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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message differs in many essential respects from the speech from the throne. It/does not outline

last message. In a few months another ruin and perhaps beyond that limit. Administration will have the management of the affairs of the United States, and it is not likely that the new administration will look upon Mr. Cleveland's utterances as authoritative or will be dis- terial circulars have failed to get toposed, as far as its power extends, to gether a single deputation of free traders. an important document, is not to be complishment by comparison with that ates it. It says: taken as indicating the course that will other difficulty which free trade organs be pursued by the Government of the think should be undertaken, namely, United States on the subjects of which the hiving of all the consumers apart

spective. The President, as every loyal the Tariff Commission should next hear with the way in which the very impor- listened to one side of a man, the comtant election contest, closed only a few missioners should turn their ears to the weeks ago, was conducted, and with the other." loyal acquiescence of the defeated party in the result. Those who have watched exciting election contests with interest must feel surprised to see how quickly men who were but the other day, oratorically and argumentatively, flying at each others' throats, quiet down and resume as calm and as commonplace as if there farmers' paper in Canada," says: had been no such thing as an election. Mr. Cleveland has good reason to look

The President when discussing the sitthe sufferings of the Armenians, but he in effect tells Congress that if the rights people are safeguarded. of American citizens in Turkey are recognized and respected, the trouble be-

position which he considers sound on mentions are merely incidental. account of the clamor raised by unre-

mined that the rights of American citizens shall be respected. The persons and the property of such citizens must from the Kootenay country connecting be secure. If harm comes to them the with the Canadian Pacific would be natexpended and for no other purpose than Ogilvie company will send another specpresent to the Sultan, and to which the Cuban Government will be called to strict account. President Cleveland be-through line. Its freight rates, time tables, even its daily operation would lieves that Spain ought to come to an understanding with the insurgents withisting corporation. But under Govout any unnecessary delay. "It would ernmental management there would must wait until the Legislature meets peg with a capacity of 750,000 bushels, offer Cuba a genuine autonomy measure of home rule, which, while preserving onable. The unvarying experience with comes out of a general fund, and must, expected here on Monday from Monall rational requirements of Spanish subjects. There should be no just reason why the pacification of the Island might not be effected on that

The mischief of it is that the Spaniards do not seem to understand what "a genuine autonomy measure of home rule" means, or, if they do, they are determined to see Cuba transformed into a desert, rather than give its inhabitants what Americans and Canadians regard as a reasonable measure of self-government. It is questionable, too, whether It says: the insurgents would now be satisfied with anything less than complete independence of Spain. The Cuban question

The railway as projected is from Letn-bridge to the Kootenay region west of the Columbia river. The distance as the carrying out these works within the is one which Mr. Cleveland quietly crow flies is about two hundred miles, hands over to his successor to deal with.

the interference of the United States can as yet be only a matter of conjecture.

The President deals in a sensible way with the financial question. He has ness, his firmness and his courage in a very critical and trying time President the policy of the Government, and it States from financial disaster, the extent does not indicate what measures the and the consequences of which no man great extent independent of the Presi- the very great danger to which the busident. The President may be opposed to ness of the United States has for many The message sent to Congress on Mon- cranks of the opportunity to drive the day is most likely President Cleveland's business of the country to the verge of

A FAILURE.

The Mail and Empire of Dec. 1 says: "So far Liberal newspapers and Minis-A good part of the message is retro-the producers, these simple critics say

OUR EASTERN FRIENDS.

The Eastern papers continue to discuss the construction of the Crow's Nest the excitement subsides and how soon Pass Railway. The interest taken in the intense. The Kootenay trade seems to them most desirable, and they look upon government, is practically free from government as good as that of the pass ernment control of its freight rates, and But that does not help the relations of good neighbors and old the Crow's Nest road as not merely the in no way could the government create Kootenay should be of use to us and we has disappeared from the eyes of the The Farmers' Advocate, which the Globe best but the only means of securing it. late contestants, and their demeanor is characterizes as "the most influential

