VICTORIA TIMES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1898.

THE "MOMENTOUS" QUESTION.

To the Editor :- Mr. A. E. McPhillips has been to Alberni, spoken his little piece, and returned to Victoria. Having

been, as he conceived, misrepresented

by one of your correspondents, he has

published a card in which he tries to explain what he did say to convince the

McPhillips ought to be aware that the burning question that agitated the elect-ors of Alberni on the occasion of the last

which the Island railway belt is adminis-

tered by the Dunsmuirs, and the shame-ful policy of connivance and indifference

manifested by the Turner government

then appealed to by the people who

rights were systematically invaded by the coal barons. As a lawyer Mr. Mc-Phillips knows-if he knows anything-

that the gold and silver in the belt are the property of the crown, so decided by the Privy Council. He knows, too, that the parties who hold the belt were es-

pecially favored by the late government

and permitted to exact their own terms

and onerous terms they were) before they would permit a free miner to enter upon the land comprised within the grant and win therefrom the precious metal, which the highest judicial author-

ity has declared is vested in the crown-that is, the people. At one time the company demanded a royalty of 20 cents per ton; subsequently they amend-

ed the demand by requiring a cash pay-ment of \$250 for each claim located by the free miner. That demand is still in

force, but of its illegality there can be no doubt. Under the minerals act a free

miner, after giving security for damage to the satisfaction of the gold commis-

to the satisfaction of the gold commis-sioner, may enter upon mineral lands and locate claims and work the same to his own advantage. No power on earth can keep him off the land of the E. & N. railway company. The belt is as open to the searcher for the royal metals as any other land. The Dunsmuirs may make any regulations they please to pre-vent the taking up of claims; they may exact rents and royalites; may threaten

suits for trespass; with a senile or cor-

manner, in

general election was the

eople of Alberni that they should vote or Ward, and not for Neill. Mr.

his wife, he hurried to his dea-gave orders for a great banquet pared. It was only after the en-nt was over that he learned that

Royal Levees.

will be held in St. James's Easter—one about the middle the other early in March_at ueen will be represented by York as the represented by the other early in March-at heen will be represented by York, as the Frince of Wales in the south of Europe, Two is are to be held at Bucking-in March, at which Princess represent the Queen, in the Princess of Wales, whose prevent her from being pre-of next season's court func-entertainments.

Fought With Kitchener.

correspondent of the Liver. don correspondent of the Liver-er tells a good story of the Sir-in itself is a pleasant sequel to greeting which he received at y theatre the other evening. hener had escaped the eager leh awaited him in the vestibule, making ready to jump into his Suddenly an eager-faced woman, omehow pushed her way to the of the crowd which awaited him et, accosted him in a very broad So ye are the Sirdar; well, T've who fought with you at Atbara with you to Khartoum, now Fd o shake your hand." bu to Kharioum, now I'd your hand." Lord Kit. I during this brief inter-id out of his pocket, and 'ds released the woman's ed, 'And bedad he's left In." This little place of be arty cheer which followed ner as he drove away.

Oats are the Chief Crop.

Oats are the Chief Crop. . renerally known that in the United h oats are the chief crop, the large roted to the cereal in Scotland and overthrowing the cupremacy of which would be established on timited to England. We devote 4.-heres to oats, against 2,200,000 acress o wheat and 2,290,000 acress to bar. France wheat has the first place, 0 acres being given up to that or more than to barley, oats, maize, 1 potatoes put together. In the States maize is cultivated on 80,-acres, which is the largest area to one cereal in any civilized coun-nesia and Germany remind one of w average temperature by the fact on 14,800,000 acres to rye. Aus-gary grows more wheat than any real, 11,000,000 acres being devoted tt, 5,700,000 acres to barley, 7,300.-00,000 acres to barley, 7,300, oats, 6,800,000 acres to maize acres to rye. Italy has 11. under wheat, and Spain de 00 acres to wheat. 3,000,000 00,000 acres to wheat, 3,000,000 barley, and 2,000,000 acres to rye, Canada oats exceed wheat in the oted to them:-Sheffield Indepen-

Kipling and the Navy.

