

It appears that the Australian members of the Ottawa conference were to a man advocates of the Pacific cable. They believe that the project is a feasible one and that it would be beneficial to all the countries concerned.

A fast line of steamships between the East coast of the Dominion and Great Britain is the complement of the Pacific steamship line and the Pacific cable. There may be some difficulty in starting the Atlantic line, but it will be established in the near future.

THE ONTARIO SITUATION.

The political situation in Ontario is somewhat interesting to outsiders but most provoking to the members of both the old parties. The late election does not appear to have given a decided majority to the Government, and it left the Opposition in a still more unsatisfactory position.

The negro railway men, when they found that they were not to be admitted into the American Railway Union, without any loss of time formed a union of their own. The name they gave it was a significant one. It is known as the Anti-Strikers Railway Union.

As I said to a reporter a few days ago, there is no desire on our part to antagonize the interests of those who, like ourselves, are endeavoring to improve their condition, and it is absurd and inconsistent for laboring men who have a common interest to be fighting each other, whether they be white or black.

The Imperial reader will say that the organization which drives such men as Mr. Stephens out of its ranks simply on account of their color deserves to suffer all the consequences which may follow their exclusion. His plea for equal rights for workmen of his color was very strong indeed and we cannot see how it could be disregarded by any of the friends of the workingman.

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anyone. And if the Government has not a majority sufficient to pull through, this will in all probability be done, and it will not be the first time on either side of party politics where the same game has been successfully played.

This will be a complete surrender to the Patrons, but a power is precious and office sweet to the Ontario Liberals this writer believes that it is not unlikely that rather than surrender them they will concede to the Patrons, who are a growing party, nearly all they are contending for.

We used to hear a good deal among social and other reformers about "the brotherhood of man." But the phrase, a few years ago so popular, has become almost obsolete.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Presentation of Reports and Election of Officers and Members at Annual Meeting.

A number of reports were received from the various sections of the Board of Trade, and the annual meeting was held on July 19th.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade held yesterday was the largest in its history. In the absence of the President, Mr. A. C. Flumert, the chair was filled by Mr. C. E. Renout, vice-president, and after the usual preliminary proceedings.

A letter from the President was read regarding that he had been unable to return from the East in time for the annual meeting. The letter stated also that he had by invitation been present at the banquet given in Ottawa at the Intercolonial conference.

Before the annual reports were read, the Chairman regretted the absence of the President, congratulated the Board on the large attendance, and remarked that he would be glad to hear that the membership had increased very satisfactorily.

The committees appointed by the board presented the fifteenth annual report, as follows: The present membership of the board is 163. The board is indebted to Mr. E. C. Beaton for many courtesies, and he having left the province, he has elected an honorary member of the board.

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and submitted to the Department of Marine by the Victoria representatives in the House of Commons. It is understood that the recommendations of the Board have been favorably reported upon by the local agent of the Marine Department, and it is hoped that the necessary works will be shortly undertaken by the Dominion authorities.

During the increasing commerce at our port, the Board has recommended that during the months of August, September and October, 1894, the necessary works will be shortly undertaken by the Dominion authorities.

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During the season of 1893 the output at the different canneries in the province reached the unprecedented figure of 580,229 cases, packed at the following points, viz:

Table showing fishery statistics for 1893, including Fraser River, Skeena River, and other locations with their respective outputs.

It will be observed that the demand from Eastern Canadian points continues to increase year by year, and as regular steam communication with Australia is now established, it may reasonably be expected that the demand from that section will considerably increase also.

Attention has been given to sturgeon fishing on the Fraser river, and a considerable sum invested in this new industry. As very little is known of the habits of the sturgeon in the waters of the Fraser, it is to be hoped that the marine and fisheries department will cause a thorough inquiry and observation to be made hereinafter.

The great latent wealth of the deep sea fisheries of our coast continues to remain undeveloped. So long as reciprocal trade arrangements remain on an existing line, the United States market, which is the only convenient outlet for these riches of our waters, must be practically closed.

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THAT ELECT

Ald. Keith-Wilson W Royal Comm Inquiry The Copper Wire Par eluded in the Investigat

Since the electric light, been before the council, an been discussing the matter aldermen have found them being plied with question ratemyer, who wants to straightened out to his.

By last evening's discussion, electric light station site closed do not give much an public interests are faithful the aldermen collectively, people know that their repre decided to purchase a site for will require another \$5,000 for the building. They say that Mr. Nuttall, the owner o gets only \$8,000 of the purch remaining \$4,300 going into It seems to me that it is rather a mission for the city to provide were developed last evening o call for examination by the two lots on Rock Bay, owned were first offered by an age then the price was put up to a higher one than in a letter ad Mayor and council, stated was \$3,000, which included the mission, and this letter Ald actually carrying in his pro choice of the council was to

He did not perceive the h addressed to the council, but what he was ignorant of the deny that he did not impart them before the choice was made, pause to remark that Mayor T. actually carrying in his pro choice of the council was to

And whereas it has been pu and published that corrupt in would certify of the aldermen o cept said lota offered for the electric light building site; through the medium of the pub the city has been forced to r larger price than the offer, r electric wire, thereby losing the \$200 in said purchase;

Be it resolved: That the -Governor be and is hereby auth alderman Roy to be named, o point under oath of all parties the said transaction, including aldermen who voted for or again purchase, and to report the resu query to this board; and that he be asked about the transac seems to me every one I meet w case it all over again. I'm failed to make awards on the long vazed question of confiscation and compensa for deprivation of legal rights in Behring sea during the years of 1891, 1892 and 1893.

While appreciating the settlement by arbitration of the dispute which existed between Great Britain and the United States over the seal fisheries; yet from a provincial standpoint, it must be recognized that the one-sided regulations accompanying the award have practically ruined our Behring sea seal industry, in which so many British Columbia capital was invested.

The chairman of the electric light, Ald. Mann, when he heard said "I personally have not an objection to a full inquiry; however, will be another reason for the work, as not a cent has been out of the electric light loan yet. It is a good idea for the council to duty, erect the plant and start it ion, and then have an inquiry i into every transaction. An inc would not prevent fraud in futu tainly hope the inquiry will be the whole work is completed."