One of the greatest drawbacks to successful farming in the Western country upon this change with satisfaction, and has been the great distance from marto argue from it that his countrymen are kets, but with the influx of capital to well fitted to exercise the powers and the Columbia to the West and Northwestern privileges of the citizens of a great re- Ontario to the East, it will give an increased home market for agricultural The President when discussing the sitnation in Turkey is no doubt not nearly
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do for them to meddle with matters that tains a better market for their produce do not directly concern them, when meddling may be followed by very unpleas-struck the Advocate that there are farmmight ask if it is fair to want the Dom-Mr. Cleveland regards the situation in Cuba pretty much in the same light as build a railroad, the sole object of which trict are vested in a Commissioner aptraction and of the Coast cities in the Coast cit he finds that his position requires him Crow's Nest railroad is wanted, to refrain from gratifying his personal no doubt, but the main object of its confeelings at the expense of the people of struction should be one that never seems the United States. He evidently be- to have entered the head of the Eastern lieves that Spain is getting the worst of Farmers' Advocate. That object is to it in its struggle with the rebellious supply the miners of the Kootenay dis- larity between administration under Cubans, and that the country is being trict with the coal needed to smelt the Government Agents, whatever may be ruined by the contest; but as the insur- ores which are taken from their mines. said for or against it, and that proposed night a new teacher was appointed to meet with more support in high quargents, in his opinion, have not made This, and not to give an easy and direct under Civic Commissioners. In the first fill the vacancy caused by a resignation.

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The product of the contest of the civic Commissioners of the civic Commissioners. In the first fill the vacancy caused by a resignation. good their title to be regarded as an in- road to the Kootenay market to the place, the Civic Commissioners would Mr. Bawlf, Roman Catholic, advocated dependent state, he logically concludes farmers and merchants of the East, is dependent state, he logically concludes farmers and merchants of the East, is carry out work in the municipality, the claims of a Catholic young lady to will be an amendment to Sahmanatron that the time has not come to accord to why the road to the coal fields west of the position. He said she had papers them the rights of belligerents. There the Pass is urgently needed. The develare many fiery spirits in the United opment of the mining industry of Koot- expenditure to be provided for by special thement of the school question said that States who will denounce him for com- enay should be the main object in giv- taxation levied on the property to be Catholic teachers were to be engaged States who will denounce him for com- enay should be the main object in giving to this conclusion, but President ing assistance to build that road; the heira proportionate to the record priate one for the board to put on record Cleveland is not the man to abandon a other advantages that the Advocate tax being proportionate to the require- its approval of the settlement by the ap-

The question of who is to build the road flecting or designing men. He has faith appears to be of very great interest to tem, which is the only one possible un-

Whether built by the Government, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company but by the Legislative Assembly; and or some other private corporation a line but by the Legislative Assembly; and or some other private corporation a line but by the Legislative Assembly; and or some other private corporation a line but by the Legislative Assembly; and or some other private corporation a line but by the Legislative Assembly; and or some other private corporation a line but by the Legislative Assembly; and or some other private corporation a line but by the Legislative Assembly; and line but by the Legislative Assembly and line but by mak- again. ing southern connections if the demands of the situation became unreaspen if the new line were built on that sirable result is beset with serious difficulties.

The Montreal Witness also discusses subject with a levity which some will regard as unpardonable. The Witness has very little respect for the newspaper engineer and railway projector, and makes no bones about saying what it thinks.

but it is only the crow that can fly It is both a difficult and a delicate one; whether or not it will be settled without straight to the Crow's Nest. The news paper engineers who have decided upon the necessity of the railway, who have Municipal law, or by the Government

earned a right to speak with authority but build it, give the length of the line sesses, by virtue of the provisions of on that question. By his clear-headed- as 'three or four hundred miles,' and the Provincial Health Act, in cases of the cost six million or eight million dollars.' They are not particular to a very critical and trying time President Cleveland saved the people of the United Cleveland saved the is neither so big nor so active a place as Kootenay itself. So there must be some party in power proposes to introduce living can calculate. The course which other reason for building the road over and support. Congress is to a very he recommends will, if followed, avert the mountains than for the sake of get-out their wishes. To do this it is nocesvent the Kootenay ore from being taken to Spokane, in the United States, to be the policy which it favors, and it can years been exposed. He would place pass its measures without the President's the finances of the country on a sound ore is to be hauled to Lethbridge to be basis and deprive financial quacks and smelted or whether the coal is to be hauled from Lethbridge or from somewhere in the pass, where it is said to be

found, to Kootenay. The Witness is evidently ignorant of the fact that there are extensive coalfields west of Crow's Nest Pass, from which Kootenay can get all the coal it requires as long as it has ores to smelt. if the road begins at Lethbridge it will be carry out Mr. Cleveland's recommenda- But impossible as that task has up to under the control of the Canadian Pacitions. The message, therefore, though the present been found, it is easy of ac-fic, no matter who builds or who oper-