udyard Kipling, writing in the Post on his experiences with the Post on his experiences with the ring the autumn manoeuvres, says youth of our naval officers: 'With eption of the captain, the chief en-and may be a few petty officers, was more than 28 years old. They in the ward-room from this re-il age to 20-six or seven clearcut, aven young faces, with all manners ed experiences behind them. When es to think, it is only just when a)-knot cruiser should be handled, uidance of an older head, by affable gentlemen prepared, even sinfully idance of an older head, by affable rentlemen prepared, even sinfully 1 to take chances not set down in She was new, they were new, the was new, and we were all off to oeuvres together—thirty keels next eading their way in and out be-20 moored vessels not so fortunate. ned the ball, for the benefit of oreign warships, with a piece of pretty steering. A consort was up a waterlane, between two lines ing just behind us; and we nipped diately ahead of her, precisely as m turning out of Bond street nips of a city 'bts. Distance on deceptive, and when I vowed that of a city 'bts. Distance on deceptive, and when I vowed that crisis I could have spat on the ram of our next astern, pointed at our naked turning side, the m laughed. 'Oh, that's nothing,'' gentleman of 22. 'Wait till we beep station to-night. It's my vatch.' 'Close water-tight doors said a sub-lieutenant. 'I say.' a passenger). 'If you find a second-uiser's ram in the small of your-midnight don't be alarmed.'" A Doo's Scandtz

A Dog's Sagacity.

iking instance of a dog's sagacity elity comes from the little village , near Hungerford, Berks. A shep-his way to work fell on his face inting fit, and was suffocated. His collie remained by the body for hours before it was discovered. with all its might and endeavoring at attention. It was stated at the that the man had several times sly been subject to similar seizures.



London, Nov. 24, 1898 .- The London getic, active man is wanted to dissemi-County Council, the marvellous muni- nate accurate information in the proper county Council, the matvenous man-cipal machine which controls larger in-cipal machine which controls larger in-notice. Better, however, nobody than

rests and has to do with the welfare, a nonentity. or ill-fare as the case may be, of more All the papers are talking about the people than any other half hundred cor- new service to Canada, but no details people than any other han the difficult are forthcoming from this side. The porations in the world, has two difficult are forthcoming from this side. The report is that vessels will ply fortnightly problems staring it in the face which problems staring it in the face which sooner or later it will have to solve. To one of them, the water supply, 1 briefly sullided in my last letter; about the other; alluded in my last letter; about the other; haif days, the first cosposia, on 7th Du Haven being the Gosposia, on 7th Du cember. ARTHUR SCAIFE. dealing with the housing of the London poor, I propose to say something in this. The cause of the present aggravated condition of each is common to both and

FROM THE CAPITAL.

to be ascribed to that hideous cancer Orders. Pouring in for New Postage Stamps-The Fenian Medal.

which is slowly eating into the vitals of social life in all congested centres the world over, viz., the desire of the individual to grow rich at the expense of his fellows regardless of the sufferings occa-Ottawa, Dec. 10 .- The post office desioned, to amass wealth without workg for it, to reap harvests without sowing seed, in short to enjoy the unearned increment. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," sang country for them. Bobby Burns, and never was the truth of his immortal aphorism better illushigh commissioner has been asked to order them to be worked off at the mint and forwarded here for distribution. trated than in the disclosures brought to light by the investigations set on foot by that prince of London journals, the Daily Chronicle, which is always em-phatically on the right side of things.

The tendency of rents is ever to in-

tribute exacted from the workers by the drones is always on the upward grade,

a cash premium upon taking possession. Time was when this perquisite, usually represented by a few shillings, was paid

and insomuch as the money remained

was not slow to see and seize his oppor-

tunity. Before very long he managed to divert the "key money" into the direc-tion of his own pocket; shillings rapidly

became pounds, and as a result the rent of houses in the poorest quarters of the richest metropolis in the world became

in constantly descending scale as regards respectability, till the lowest grade of all is reached in the shape of the miscreant

who personally grinds the faces of the

Not that he is more greatly to blame

Not that he is more greatly to blame, than any of the vampires above him. By no means. The whole system is wrong, utterly wrong, and until such time as the matter is regarded from an individual point of view and men,

whether they wear coronets or 'Tam o' Shanters, will personally look into the source whence their incomes flow, there is not much chance of amelioration.

As things are at present in White-chapel, the standard of living, I do not say the standard of comfort, for there is

none, is being constantly lowered to meet

the incoming to the outgoing tenant,

crease.

