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THE DAWSON TELEGRAPH LINE

graph line to Dawson has been com-pleted and is open for business. This breadwinners of families might not be is a matter for much congratulation, saved. No words can add to the courand we feel like saying something plea- age of this deed, and we refer to it sant for everybody who has had anything to say or do in connection with its nist circulates, may know of it, for it construction. The government did a illustrates a nobility of character worthy very wise thing in authorizing the erec- of emulation. tion of the line. They showed thereby an appreciation of the requirements of the country. By constructing a land line promptly they have forestalled the laya cable from some point in the United States to Alaska, which has now the United States. May we ask some been rendered unnecessary for some of them to take a little time and study years to come. It is a distinct advan- the geography of this western country tage to Canada to have this line over in the last issue of the Weekly edition her own territory, and we hope its open- of the London Times, one compilation ing is only one of the needed underkings which will tend to aid Canadians ada," and immediately following it was curing and retaining the trade of

the Golden North. The erection of the line will not fail to have an immediate' and beneficial which it traverses. It removes the iso Omineca and all the immense region ly- northern part of this continent. It aping to the north and west of that rich plice

ture and vases of flowers, and the cur ins were so draped as to give an un ucted view of the interior. The effect was excellent, but to make that kind of illumination effective it is necessary that the houses should be close together and near the street line, so that it could not be generally adopted There are some residences that could be very well illuminated in that

way. The stores will of course all be lighted, and doubtless they all will decorate their windows. We will add a few words as to where

the decorations should be, and that is everywhere. No one should hesitate illuminating his premises because they are not in the heart of the

city. People will go around to see the

some pleasant days. Let us all as citibefore in all its history.

ALEXANDER BAULD.

of news was under the caption "Can

There was recently a colliery accident in Fifeshire, and in consequence a number of miners were imprisoned. Preparations were at once made to rescue them and happily successfully. The first man eached by the recue party was Alexander Bauld. He was only a common niner. There was nothing about him to distinguish him from his fellows. He people. Yet he refused to accept the succor offered him, until his five com-

was only after he had been entombed sixty hours. There can be no courage of any higher order than this. To be

It is difficult sometimes to be courageous in broad daylight. It is always hard Present indications are that we shall to be so in the darkness. It is comparatively easy to do acts of daring before the eyes of the people, but to perform them to all intents and purposes unseen of men is another matter. If the Duke and Duchess will grace the ocayone stealing the Colonist from Alexander Bauld had accepted the offer casion with their presence, and there of rescue, he would only have done will be many strangers here on the aus-what was right. No one would have picious occasion. All that is now necesfound fault with him. But he refused sary is that Jupiter Pluvius will go on HE DAWSON TELEGRAPH LINE After a few postponements the tele-peril, but because he made light of the toria will be well worth a visit next so imminent that if he went first, the week. We are very sorry that matters have so come about that it will be im-

> TO SOME VISITORS. There are now on the way across the Continent a number of gentlemen representing the press of Great Britain and

buildoor decorations and sports, and it We know very well that for the kindness will have to rain pretty hard to material-ly interfere with these. We know very well that the shown to Boer women and children we get no credit. Because there has been

pressmen that British Columbia is a part of Canada? The same Loudon relopment over a large area. The not the general name of the whole success, which numbers will do.

Their Boyal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York are on their way across the Continent. They have begun the more so than in respect to the consider-We labored earnestly for the opening of ongest continuous railway ride that they ation extended to non-combatants. The the northern part of this province have ever taken. One is tempted to wives and children of men fighting railway. In short there is not a desi contrast the conditions under which they against us in the field are being mainable line of railway which the Colonist visit Canada with those existing at the tained in as great comfort as is possible has not endeavored to promote as bes time that the King, then Prince of Wales, came to see us forty years ago. It under the circumstances by the British authorities. Medical attendance and of what is due the people in such matseems hardly like the same country. The schooling is provided, and as good food ters, for we have contended always that

undoubtedly the extremely humane man-ner in which the Boers have been treat-with those who found fault with the