It is of interest, however, to note that ters. Lethbridge is a station on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and that the new road, the hiving of all the consumers apart if it ended there, would necessarily be from all the producers. Having heard absolutely controlled by that line, no matter who held it. The people of the West do not like this feature of the case. American citizen should be, is pleased the consumers. That is to say, having ence of railway monopoly, and when Government comes to their aid t shall be to break and not to confirm he bondage in which they are now held. So the newspaper promoters, while they think the new line will have to be handed over to the Canadian Pacific Company to be worked, insist that the government shall control the freight rates. project by our Eastern fellow subjects is Canadian Pacific Railway Company, un- carrying coal to the States at the south

trouble with the C. P. R. But, although by which to accomplish that the batter.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT.

and if the unanimous opinion of the local press can be taken as a correct indication, the experience is a most dismal failure."

As a matter of fact there is no simiments.

tion (except in a very limited way), is tulating the officers on their success in no more than the amount voted can be Manager Thompson states that the diture cannot be increased, and necessary improvements not provided for

short branch lines under independent or should, be applied to purposes of general benefit. What the Times refers has received a report on the Australian the plague, but the number is believed to principle. It is easy to demand that the present administration of affairs has S.W., who have the prospects have principle. It is easy to demand that the to as expressions of dissatisfaction with hibiting amalgamation, but as yet every arisen largely out of demands for lighting, sewerage, and the like; but it was never contemplated in a general scheme of governing, either in this or in any the Kootenay Railway. It treats the other province in Canada, that the Government should provide street lighting, drainage, sewerage, etc., which are all matters of purely local interest and the last half century and the oldest jusbenefit, out of the general revenue, and tice of the peace in the county, died at the expenditure of money for such purposes would be most unjust to the peo-

limited area of a town or city, where the

surveyed the route, laid down the line, measured the distances and calculated the cost, all in their own back offices, and have left the Government nothing in the world to do that build it is a large of the cost, all in their own back offices, and have left the Government nothing in the world to do that build it is a large of the cost of th emergency; but it is felt by the Govis the hither end of the proposed road, decide as to what improvements they require, and have the power to assess themselves in order to be able to carry ting there. The reason given is to pre- sary to form themselves into munici-

When municipalities are being formed the question as to how the Municipal Government should be administered, whether through a Board of Mayor and Aldermen or a Board of Commissioners, naturally becomes pertinent; but that question should not be prejudiced by considerations which in no way, or at least very remotely, affect it. Further than that, the Government so far as we It is, however, convinced of the fact, that know has not expressed any desire for Municipal Government by Commission, and we have no doubt is perfectly willing that the people in each municipality should be their own judges in such mat-

HOW TO LOSE KOOTENAY.

To THE EDITOR:-I have read you thoughtful article on railway construction in British Columbia, especially on the line through the Crow's Nest Pass to Kootenay. There can be little doubt but that line will be in course of conagain in the railway line they want that struction by the spring of next year, and unless the government build it themselves, it will be done by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. That rail way will be valuable to the mining districts of Kootenay by bringing them supplies of produce from the Northwest and ernment shall control the freight rates. coal from the vast deposits in the Crow'.
The difficulty about this is that the Nest Pass. It will probably be useful in der its extraordinary contract with the of Kootenay, where they have not coal

conditions which would prevent the Canadian Pacific from determining the rates of the Kootenay railway, whether it built. I see Sir William Van Horne The question of the construction and may be true, so far as the interests of operation of the Crow's Nest Pass rail- the C.P.R. are concerned, but Kootenay and the coast have to be considered line might be built by the Dominion and structed first, Kootenay could get its Kootenay over to the States. To be sure in the Sultan's circle. supply of coal, and there would be no there is a more ready and effective way, by which to accomplish that end, that is Turkey, who is expected back from a

is not talk, but work, which is wanted.

Victoria, Dec. 9.

SCHOOL CONTROVERSY.