Whether wages rise or fall the

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

December 12th.

Vancouver, Dec. 10.-(Special.)-A party of men left on the Rosalie for party of men left on the Rosalie for Dawson to-day to develop claims on El-dorado creek, which were sold in Van-couver this week by T. Beletrer to a French syndicate for \$40,000. Forty passengers went aboard here. Many are

drones is always on the upward grade, and of late years a custom has crept in, adroitly adapted by the landlord to his own benefit, which materially adds to the weight of a burden already too grievous to be borne. It is called "key money" and briefly stated amounts to destined for Atlin. to be borne. It is called "key Floating ice has already made its ap-and briefly stated amounts to pearance in the Fraser.

The ship Celtic Race is fog bound in the mouth of the Fraser. She is loaded with salmon. While engaged in felling a tree

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

tenements are built, neither knows nor cares anything about it. He is very probably a highly virtuous duke or mar-quis, with half-a-dozen country seats, whose land in London is let -on long terms of building lease, which in turn are sublet or farmed out, ad infinitum, in constantly descending scale as regards s reached in the seventh Fusiliers have decided to hand in their resignations to the depart-ment of militia at Ottawa in order that the battalion may be reorganized. There is considerable feeling among the officers of function of the seventh function is considerable feeling among the officers against Major-General Hutton, the new the general had no right to dis-

Manila, Dec. 10,-The United States cruiser Raleigh, which left here on De-cember 3 under sealed orders, returned here to-day. She visited Batangos to investigate the conditions at southern Lu-zon, to establish cordial relations and prevent the smuggling of arms, several cargoes having been landed there. The cruiser found a local government estab-lished at Batangos, and the officials be-ing mystified regarding the object of the

A TALE OF FAITHLESS LOVE. (Recited by the author, Mr. J. K. Campbell, at the Pioneers' banquet.)

Bold Barney was a miner brave, A right down decent chap; Who fell in love with Annie Snuggs, Who halled from Lak-Kal-zap.

Now Barney was a bachelor, His age was sixty-four; And Annie was a Nish-gah blonde, Full fifty-if not more.

From Sutter's mill to Cariboo, Bold Barney mined for gold; Then settled down at Echo Cove, And felt himself grow old. Now Annie had a history, Well known from east to west; But at the time I speak of she Was at her very best.

As age grew on and feebleness, Bold Barney, cold and ill, Resolved to wed this blonde, and swore: Be jabers! yes, I will.

He watched his opportunity, To Annie did propose; She answered, as she winked an eye, Naw-it-ka hias claus. 7th De-

Then Barney's new-found happiness Soon spread the news around; His troth was pledged in whiskey For the true love he had found.

His days were spell in merriment, By night his dreams were sweet, As he thought of Annie in his arms, When lips in rapture meet.

partment sent out up to yesterday over 500,000 of the new imperial penny pest-age stamps. Orders are still pouring into the department from all over the

The design for the Fenian medal has been approved by the cabinet, and the high commissioner has been asked to wike manually, yaka Nika manimuck yaka Lord.

Then Barney, in his righteous wrath, Took to the woods and swore, Klootchmen are a treachrous lot, I'll never trust one more, nd to this day, should any one ial trouble Name matrim

Bold Barney takes the hint at once. And trots off on the double



Mr. Sword Asked To Be a Candidate in the

stituency now vacant owing to the resig-

willing to have him as their representa-tive, he would accept with pleasure this mark of their approval of his conduct as a former member of the legislature. For his own part, had it not been for the attack the opposition were making on Mr. Neill's seat in Alberni, he would have been quite willing to have seen Mr. Robertson returned by acclamation, and he regretted very much that Mr. none, is being constantly lowered to meet the constantly increasing demands of rent, and as an ineritable consequence the standard of physique, of morality, of education, is being lowered in sympathy. don are now inhabited entirely by Jews,

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question sink into insignificance when vince. The Colonist as a purveyor of exact rents and royalties; may threaten contrasted with the great question of set- news is all right, but in economic tlers' and miners' rights which have been invaded by a gigantic monopoly. political matters its opinion should be

suits for trespass; with a senile or cor-rupt government in power they may deny to free miners the rights which are secured to them by the mineral act and confirmed by the decision of the Frivy Council, but with a government of fear-less men in power they will be given to understand that the people of the pro-vince have rights that no company or