vast region which the royal party are as the recipients of it have been accus- there must be such changes in the mannow traversing in one of the most mag- tomed to have. The contrast between ner of assisting railways as the changed nificently appointed trains ever built, was then a wilderness, broken here and ner in which Sherman carried out his make possible. It was in the columns there by a Hudson's Bay fort and a few campaign in the Southern States has of the Colonist, and is connection with scattered settlements of half-breeds. Ex- been frequently made, and the advan- the proposed local subsidy to the line cept these all the immense region was tage is all on our side. Recently some from Kitimaat Arm to the north that illuminations if they are general, so that none of the work will be lost. We hope that the citizens will take hold of this coast a beginning had been made at set-taken by him towards the French dur-taken by him towards the french durmatter with vigor. Victoria must do her best unless she wishes to be hope-tement, but to all intents and purposes, Canada west of Ontario had no exist. Canada west of Ontario had no exist. Frarce. At that time a good deal of the best unless and purposes, Frarce. At that time a good deal of the best unless and purposes. Frarce. Canada. We seem to have got past the ence at the time that Albert Edward, what we now call "sniping" was carried casions. Prince of Wales, made his tour. on, the snipprs being known as francti- It is highly desirable that the best

equinox without very bad weather, and ringe of reals, made his concerns of the singly desirable that the best reurs. These men fay in wait for the relations shall prevail between the pro-some pleasant days. Let us all as citi- a wide region where during the next Germans and picked them off when oc- vince and the federal authorities, and the twenty years there will be built up one casion offered. Bismarck, in writing to Colonist, at the risk of giving offence to Sent pestpaid to any part of Canada or look better next week than it ever did of the most thriving and prosperous one of the German commanders, told its political friends, has urged that such as it were the other day that only the hardy voyageurs traversed it in the in-villages out of which they were presum-not receiving its just dues from the fedterests of civilization. His Royal High- ed to have come were to be burned to eral authorities, and we have worked ness would be less than intelligent if he were not greatly impressed by the im-mense panorama that will be unrolled direct complicity in such attacks was sufthe fact that in five years this paper has before his eyes from day to day on the ficient to lead the German commanders never had to chronicle a defeat for journey to this remote West. Forest to hang the leading citizens of a vilwill be succeeded by prairie, and lage and burn down the whole place those to whom it gave its support until last week, when Mr. Brown those to whom it gave its support, the Pacific will be reached, and this most western outpost of the Empire will cruel thing to do. . It was recognized as mark the turning point on this long and has spoken for the people, we should like to know what is. We have taken probably loved his life as well as most mark the turning point on this long and inseparable from war. When Paris was reduced to straits, and its surrender We are sure that the best wishes of seemed inevitable, Bismarck protested part in several by-law elections in this panions, who were married men, were taken out. Then his turn came, but it distinguished party on their travels, and famished people after they had given up, the Colonist has lost. Does this look as that every one will hope from the bot- for he said that if they learned of what if we were not able to speak for the ties troublesome people cannot tie up a tom of their hearts that nothing will was being done they might be encour-

was being done they might be encour-aged to hold out a little longer. He even proposed that some provisions should be proposed that some provisions should be sent into the city, so that the people could have enough to eat for a little while, for he said it was well known that law was overwhelmingly defeated. When the pangs of hunger were greater after the second by-law was submitted the sufferers from it had been given a few good meals and then compelled to starve. People who ventured out of Paris to seek for potatoes in the fields, were ruthlessly shot down, and yet the world did not grow hysterical over the brutality of

the Germans. Instead of compelling the women and children of the men who are fighting us to suffer all the horrors of war, nameless horrors of which we can form hardly any conception, but which were common enough in every previous campaign, they have been taken care of and fare even better than the soldiers against whom their husbands, brothers and fathers are fighting. This it is, we believe, that renders the problem before Lord Kitchener particularly difficult. If the commandoes were hampered by having to provide for women and children, they would not be able

to flit about from place to place. Their there is let us be told what it is. things, but when a paper like the Times. which has been notoriously sileni on scores of occasions when it ought greater mortality in a concentration to have spoken, undertakes to question the right of the Colonist to speak for the pose to be deterred by any false senti ment of modesty from telling it that, fo one instance in which it has spoken for the people, the Colonist has spoken many times, that for one column the Times has say, among the loudest of the critics are some of our own people, who seem pre-colonist has devoted ten.