PROGRESS.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9.—(Special)—At a meeting of the public school board last ence and unless promises be broken, everything. pointment of his nominee. Most of the

couver on Saturday. The Ogilvies' in- many, Austria and Italy, have consenttend to erect early next year a new ele- ed. To this end, it is asserted, an allivator at Montreal with a capacity of ance of the fleets may force the passage 500,000 bushels, and another in Winni- of the straits of Dardanelles." making their total elevator capacity for Manitoba wheat four and a half millions. The money, too, in the latter case, Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, head of the firm. is

> grown more unfavorable during the past month. A large importation of flour will be required from Manitoba. Richard Cullen, a C.P.R. fireman, had his arm taken off by a locomotive at Cal-

> CHATHAM, Dec. 9.-M. Michael, well-known resident of Kent country for Blenheim, aged 81.

gary last night.

For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best

Boys' English Overcoats..\$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.50 Men's Fine Top Coats. . . \$5.50 to \$19.00 Driving Ulsters \$5.75, \$7.00, \$8.50

10 CASES GLOVES AND MITTS JUST RECEIVED.

B. WILLIAMS & CO.,

97 JOHNSON STREET.

They Say

A good salesman can sell you anything. Our motto is "to sell you what you want," making customers and retaining them; not selling customers and losing them. . .

Jim Maynard's Boot and Shoe Store, Douglas St., opp. City Hall.

Complete Understanding Between Britain and Russia as to Reforms in Turkey.

Russian, British and French Fleets to Be Mobilized Near the Black Sea.

New York, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: The announcement is made that M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, has again postponed his journey to the end of the day. One asked for a grant of \$10,000 be handed over to them to work or not. says the time is not ripe for it and that month. This is looked upon here as an towards the entertainment of the British auspicious sign that Russia proposes giving Turkey the necessary time to apway, is evidently not so easy or so simple There has been some talk about a people's ply reforms. Col. Peschkoff has started as many persons seem to imagine, railway, but the obvious fact is before for Crete and will probably be president There are many difficulties to surmount us that we have not people enough to and many clashing interests to reconcile build a line of the length required. The Pacha, Turkish ambassador to Russia, The objections are so numerous, and the Provincial governments co-operating to has telegraphed to the Porte informing difficulties are so great that it seems to construct and work the line or assisting the Turkish government of the existence M. Nelidoff, Russian ambassador to

visit to St. Petersburg, will, it is under-This statement of the Farmer's Advo-cate is very ingenuous. It wants the not suit the farmers' advocates of the At present little farm product is grown stood, call a conference of the ambassatween the Sultan and his Armenian sub-tween the Sultan and his Armenian sub-Crow's Nest Pass railway to be built to Northwest and the amateur engineers in do nothing but introduce free trade and opening of the Dardanelles. Moderate neglect railway construction in order to Turks and Armenians and all agree that hand over Kootenay to our friends to the present condition of affairs cannot the south of the line. I think the peo- last. It is true that the people are quiet. dling may be followed by very unplease ant consequences. This, many will say, is a cold-hearted an and inhumane way of looking at the matter, but it will have to be admitted that it is a commonsense and a business way.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT.

The Times of the 7th instant says:

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The Times of the Coast, who are being honored by a visit from two cabinet ministers, might be pleased to hear their ideas on nothing to eat. The suffering of this great and beautiful city of Constantinople is too awful. Only conciliation can restore that the people are quiet.

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The Times of the Coast, who are being honored is the south of the Eastern plains. The advocate of the British Columbia farmers and traders are here, and ju the people in Southern and West Koot- like to suggest to them, that is, that all alone bring back prosperity. This is government cases. His Honor, it is re-

conucil of men of such position and interested, the or organic law, so much called for, and

in himself, and he is bound to be true to his convictions of what is right and for the general welfare.