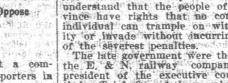
vince have rights that no company or individual can trample on with impun-ity or invade without incurring a risk source to support a party that that in the Kitimat valley there are 65,-Duncan, Dec. 9.—Last night a com-mittee of the government supporters in Duncan and neighborhood held a large representative meeting at the agricul-tural hall. Mr. W. Duncan took the grazing and farming lands east of the coast range. Possibly more will be heard of this section shortly. "In days BRITISH COLUMBIA HOPS. To the Editor: We address you on the subject of hopgrowing, which must be of importance to your growing agri-cultural community. Our customers are

land for speculation might work, but it won't "go" in these days. EQUAL RIGHTS. Nanaimo, Dec. 6.

THE ALBERNI CONTEST.

taking year by year increasing interest in British Columbian hops, the supply of THE ALBERNI CONTEST. To the Editor: "If we have sinned, we are commanded to make public confes-sion, and sin no more;" but from two let-ters which have appeared in your esteemed paper from A. E. McPhillips would con-vey the umpression that his state of mind is not in its normal condition, and until he carries out the above injunction. I am afraid your readers will often be favored with such nonsensical productions, which from my standpoint are very indiscreet af-ter the trial he had to exonerate himself, and was very unequal for the task, the Hon. Joseph Martin literally wiping the floor with his traducer, and it ill becomes-him to hie himself to the quiet and peaceable district of Alberni to renew the attack, and to justify this he says: "The elector-ate spoke in no uncertain way in Victorfa as to the stand taken by me." Did it not occur to A. E. McPhillips that the above remark applies to Hon. Joseph Martin to a far greater degree, as all the lying ridi-cule and unitruths were manufactured for the purpose of defeating the attorney.gen-eral. but who, nevertheless, was returned which is quite inadequate to fill the de-mand. To prove this take the year 1897 one of depression in the hop trade, yet the 1897 crop of a large British Colum-bian hopgrower fetched about 15½ cents per pound for clusters and about 137 cents per pound for clusters and about 24 cents per pound for hops grown from English golding hop sets, free on cars at the station nearest to the farm. Now at the station nearest to the farm. Now the cost of growing, picking, packing, curing and putting ou rail cannot have exceeded 10 cents per pound. It is ac-knowledged that it costs hardly that in Washington and Oregon. This year we offered in vain 30 cents for British Co-lumbian hops grown from English gold-ing sets, though the crop is again a good sized one per acre. All this shows clear-ly what a future awaits the farmer who goes into this business carefully. The conditions of lasting success are that he should plant only English sets, the sort the above Martin to le lying ridi-

of old, when knights were bold, and -- - etc.," the policy of holding the policy of holding



tural hall. Mr. W. Duncan took the chair and explained that they had met for the purpose of taking steps to con-test the election for Cowichan conment. Now, Mr. Editor, Mr. Huff sat three sessions in the house. During

nation of Mr. W. R. Robertson.

Bye-Election.

Tate's camp, up the coast, on Friday, James McLennan was pinned to the and insomuch as the money remained that a construct of the coast, on Friday, amongst their own class no special ob-jection was raised by those who were called upon to pay it. But the landlord which was broken and torn off above the which was broken and torn off above the knee. His companions had to rig a tackle to lift the log, and the man was conscious all the time. He was brought to the city in a small boat last night and the doctors hope to pull him through. MILITIA SQUABBLES.

ordered all uniforms, arms, etc., to be returned to the drill sheds not later than

position of their royalties and penalties.) The same year the company issued an

Government Interest at the Expressed Willingness to Oppose

Meeting Held Last Night at Which Mr. Sword

those sessions some matters vitally af-The feeling of the meeting seemed to feeting the interests of his constituents e unanimous that a government can- came before the house, and I defy him didate should be put in the field, and Mr. to show that he once cast a vote to prodidate should be put in the held, and Mr. Sword, who was present, was asked to spoiler. In 1896 the government issued allow his name to be put in nomination. Mr. Sword stated that he would much prefer to have them select a local man as their candidate, but if such was not at the time available and the electors taken up within the belt to the E. & N. as their candidate, but if such was not at the time available and the electors throughout the constituency would be willing to have him as their representa-

s life had been more than once the dog. whose barking had eople to his assistance.

