GAME COCK VS. EAGLE.

Only a miracle can avert war between Spain and the United States, if one can place any reliance upon the telegraphic despatches which reach us from American news-distributing centres. Popular feeling counts for so very much in the neighboring republic that one may feel justified in looking at the matter in a serious vein, although it is difficult to dissociate the ludicrous from the whole dispute. Candidly we do not believe for a single instant that the two nations will come to blows unless some extraordinary circumstance arises to precipitate hostilities. All well-informed Americans know perfectly that their country is not prepared for war with a sea power; they know perfectly that the beginning of the conflict would probably be marked by a series of bloody disasters to the American navy and the annihilation of the American coast cities and towns, and they are quite aware of the fact that once Spain had swept the seas of American fighting vessels and had the broom at her mastheads the United States would look supremely foolish. Nobody doubts that in the long run Spain would suffer crushing defeat, but the question naturally is: how long will the long run be? It would be a most serious matter for the United States to have her flag driven from the sear herusatercanfile marine utterly destroyed, her frade with oversea nations fatally checked and herself cooped up in her own territory unable to do anything. War with Spain will mean the setting back of the commercial clock in the United States something like twenty years, The United States has not even yet fully recovered from the paralyzing effects upon her mercantile navy of the Civil war; what would the result be, then, of a collision with a nation strong in the naval arm and quite capable under existing condi- evening, unanimously approved of the tions of annihilating the American navy scheme of harbor improvements drawn and the American merchant marine?

of the Spanish navy are British built, British engined, British armed, and feel certain their action will meet with that the Spanish officers and crews are the cordial approval of the majority of trained on the basis of British naval the citizens, and that in thus emphatictractics and discipline. It is said the ally endorsing a work that seems likely Spanish gunners bear an enviable reputa- to lift Victoria from the status of a tion for precision of fire, that all the second-class to that of a first-class port, Spanish ships are in first-class working not only of Canada, but of the world, order, and that were war declared tomorrow that nation would most assured small degree The more one studies this ly be in the position to deal the first magnificent scheme the more is one im-

On the other hand the American ships fitting and home arming. The regularity with which mishaps to them have come to be chronicled in the daily press and the stories of their astonishing inefficiency he ever saw," and that he is "convinced have surprised and amused the world. of its practicability," and also with the With them it has been much the same as with the vessels of the American Line toria City Council could scarcely have built at Philadelphia, the St. Louis and taken any other action than they have St. Paul. Both those liners had to be redone. We must, however, do them the paired from stem to stern after their credit of believing that each member of second trip to Southampton; a strong the board voted on the resolution after a repairing gang from the yard of Messrs. thorough examination of the plans and Thomson Brothers, Clydebank, (by a strange coincidence the builders of most of the best vessels in the Spanish navy)

Horough examination of the importance and value of the scheme. We have not yet heard any adverse criticisms of the went from the Clyde to Southampton. and as the foreman afterwards said: "You was the worst" attempt at iron the Atlantic. If you's American shipbuilding its gey poor." And of the naval | cognate subject of war with Spain. Some vessels of the United States the same

high critics say also: "gey poor." But after all common sense, self-interest, prudence, may avert a clash between those strangely disproportionate foesthe States so strong and yet so weak; Spain so weak and yet so strong. It may be asked also: where is the Peace Society, whose charming pic-nic at Chamounix a couple of years ago or so, made everybody think that swords were to go into museums and rifle-barrels to become conduits for artesian wells? The world is still pretty barbarous and prone to resort to physical suasion-like the Hon. C. E. Pooley, president of the congressmen and a president or two, British Columbia legislative council.

A CASE OF CATALEPSY.