The Calgary Indian Industrial school be made is that of the dear departed amount or the manner of its distribube made is that of the dear departed amount or the manner of its distribuerdeen, who made a brief speech congrafleet and the British and French Mederdeen, who made a brief speech congrabassies of the three powers are about to it owns a number of claims in other other signers of the Berlin treaty, Ger-

PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

New York, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Bombay says: Eight hun-Herald from Bombay says: Light hundred deaths are reported up to date from the plague, but the number is believed to much larger. Crowds of panic stricken natives are fleeing from the city. Trade and travel are seriously affected. The India has been partially averted in certain districts by the recent rains. Only one case is reported of a person recently attending a patient having contracted the plague. The disease, though infectious, has not proved contagious. The government bacteriologists are of the opinion that the plague, unlike cholera, has a tendency to stick to the locality where it originates. A few authentic manner of the street of the street of the street of the parents, No. 24 San Juan avenue, James Bay, Mary Jane Moffat, only child of Thos. Moffat, aged 2 years and four menths. where it originates. A lew authentic cases are reported in adjacent towns, but they are all of Bombay origin. The disease, where imported, was dying out without spreading. In Bombay for two months the plague remained confined to months the plague remained confined to one ward. It has now spread to all districts of the city and is increasing largely with the cooled weather. Grain specuation continues to aggravate the situation.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Anti-toxine is being used with great success in the city hospitals for cases of diphtheria.

PRESTON, Dec. 9.—Herbert Pickwith, aged twelve was drowned while skating. BRANTFORD, Dec. 9.—The trial of the suit of Easton vs. the Brantford street railway for \$20,000 damages, for personal injuries, took place at the assizes here yesterday and resulted in the jury awarding the plaintiff \$20,000.

Montreal, Dec. 9.-J. M. Fortier has laid a charge of conspiracy to ruin his business against the American Tobacco and Cigarette Company of New York.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The tariff commis-Association delegates next year, and another wanted \$50,000 to aid the Toronto industrial as a Dominion ex-

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Madame Albani was accorded a most enthusiastic reception last night at Windsor hall, which was crowded to the doors. The large audience was greatly pleased with the ifferent numbers and the recalls were numerous. Madame Albani's supporting artists deserve special praise, more particularly Miss Langley, the violinist, who has made herself a great favorite at all the concerts up to this date. Madanie Albani leaves this week for the Pacific Coast, and appears at the principal places en route

"AN INSULT TO THE BAR."

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—(Special)—A report comes from Quebec that a lesson have not the \$10,000,000 required, and it ing influenced by the court. He is a has been done constitutes an insult diplomatist-that is to say, adaptable which should be felt by the whole bar. man. He is for conciliation, but with It is not because the Liberal government honor—that is to say, without sacrific-ing too much. He has around him a one, that in cases in which the crown is strength as no patriarch has ever had be- changed and a Liberal lawyer named in lawyers should be He comes into power at a time place of the Conservatives who reprewhen he can exercise more good influ-sented it. In this country politics spoil

UTILIZING NIAGARA.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 9.—It is stated here that a contract has been signed in that his request will be granted. Although he says: "The task of conciliation and Wilson (limited), one of the largest tion is difficult," there is good reason for firms manufacturing electric and chemibelieving that he can accomplish it in cal products in Great Britain, will estab-London, Dec. 9.—The Birmingham Falls Power Company, employing a large Post learns from a high quarter that an number of men. The land leased covers members of the board took part in the understanding has been arrived at be- 212 acres. The firm will use 400 horse-Under the present Governmental sysdebate, the final result being that the debate, the final result being that the for the settlement of the Eastern questions. The first, increasing it as occasion

> Archie Jardine has sold the mineral claim Voyageur to Herbert Cuthbert of Victoria, western manager for the British Canadian Gold Fields Exploration, Development & Investment Company. This is the first time this company has invested in the Slocan country, although parts of the country.

Post Office Inspector Fletcher has returned from an official visit to the provincial interior.

MARRIED.

FRY-EDGSON—On the 3rd inst., by the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Leaky, Henry Fry, t.E., of Duncans, to Eleanor Brooke, youngest daughter of Milton Edgson, Esq., Comiaken, B.C.

ALL—At her father's residence, 49 Princess avenue, om the 4th inst., Lullo, youngest daughter of Mr. John Wall, aged 20 years. IADWICK—On December 1st, Frederick H. Chadwick, aged 57 years, a native of London, England.

DIED

years.

IRAL—On the 8th inst., at the residence of his son, C. A. Heal, Lake District, West Saanich road, John Heal, a native of Devonshire, England, in the 83rd year of his age. DORAN-On the 9th inst., John Doran, a native of County Down, Ireland, aged 70 years.

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