Run Forty-Five Miles An Honr.

s shipbuilding yard on the Tyne the A. Parsons is now busily engaged shing the two new turbine boats he is building, the one for our ad-the other for a foreign power. will be 200 feet long, will develop horse power, and will steam at the ast thirty-five knots, or forty miles F. Mr. Parsons horse however to Mr. Parsons hopes, however, to up to forty-five miles an hour. lew turbine ships will be twice the , six times the width, and will de-five times more horse power than e most famous Turbinia at the royal review of 1897.

Dufferin and Kitchever

Marquis of Dufferin will receive the om of the city of Edinburgh on Tues-next, at the same time as Lord Kit-r, of Khartoum. In all probability next, at the same time as Lord Kit-r of Khartoum. In all probability Kitchener, during his stay in the tern capital, will be the guest of Lord ery at Dalmeny.

When There Was No "Show."

When There Was No "Show." 1930 there was ne lord mayor's show. reason of the threats of some of the m agitators the lord mayor-elect e to the Duke of Wellington to the t that he feared for the safety of am IV. and Queen Adelaide, who had hised to attend the Gulidhali banquet. also countermanded his show, and the ness of the 9th was cut down to bare formalities. The lord major's action severely blamed by the cltizens, who ended that the orderly people would been more than match for any row-

Insurance Nominations.

Insurance Nominations. Illiam May insured himself in the Royal r Friendly Society for 1100, and in form nominated his daughter to re-the money at his death. That ination was never revoked, but be-his decease May made a will, ieaving property to executors. Justice Mat-held that the will revoked the nomin-, and the daughter appealed. On Sat-y the Appeal Court upheld the appeal. Ing that nomination could be revoked by notice to the Friendly Society.

A Sign of the Times.

novel experience for an English find himself arrested as a spy on territory. It has been enjoyed by bot, who was arrested in Alderney was seen to be photographing forts. Of course he had no proving his innocence, and, in-Ity in proving his innocence, and, in-seems to have acted very judicously rring to hand over to the authorities ates he had already exposed: but his ence is a useful hint to other enthu-photographers. It is not wise to a camera in the neighborhood of h forts just new, and others who it Mr. Talbot's imprudence may not t so easy as he did to establish the ence of their intentions. hereafter.

SARAH THORN DEAD.

Francisco, Dec. 9.—Sarah Stark widow of Charles R. Thorn, Sr., ied five years ago, and, like him, nown on the stage, is dead at the years.

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who by their marvellous powers of sub- corted back to the palace by the soldiers. sistence under conditions altogether im-possible to the average Christian, have radually driven the latter out. What becomes of them nobody knows, and what is infinitely sadder, very few people seem to care. It is a case of the Chinaman versus the B. C. white man ll over again. The only radical cure lies in the na-

margin

tionalization of the land in common with all other natural resources, but how nany centuries off we may yet be from this desirable consummation he would be bold man to prophecy. Meanwhile the poor are getting poorer,

in recent years has signed the necessary writ of execution. Tom Wind, his part-ner, pleaded guilty to murder in the secend degree, and received a twenty-year

the rich richer, here as elsewhere. The Bishop of Bristol made a good speech the other day on the subject of the Czar's manifesto, but he hadn't very much to say in favor of the blessings of sentence in the penitentiary. COLD IN COLORADO. peace. He spoke out strongly about the

peace. He spoke out strongly about the hideous and immoral uses to which the long period of immunity from war which the country had enjoyed were put, and said nothing would give him greater satsaid nothing would give him greater satisfaction than to see some of the rascals in the forefront of the battle. But there is where, unfortunately, they are colden to be forefront of the battle are that the severe cold weather extends all

over the state and south to New Mexico. seldom to be found. They stay comfortably at home and make a fat profit out of the lives of their fellow countrymen. Tin swords and bayonets and brown paper boots leave a very fair **CARTER'S** Lord Salisbury is stronger than ever. He has brought the country safely through no less than six different crisis-



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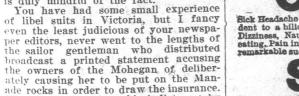
Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortu-nately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valu-able in so many ways that they will not be wil-ling to do without them. But after all sick head

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Is the base of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not. Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and

