of it is that the officials are future has in store for that portion of illumined by a light unseen by those cleared of charges of wrong doing, the the country. It looke forward to the around him, and inspired by a courage Dawson, and the excuses justify the proteon two ministers above named must be time when the whole district will be utterly disproportionate to his physical found guilty on the showing made by gridironed with railway tracks, and we vigor and military accessories. Who are bound to say that there seems to be that has read that beautiful hymn. ters relating to the government of the administration of the Yukon during the THE YUKON GOLD COMMISSIONhope. Active town-building is going on along the line of the railway from Rob- attained by most people. A few days ago Commenting upon the appointment of son to Boundary, and it is reasonable in England a party of men were working on a railway, and a train came thunmissionership of the Yukon, the Toronto towns will have a permanent lease of dering down upon them. Their tool box Globe said : "Mr. Gordon Hunter comes life. There appears to be mineral every- lay across the track, and in spite of of a family that has abundantly proved where. At least it is true that every their efforts they could not move it. The that it possesses brains." While this is true. Mr. Hunter is about the last man to ask that he should be judged from what his family has been. He is one where. At least it is true more discussion opened is proving worthy of development. This "sea of mountains," the train had been derailed there a is it was once called, is full of promise far beyond the dreams of the most visibale. The workmen, as the train drew who stands upon his own merits and sionary advocates of the Canadian Pa- near, lost their self-control through fear can do so with confidence. Sir Wilfrid cific railway. When the construction of and sprang from the track, all but one Laurier has the satisfaction of knowing this line was first talked of, the people man, a perfect giant in stature, who that in selecting Mr. Hunter for the re- in Eastern Canada were alarmed at the nerving himself to one tremendous ef sponsible position of Gold Commissioner, prospect of building many miles through he gave the greatest satisfaction in Vic. a series of mountain ranges, where no toria, where both Mr. Hunter and the traffic could possibly be built up, as it the engine struck him and his mangled duties of the office are well understood. was then thought. A few very hopeful corpse was ground into shreds by the It was felt that a gentleman of integrity and ability had been named for a post might be created between the western there is in the sacrifice of the hero and of great importance, and the feeling of terminus of the line and Asia, and now the escape of the cowards. No one can regret because of his inability to hold the and then some one suggested that pospost is universal, although we are all sibly some mines might be found in glad enough that British Columbia will British Columbia that would support a scattered population. No one expected very acme of injustice; but if it is not It is pleasant to be able to speak thus that the mountain section of the trans- all, his death was a sublime triumph of an appointee of the opposite party, continental line would prove the most and he has entered his eternal future valuable portion of it, so far as the gen- upon the highest plane that man can can be used are none too numerous. If eral business and wealth of the Dominthe person, who has been named for the ion is concerned. But so it is proving. throb of the very essence of the Godpost now, is a man of Mr. Hunter's The men who thought the building of head passed through him, and in that type, there will be hereafter no cause to any line at all through the mountains a instant he passed within the veil. The complain of the manner in which that department of the Yukon administration only justifiable on the ground that it any line at all through the manner in which that proposition of doubtful wisdom, and department of the Yukon administration only justifiable on the ground that it us that "God is love," and that "Greater is passed within the veil. The would enable the Dominion to be round- love hath no man than that a man la would enable the Dominion to be down his life for his friend." The section man in one supreme act touched the highest life attainable. No doubt seems to exist as to the presince witnessed. One line is not enough. vie both led us to expect such discoveries. It is premature to express any Coast. Nor is this sufficient, for branch