ATLIN. Our advices from Atlin are that the

listrict is getting along very well, and that there is every prospect of its becoming a valuable camp. At present there is so much discord over the title to claims and so many disputes are constantly arising that the progress of the camp is greatly retarded. There are several things to be spoken of, but we shall deal with only one today. The following condition of things is said not only to be possible in Atlin, but to be of frequent occurrence: Suppose A. dis-covers what he thinks is a good claim, stakes it and records it. The next day B. can come along and file upon it; and C. can follow B. and do the same thing, and D. can follow C., and so on all and D. can follow C., and so on all several things to be spoken of, but we choose to come in and pay their money

ready been staked. It is necessary now for him to make an affidavit that so far "It was the sealer Northern Light, to the as he knows he has not encroached upon as he knows he has not encroached upon any other valid claim previously laid out by any other person, and also that the land is at present unoccupied. This is some protection, but the man who will deliberately "jump" a claim for the pur-pose of forcing the rightful owner to

deliberately "jump" a claim for the purpose of forcing the rightful owner to make terms with him, would find very little difficulty in swearing to this. He is the judge in his own conscience of what constitutes a previous valid claim.
The Mining Recorder has no way of keeping dishonest men in check, and the law to be effectual must be sufficient to keep dishonest men in check. And the Northern Light sent up her boats to steal the stolen skins. honest man will give no one any trouble

in a matter of this kind. We suggest that there will have to be some change in the manner of recording mining claims, so that in remote localipiece of country, because it happens to be so remote from the centre of population that nearly a whole season must be lost before a dispute can be settled by competent authority. Atlin people

speak in the strongest possible terms of the harm done the camp by the

British Columbia agriculture? The an- ing schemes that an investor has to swer must be the Colonist, for we have contend with. The writer of this letter been almost alone in that field. Has there been a good cause, of a social or mo:al in the district and the gentleman to nature that the Colonist has not cham- whom it is addressed has also large pioned to the best of its ability? If interests there. Something must be done, but what that something ought to be We do not care to speak of these must be reserved for further considera-

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skins. The schooner Henry Dennis had 625 skins, being away ahead of any of the other Japanese schooners which averaged about 300 of 350 skins. No seizures were reported, although, according to a re-port, it would have gone hard on one or two occasions had a Russian warship got wind of the movements of a couple of the Japanese schooners, which spent Robins island was the scene of the raid

their claims to the same piece of land will be recorded. Until the passage of the act of last session it was not neces-sary for the person filing even to say that he believed the claim had not althe noted author says of the inc

ng from Victoria took part. Needless

sailing from victoria took part. Needless to say the names of the vessels are in-correct, but they will do. The Northern Light was seized a year ago by Rus-sians, being known as the Japanese schooner Saisho Maru, formerly the Sil-ver Fleece. As the incident was related to the writer, it differs somewhat from to the writer, it differs somewhat from the detail of the poem, but there is a marked similarity. It was years ago. In the old days, when as the poet said:

English they be, and Japanee, that hang on the Brown Bear's flank, Saxon and Scot, but the worst God wot, and the boldest thieres were Yank."

law was overwhelmingly defeated. When the second by-law was submitted the Colonist was able to approve of the terms and it was overwhelmingly car-ried. We do not say that the Colonist defeated one by-law or carried the other. We are only saying that in these two conspicuous instances, the Colonist spoke for the people of Victoria. What paper has given the most atten-tion to an endeavor to make the capabili-ties of the Province known? The an-swer must be the Colonist, and surely we speak for the people when we en-province. What paper has endeavored to do the most to advance the cause of British Columbia agricutture? The an-

on the beach ready to take up to the schooner. It was easy. "We faked the old Silver Fleece up well with white paint—she was white anyhow—and forward of her mainmast Kearney fixed a couple of stove pipes for guns. Then he got most of us to dress in the Russian uniforms and ran up a Russian flag, which he found at the fort, on the Silver Fleece. Man, but didn't we look a hot Russian cruiser be-fore we got through with her, with our fake smokestack just forward of the mainmast and only her foresails set "You know how foggy it is always in the Behring Sea. Well it was foggy this day that we came up to the rookertes at St. George and we made out the form of a schooner anchored well in. Then Kearney got the signal gun and we load-ed her up and fired a few rounds as we hove in sight of the schooner, which we afterwards found to be the Baltic. We fooled them down to the ground, for when we had fired a couple of rounds from the old signal gun there was a scemper of the boats from the beach back to the Baltic and the schooner weighed and set sail in no time. They must have just caught sight of us through the fog and "A stove pipe seen through the closing

