

The Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1895.

THE FREE LIST.

An attempt has been made to create the impression that Canada has no free list—that everything imported into the country under the protective tariff pays duty.

The total imports of the country in 1893 amounted to \$121,705,030. Of these \$69,873,571 worth paid duty and \$51,831,457 were free.

The effect of putting sugar on the free list has been noticed by every householder in the land. The immediate result of the abolition of the duty was the lessening of the price of sugar.

We are glad to be able to agree with the Times in what it says of the inexperience and unwieldiness of keeping the proceedings of all parliamentary committees secret.

THE OBSTRUCTIVES.

It is very difficult to imagine what any one could possibly have to say in opposition to the proposal to extend the time given to the Canada Western Railway Company to perform the conditions of its charter.

PERFUNCTORY CRITICISM.

The criticism of the Times on what it calls the "Buildings muddle" are evidently perfunctory. It seems to have been under the impression that it ought to be the organ of the Opposition, to say something on the subject, but it appears perfectly at a loss what to say.

The Times signally fails to show that the mistakes that were made and the misunderstandings that arose were due to any neglect or want of skill and attention on the part of the Government or those who were acting for the Government.

AN APOLOGY DUE.

The organ of the Opposition owes the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works a very full and very humble apology. It allowed one of its anonymous correspondents to attack that gentleman in a most violent manner with respect to a matter with which Mr. Martin had nothing whatsoever to do.

No payment of wages (except goods or merchandise agreed upon between the employer and employer) shall be made or offered by any person for labor performed within the Province of British Columbia by any cheque, order, time check, I. O. U., bill of exchange, promissory note, or other undertaking, other than gold or silver currency, or bank notes or bills drawn upon or payable at or within any place or locality not within the Province of British Columbia.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

The discussion of boundary questions is generally exceedingly dry and most uninteresting. They are, nevertheless, often of very great importance. This province of British Columbia, for instance, may be benefited to a considerable extent if the boundary between it and Alaska is correctly defined according to the Treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia.

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F. C. Gamble, the agent of the Dominion Department of Works, and Mr. Smith, the foreman to be in charge of the river bank improvements, are both in town, and judging from remarks said to have been made by them, a wing-dam will not be built to divert the water into its old course from the Columbia bridge.

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THE DIST... ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., were issued last night... March 9 for membe... session. It will... for a majority of the... the elections owing... is expected, will... by Geo. St. John... Robert Bond, as... the candidate at... pointed vacancies... the other vacancies... candidates will be... a heavy fall... the railroads and h...