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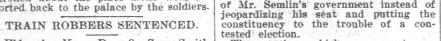
SICK Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and pre-venting this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of thestomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only He naively wound up his indictment by saying: "I know I shall get into trouble over this." And so he did. He was

Lord and Lady Aberdeen got an enthusiastic reception on their arrival from Ganada at Liverpool, where they were entertained at dinner by the Lord Mayor. If the rest of England knew as nuch about Canada or took a tenth of the same interest we should very soon have a Canadian "boom" on. It is quite astonishing how little the man on the street who, mark you, goes a long way towards the formation of public opinion, knows or cares about the Dominion. As or British Columbia, his geography does not extend that far. An unusually well informed person whom I met the other day thought it was in South America. By the way, the government's decision o abolish the post of agent-general in ondon is not regarded with any particlar favor amongst those who take an

duly mindful of the fact.

uly committed for trial.

Carter's Little Liver Fills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a does. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials 25 cents : five for \$1. Sold by druggists everywhere, or sent by mail. intelligent interest in the country, and the appointment of Mr. Walters, of the CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York British Columbia Land & Investment Agency, is looked upon as merely of a temporary nature. Now, if ever, an ener-Small Fill.



The meeting, which was most en-Eldorado, Kas., Dec. 9 .- Sam Smith thus instit, expressed themselves as san-guine of being able to carry the con-stituency with Mr. Sword as a candi-date, and made arrangements to circu-the beneath an available rol hostic to the source of the sector of the and Tom Wind held up a 'Frisco train and robbed an express car in June last. Several citizens attacked the robbers and William Bolnord, one of the posse. was shot and died from his injuries. Smith has been on trial here for three days and the jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree. He will receive the death sentence, which in Kansas means life imprisonment, as no governor

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

as drowned

OIL WORKS DESTROYED.

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—The fire in the works of the Standard Oil Company has company and their usurpation of power over the people of the Island. If Mr. burned itself out, the entire property be-ing consumed. The loss is \$225,000. Neill is returned he will strengthen the hands of the government in their efforts

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

London, Dec. 10 .- The British steamer Galatz has arrived at Harwich with her bows badly stove in. She was in colli-sion yesterday cff Orford Hess with the steamer Chester, bound from Newcastle for London, The Chester sank and all ands were saved.

BLIZZARD IN NEW YORK.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 10 .- The fearful

blizzard which began here during the night is still raging. Nearly a foot of snow has fallen, and trains are delayed. a source of anxiety they are! The parents wish them

ed out before daylight.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneu-monia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents. Vic-and sound digestion. It is oria and Vancouver.

Chicago, Dec. 9 .- The highest traffic officials, of western roads will meet here them. next Tuesday and endeavor to reach a general agreement upon the restoration of freight rates.

Bachtabe is almost immediately relieved by working one of Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. Try one and be free from pain. Price 25 cents the child, it is readily taken.

Well, Mr. Editor, we all know what happened when Mr. Huff next sought his constituents' favor. He was buried beneath an avalanche of hostile votes. Ine public meeting of the electors of the district is called for Tuesday night at Duncan, at which Mr. Sword will at-tend to discuss the situation, and at which Hon. Mr. Semlin, the premier, is also expected to be present. until redress shall have been had and the owners of the belt brought to a realizing sense of the fact that they are as amen-able to the laws of the province as the humblest citizen. The "momentous" question is, shall the people of Alberni NEWS OF VANCEOVER. Vancouver, Dec. 9.—(Special—Vancouver has been enveloped in fog every morning and evening this week. As John Hastie was proceeding home last n'gbt along Granville street he was held up by a masked man, who demanded his money. He resisted and knocked the man to the ground, but did not succeed in securing him. There is no truth in the rumor that the Imperial Bank was robbed. It is now feared that Hans Holden, mate of the ship Hecla, loading at Moodyville, who is missing, slipped off the wharf and was drowned. Sense of the fact that they are as ameni-able to the laws of the province as the humblest citizen. The "momentous" question is, shall the people of Alberni be longer deterred by the exactions of the railway company from exercising their constitutional rights? Mr. Mc-He burked the whole issue—the issue on which the last election was run, and the issue on which this election is being run. Mr. Neill was elected to conserve and secure those rights. The present government have taken power piedged the railway company from exercising er writing to us on any points omitted their constitutional rights? Mr. Mc- in this letter, and close with the strong

to check the wasteful expenditure of public moneys and in upholding popular

rights against monopolies and syndicates. If Mr. Ward is returned he will do all

in his power to aid the party that lately held office to drive all free miners from