the notice published a short time ago by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, people who make these charges stop to people of the province, we do not prothat all are welcome to the reception ask themselves how much greater the without invitation-evening dress being mortality would be if the women and necessary. It is fully expected that our children were driven about the country citizens will turn out in numbers and on the needs of a lot of guest strange to times, that for one column the limes has the eby show their respect for the royal most certainly do not, and strange to devoted to the advancement of the maation, which has so long hampered de- Klondike is not in Alaska. Alaska is visitors, and make the reception a grand say, among the loudest of the critics are

> pared to listen to any story, no matter The assassin of President McKinley has been found guilty of murder in the first degree. When arraigned he plead-ed guilty, but the court declined to ac-cept the plea, and entered a plea of not best practice. A plea of guilty ought could deal with the Boers as other generals in other countries have done, the

memorable journey.

mar the long land journey. entombed alive in a mine is a horror sufficient to try the strongest nerves. THE EXHIBITION.

have a very successful exhibition here next week. The building and grounds are being put in excellent shape; the number of entries is exceptionally large; a vacation for the next fortnight. Vic-

possible for the people of this city to participate in the New Westminster Exonly that every one, so far as the Colohibition as on former occasions and that

as might have got here, if the dates of the two exhibitions did not coincide. Nevertheless, and in spite of this draw-

We beg to direct special attention to camp than out on a farm on the veldt,

another budget headed "British Columbia." May we remind our visiting tect upon the opening of the country newspaper a week or two ago spoke of itizens will turn out in numbers and on the heels of a lot of guerillas? They the klondike as being in Alaska. The the eby show their respect for the royal

THE CZOLGOSZ TRIAL. fically to that part of the hydraulic country can now be reached Pacific Northwest, which belongs to the without the great loss of time hitherto United States. It would be just as cornecessary. It is true that in many rect to refer to Liverpool as being an Irish city as to say that Klondike is an graph station is considerable, but the Alaskan town. While speaking about saving through the erection of the line this we may mention that a week or in the transmission of communications two ago, the Toronto Globe editorially never to be accepted from a murderer, spoke of the Klondike output of gold as the more important because of the short-the Alaskan product. May we also ask when the inevitable penalty is death, fighting in South Africa would have our visitors to bear in mind that Van-couver and Vancouver Island are two pass upon his guilt. We dare say that fighting in South Africa would been over at least six months ago. this rule is not always followed, but it different localities, and that the city is not on the Island? The failure to ob-serve this fact has led to many mis-representations, which are very mis-leading. For example, the British press invariably speaks of the Pacific cable as starting from Vancouver. It does not start from Vancouver any more than it does from Banff or Montreal. It starts to start const of Vancouver Is-to method with the United States are to the murder will doubtless the up on one of the pages of history. The people of the United States are to the United S not on the Island? The failure to ob- is a wholesome rule, nevertheless, and

we shall be deprived of the pleasure of seeing so many of our Mainland friends

back, we look forward to a very successful week. The only harm that will come from bad weather will be to the mobility would be entirely destroyed.

STOCK SPECULATION.

COMING WEST.

cases the journey to the nearest telewill have a material effect, which is all ess of the season during which operations in mining can be carried on over a large portion of the province.

We congratulate Mr Charleson upon the completion of his arduous work. He has not finished it quite as rapidly as he thought he would, but he has done so as soon as we expected. This is not the time to discuss matters bearing upon the cost of the undertaking, first because we are without the necessary details and secondly because such a discussion at this time would be decidedly nopportune. We are very greatly pleased to have the line finished before the close of navigation, so much so that we are not the least in a critical mood this morning.