will seek towns that, though they may be inferior to Victoria in beauty of surfoundings and other respects, exhibit no foundings and other respects, and the country would like to leave this matter long ago. We should have the many of the pack for more in something and other respects, exhibit no foundings and other respects, and the pack for more in something and other respects, and the pack for more in something and other respects, and the pack for more in something and other respects, and the pack for more in something that the country would like to leave this matter long ago. We should have it is a strategied of the Yukon.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The suggestion is now made that if opinion as to the part these deposits will play in the future of the Yukon, but it may be stated with positiveness that if development shows the veins to be continuously valuable and to continuously valuable and the formula single influence of Wales to visit that country, he would probably accept, liberty to adorn his official desk. "Why liberty to that if development shows the veins to leaps and bounds. The mines are provement the kindy relations between the spokesinal of the dolors are provement the kindy relations between the spokesinal of the dolors are provement to sp one hoped for. In short Kootenay and Yale give every evidence that they will become the very foremost parts of Canada, and it goes without saying that become the very foremost parts of Canada, and it goes without saying that become the very foremost parts of Canada, and it goes without saying that lee would see a great change from the conditions he witnessed in 1860. But those who saw him then would also see wonderful, and more than justifies the wonderful, and more than justifies the policy of railway construction in which policy of railway construction in which wonderful, and more than justifies the policy of railway construction in which wonderful, and more than justifies the policy of railway construction in which wonderful, and more than justifies the policy of railway construction in which wonderful, and more than justifies the agreed change in him. Then he was a great change in him. Then he was a great change in him. Then he was a great change in him. Then he was a man is not always sure of getting justice in your court; but any sort of fellow tried before you is pretty certain to be set free."

The Times says that it did not miscapitate words. Well, what else is a misquotation of his words. Well, what else is a misquotation of his observations on the war. of what the Yukon country is likely to produce. Thousands of men have gone to national prosperity. The outlook is North, but of these only a small per- wonderful, and more than justifies the a great change in him. Then he was centage have been experienced in the policy of railway construction in which a thin and rather delicate looking boy. seeking for the precious metal. Most of both the Dominion and Provincial gov- Now he is neither thin, delicate-looking

> male representative of a queen, and the word was once applied to the Princess Louise, when the appointment of the Marquis of Lorne as vicerov of India.
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> The little query is going the rounds of tremendous exploit of troops capturing entremendous exploit e Louise, when the appointment of the Marquis of Lorne as viceroy of India was under consideration. But even in that case it was an error, for the Princess Louise would not have represented the Sovereign. There is no more reason to call the wife of a viceroy a vicereine than there is to call the wife of a governess or the wife a poet a vocates. We doubt the Correstness of the wife a poet a viceros will infer from the case it was an error, for the Princess of the Sovereign. There is no more reason to call the wife of a viceroy a vicereine than there is to call the wife of a governess or the wife a poet a viceros we done in this city to keep boys in better order. It is disgraceful that a gen-

wonderful, and more than Jacking for the see only a smail percentage have been experienced in the
desking for the precious metal. Most of
them have been utterfy without any
knowledge of what to do in order to find
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ore if they saw it. Moreover, the counties the same are great. The means of transportation are imperfect on the main arties of travel and absolutely non-existint in more is known, but that so much has
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B. Hall are the advise province. J. Arthur Tu this city, is the secreta Gold Finds Co. was me the association of the advisory board with and instead of the abus which has been heape an irresponsible and mathe provincial press, the gratulated upon aiding companies of the high New Gold Finds. Mr. chairman and managing his associates are amofinancial organization money centre of the wo money centre of the we money centre of the wo cess that is attending tenent will naturally indu-largely participate in the British Columbia's min

(From the Financial I The first general (stat the shareholders of the Mine, Limited, was hel the Cannon Street I Arthur Fell in the chai The secretary (Mr. J. ing read the notice con ing.

The Chairman said: tory meeting of the col as a rule, there is not said; but I think I sha plain to you to-day a r progress that we have progress that we have mine was taken over company. The Athab company was formed s years ago, with the us American company— was worked in a small was worked in a small most paying expenses ning, the ore being very when I was in British (of this mine, and foun all sides was very far it. But at that time n ed. In the spring of the it came before the B New Find Goldfields, New Find Goldfields, connected, and it was p valuable mine was lyi with proper capital it into one of the best. Columbia. After lookin ish Columbia New Fit tered into an agreemen provided the capital to and, what is more, it g advantage of the service advantage of the servic in British Columbia. sion of the mine in May pany was not publicly May 17 the first allotme made. The manager, of was off the surface, pu anxiety Fre-knowing rich one-to get a oatte winter came on, so to could then continue ste the winter. In Briti these high latitudes, youtdoor work during twhen you get the mach you can continue to grant to the state of the state of