Mr. McPhillips and his "momentous"

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them. e issue will act on the advice given. We shall

government have taken power pledged to punish all men, be they high or low, rich or poor, who may perpetrate an illegality. Especially has their attention been directed to the E. & N. railway

ist, under the heading "A Strange Pol-icy," treats its redders to what looks very like a wail! To men used to different treatment under a generous govern-ment, no doubt it is a strange thing. Possibly the following may have some bearing on the matter: "The editor of

bearing on the matter: "The editor of the Colonist admits to having an interest in several townsite propositions, but he begs to assure the Times that he bought them with his own money and as a spec-ulation purely." (See Colonist, August 17th.) It would be interesting—if we had the time—to look into the results of speculation in land; if not to those un fortunate individuals whose chances of getting something for nothing have been nipped in the bud, it would, at least, be so to the people who work honestly for a living; but this we must leave to some future time. Just let us look at the cause of this great lamentation. We find in the Journal of the Legislative As-sembly, 1898, page 179, that a few persons applied some time ago to the gov-crnment then in existence (as a govern-ment which knew not "Joseph") for perraission to purchase some land at the head of Kitimat Arm. So well did they think of the land for its possible useful-ness for town lots, these poor men (upon valued at

phosphites comes with the best of news. It brings rich blood, strong bones, healthy nerves, and sound digestion. It is growth and prosperity to government and that there was a way more chances for snaps? However, we more chances the and weather the will try to bear up and weather the storm, and if another election should be necessary, we will rally round the gov ernment which has a policy for the benefit of all (except townsite owners). The order shutting off land from sale though not from lease or pre-emption should in sure the vote of every man in the pro-

goes into this business carefully. The conditions of lasting success are that he should plant only English sets, the sort being Branling goldings and the true (Canterbury goldings-the former riper-ling before the latter, as these are the best and fetch the best price. They are good croppers, too. He should not plant any American bred sorts-Washington, of those already. Pick the hops free form green leaves and stalks and cure properly. The system of curing and packing as in use in Washington, they well. We recommend farmers to rofer their sets from England as soon as possible to ensure a full supply, and also do not doubt that the agent general of Canada here would glally and laso do not doubt that the agent for the goid to give information to any farmer will gat on the advice given. We shall gladly undertake the sale or purchase the produce. M. H. RUSS & CO. TOWNSITE SPECULATION AT KITIMAT ARM. To the Editor:—Last Sunday's Colonist, under the heading "A Strange Points, will be carried away by any such apart to cover up this wars of allogend the the company. It is applied to charper for the store correspondent, Mr. Me-Phillips, has induged in . The country than the fullers, and to dury the store of the start to correspondent, Mr. Me-Phillips, has induged in a the progration and the strong hope that British Columbian farmers will act on the advice given. We shall glady undertake the sale or purchase the produce. M. H. RUSS & CO. TOWNSITE SPECULATION AT KITIMAT ARM. To the Editor:—Last Sunday's Colonist, under the heading "A Strange Points, wary of alberni are concerned abont is starts of other concerned abont to start produce and stole and grave and stoland and stoland as to charderse will cover up this way of raising a revenue. What the people of Alberni are concerned abont is stoland and stoland as much as to land grants, and no duplicity from any representative will cover up this just way of raising a revenue. What the people of Alberni are concerned about is a representative who will do his best for the district, without looking for favors as Huff did (and got them), and who is a man in every sense of the word, and in Mr, Neill they have all the characteris-tics of an honest and upright man. EXCELSIOR.

ROYAL COMMISSION WANTED.

Montreal, Dec. 9 .-- In view of the recent expose of civic maladministration an effort will be made to secure the ap-pointment of a royal commission by the Quebec government to hold a thorough nvestigation. The Herald is having a petition signed asking for the appointment of such a commission,



keep thin and pale. BOOM IN NEW STAMPS. Toronto, Dec. 10.-There have been some fourteen hundred dollars worth of 'To all these delicate children Scott's Emulsion of new imperial penny stamps sold at the Toronto postoffice. Cod-liver Oil with Hypo-