On Friday last the Vancouver World or other first-class factory for war mapublished an extraordinary article pur- terial must smile to hear of the sudden porting to be a reply to our innocent outburst of activity in the small shops pleasantry regarding the mortgage tax scattered up and down the States. The question. That column of personal Colonist thinks it would be an easy matabuse and wild vituperation, however, ter to fortify Puget Sound. Would it, contains very little about the matter in now? Unless the fortifications were to question, but a very great deal about the consist of sand bags, or hurry-up gapersonality of the editor of this paper. bions, we fail to see where the easiness Had the World been careful to stick to comes in. Fortifications "as is" fortifithe truth we should have been quite as cations are not "easy." France erected much amused by the column of incoher- a line of the most remarkable fortificaent invective, including a liberal helping tions in the world along the hills overof bathos, distorted metaphor and some looking the valley of the Moselle, to poetry from somewhere, which it hard- command that route from Germany into ily inflicts upon the public of Vancouver, her territory, but it took her many years as any member of that extremely long to build them. Fortifications to be suffering public. The World is inaccu- worth a pinch of snuff must be built rate, unjust and inconsistent, and we strongly and carefully; modern guns may add, has a very short memory. Was | make quick work of slap-dash fortificait not the Vancouver World that charged a certain member of the Times' editorial staff last November with the awful crime of being a Scotsman? Said that the people of this province were greatly displeased with certain articles which appeared in the Times regarding Glasgow as a municipality, and in the coarsest manner told the writer of them to Spring Medicine to purify your blood, go back to Scotland and stay in his acc. give you good appetite, sound sleep, cursed country? It was the World; therefore, our charge of inconsistency, proved by this extract from the extraordinary effusion mentioned:

"All the expletives that the Times can hurl at the Irish race—at the presumed expense of a gentleman connected with this journal-will not diminish the heroits soldiers on British war fields or tarnish the fame of a nation that for brains and purity stands among the greatest and most powerful of the

Now, it is flatly untrue to say that we hurled any expletives at the Irish race, are cured say, which prove that or that any of our remarks were "; the presumed expense (sic) of a gentle van connected with the World." The latter part of that sentence is simple nonsense, for no such person exists. It is a case of people living in glass houses casting stones; and it is a pity the editorial writer on the Vancouver World cannot bring to the discussion of these and other matters some of the wit, the goodhumor, the spirit that characterise the

Irish. It is a shame to him that a mere | tions. Even the powerful defence works | him in all three, and in the serious matron from the Sound. The Alewer arsh

THE GRAPES ARE SOUR dioos

There is a bitter tone in the following excerpt from the editorial columns of the New York Commercial Advertiser that forcibly reminds one of the celebrated fable of the fox and the grapes, and proves that even the best of the American newspapers feel keenly the disappointment of having Klondike actually in Canada Of course the statements of the Commercial Advertiser which follow are simply the result of information thankfully received and willingly disseminated for home consumption. Says the Advertiser:

"The news from Klondike indicates that there, if nowhere else, the time for individual enterprise in mining is past. The hardships of the country are so intense that single miners, with the characteristic recklessness of their kind, can only go there, starve and freeze, while now and then one of them gets a nugget. Only big corporations can work that territory adequately. The individual miner make an occasional rich strike, but or corporations can work the deposits austively and really get out all the l. The report that Canada, by way of retaliation for something or other, will exclude Americans from the region altogether is too good to be true. She could do no better service than to prevent Americans from going there to starve and the American side of the boundary, and will be no bad thing to have the attention of our citizens concentrated on that. If we must mine gold in the Arctic circle, let us mine our own gold.'

· VICTORIA HARBOR.

It is gratifying to note that the City Council of Victoria, at their meeting last up by Mr. Thomas C. Sorby, and lately It must be remembered that the vessels favorably passed upon by Mr. Coste, Dominion engineer. The City Council may pressed with its feasibility; although to the lay mind the figures and the labor ininsuperable. Yet, with the positive assurance of so eminent an authority as Mr. Coste, who says it is "the best scheme endorsation of other engineers, the Vic-

THE STATES AND SPAIN.

A delicious diversity of opinion is expapers like the San Francisco Examiner, on the Sound clamor for war, and the speculations of those papers upon the probable outcome of hostilities between the two powers make extremely funny reading. The invaluable Colonist, which writes from special knowledge of the subject and knows "all about it," contributes no mean share to the general merriment. It is true that in many of the American navy yards and armament factories preparations that should have been made twenty years ago, to make the vast amount of "bluff" indulged in by the fire-eating senators and anything more than mere cheap "bluff," are being made. Anyone acquainted with the workings of the Woolwich Arsenal,

Is the time when you should take a steady nerves and perfect digestion. That scrofulous taint, that skin trou-

ble, that liver dife ficulty, that bilious Take tendency, that tired feeling, are all cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Give this medicine a fair trial and you will

Hood's Pills cure liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

what we say, but what the people who

Sarsaparilla is the Best Spring Medicine. C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. neighbors.