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

Nothing much has been said in the papers about private illuminations. ughout the city on the occasion of the Royal visit, but this must not be ost sight of. Private illuminations add wery greatly to the success of a public fete. They can be managed in several ways. When the Prince of Wales visited Canada, it was in the days when of Puget Sound. people used candles, and nearly every private house was lighted by candles placed in the windows. The plan adopted was to cut a candle into two equal parts and fasten them upon some ar- of Sir Thomas Lipton to "lift the cup." rangement so that there would be a And here's hoping that he may lift it. light to each pane of glass, which in those days was usually not more than 10x12 in size and often smaller. The effect was surprisingly good. Nowadays, when larger glass is used, if candles are employed for window illumination, it not know any one who could bring to cessary to have some arrange- bear upon the discharge of its duties ment to hold them, so that there may be a number of lights in each window. Chinese lanterns hung out of doors, or the Colonist will very heartily coneven inside windows are extremely ef- gratulate him if such promotion comes fective, as every one knows. We recall his way. a public illumination in Albany, New York, where the residential part of the city was lighted by means of the or-

ilities for lighting being masslinary fa ed in the front rooms of the house. The windows were tastefully decorated by bringing near them the choicest furni-

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from the west coast of Vancouver Is-The people of the United States are to land. May we remind the American be congratulated upon the dignified mannewspaper men that the waters through ner in which they have carried themwhich they will pass in coming from selves during the grave period. It is Vancouver to Victoria do not form any occasions like the melancholy one just not discuss British Columbia matters part of Puget Sound? Puget Sound is past, which try the genius of a people from the standpoint of the people. We geographically a part of Admiralty Infor self-government.

let, which is the southern extension of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, but by legis lation of the State of Washington the A great railway deal involving the interm has been applied to all the inland terests of the Western Union Telegraph waters belonging to that state reached Company is said to be on in New York. by the Strait just mentioned. We speak We are not in possession of the particuof this because there is a dispo ars, and possibly they are of no special the part of the writers from the Ameriterest, yet it is clear that if the deal can press to speak of all the inland wat-ers in the Pacific Northwest as parts reans what is alleged, there will be ome serious changes in values of the

stock of certain corporations. It is a very great question if it is not desirable And now the yacht cace. Even a to put a stop to dealing in futures, for royal duke must be prepared to give up a share of public attention to the effort the result of the enormous amount of speculation now being carried on in this way is likely at any time to be serious inancial disaster.

It is reported from Ottawa that Mr. Speculation in futures is legitimate in Ralph Smith, M. P., may be made Minne sense of the term, but it is not legitiister of Labor. If it is intended to nate business, that is to say, it is not a maintain a portfolio of Labor, we do business which produces anything of value. It is speculation pure and simple, without a single redeeming quality. Undoubtedly it offers opportunities to make money, and it by no means follows that some one loses what others make. This is what distinguishes it from plain,

ordinary gambling. The profits on a deal are not made in all cases at the ex-pense of some one else. But the values are very largely speculative, and the profits are made by men who contribute It is in the interest of the C. P. N. Company, the public and the government of the country that, if there is any explainable cause, no matter what it may nothing towards them. They simply be, of the Islander disaster, that is some cause other than the mere cir- back their own judgment of the way counstance of the collision, the fact should be brought out. Therefore we are glad, and the public will also be ing carried on before the commission are to be very samphing in their other the proceedings now beto be very searching in their character. who w When the investigation is at an end, tune. who watches the turn of a wheel of for-

### THE POSITION OF THE COLONIST

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There are several matters in which the people of this province are greatly interested. One of these is the matter of railway construction. There is not a paper in British Columbia, there are a paper in British Columbia, there are no five papers in British Columbia that have labored as diligently as the Colonist has to promote railway construction. The construction of a direct line from the Coast to Kootenay has been urged where the most earnest efforts have been made to bring about that desirable undertaking. The construction of a rail-way to the north end of this Island has place where men could go in off the been den.t with so exhaustively in these columns that we have feared it would for an hour or so in an intelligent and all upon our readers. The all-Canadian ine to the Yukon has received the very on foot a movement to provide something best support that we could give it, and of this kind? we did not besitate for a moment in

there will be some things to be said, but in the public interest it is better not to make any comment until all the facts have been brought out, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM. The principal cause for the prolonga-tion of operations in South Africa is the consummation of the plans of the plans of the 509; balances \$138,397.



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