"dour" stupid Scotsman should outdo of Ras-el-tin, guarding Alexandria, crumbled like cheese under the British daily by the patriotic Colonist, the

to drive every Spaniard out of the West-ern Hemisphere, capture or destroy every Spanish warship to be found a hundred miles beyond the coast of Spain, capture and make independent the Island of Cuba and drive the Spanish flag from the ocean—and it is a duty the United States owes civilization to promptly carry this programme out."

freeze, and save the government the expense of sending relief expeditions after the editor of the San Francisco them. Besides, there is gold in plenty on Star expresses his decidedly original ous San Francisco English with which ed as to frighten the wretched foreigner Star expresses his decidedly original views upon the United States' Cuban

> day's review of the subject: available be directed not against Spain, but against our own far more culpable officials who trade in wholesale starvation and dishonor. If we had our way we would hang at the yardarm of the Havana harbor just below where the catastrophe occurred which lies at their doors. A war against those fiends (the American officials) cannot be commenced

THE MORTGAGE TAX.

Even great men change their minds very suddenly, and for widely diverse reasons. It was the dictum of no less a judge in intellectual metamorphoses than Cicero that "change of mind is not inconsistency," expressed in the famous passage: "Nemo doctus unquam mutaare entirely of home construction, home volved may appear appalling and almost etc., etc. Several members of the government party who took a certain view of the mortgage tax question one year ago, yesterday by their flabby arguments and votes showed that they had in the interim swung round to a view of the matter diametrically the opposite of their year-ago view. Their vacillation merely shows that it is folly to expect independence of character or consistency from such gentlemen. They have changed their minds, but they are not consistent. The argument that the mortgage tax does not bear unduly upon the community is impertinent and utterly false; (2) Improvements, \$3,000; taxed on \$5,-000. the "reasoning" employed by the government members to justify their action was worthy of Sancho Panza as governor of Barataria; only, we may be sure, shipbuilding we ever as it was simply A delicious diversity of opinion is ex. nor of Barataria; only, we may be sure, a marvel to us that the boats could cross hibited by the press of the United States the pudgy La Manchan would have carregarding the Maine disaster and the lifed it off with more with and a little humor, and not in a little humor, and not in the dull, dreary, stupid fashion that put the listeners to sleep yesterday. Of course the Turner government were not expected to do anything else than the New York Journal, and one or two put the listeners to sleep yesterday. what they have done—that is nobody who has studied carefully that queer company of strangely-misplaced gentlemen could have expected anything else. It has been proved up to the hilt repeatedly that the mortgage tax is an iniquitous measure that hears croshingly upon the very classes who ought to be. so to speak, cherished and encouraged by the government. It frightens away capital and it ruins the farmer. Possibly this province wants farmers and capitalists even more than it wants such a fine patriotic, hardworking and highly intelligent government as that over which Hon. Mr. Turner so ably presides. The defeat of Mr. Cotton's motion is another reason why the Turner administration should be invited to take a prolonged siesta.

> Latest reports from the Stikine are not reassuring, and we publish the narrative of the case given by returning miners, with some reserve. The construction of the winter road and railway will remove the disabilities complained of and make the Stikine route, as already announced, the best by which to reach the gold fields.

> Ballington Booth has more courage than the editor of the Colonist. The first of those emotional gentlemen speaking at a Philadelphia church, a short time ago,

"I am proud to-night, dear friends, because I am an American. I was born in England, but I can't help that. I am an American. I love America as I love my God. Her flag, those dear old Stars and Stripes—yes, the only flag in the whole world—shall be carried before my Christians all the time

Mr. Booth makes no bones about it and the reflection is prompted that if a few more of his kind became Americans England would suffer no serious injury or loss. Your hybrid is always an extremist.

A well-informed centemporary points out the interesting fact that if the great Christian nations of divilized Europe can be persuaded not to fly at one another's throats during the pext six months and Spain does not start in to take the dust out of the Stars and Stripes, Europe will have enjoyed the loiigest period of peace realize its positive merit. It is not in its history. When one thinks of Europe's history—an unbroken record of blood, rapine, murder and devastation, this is really wonderful. It is humilfating to admit that not religion, not brotherly love or sweet reasonableness, but financial reasons and wholesome respect for one another's awful power alone keep these powers from slaughtering their

> Steamer Willapa sailed for Cape Scott last evening with freight for West Coast points. She had a large number of passengers.

MORTGAGE TAX OR DOUBLE, TAXATION.

To the Editor: Discussion on this subject naval fire, and were silenced in short or det. The Colonist says the American ship Monterey could watch Puget Sound; is not the Monterey the gallant ship that is not the Monterey the gallant ship that it raises the question of taxation. I have was storm-bound in Puget Sound a year no desire to extend the discussion, at the or two ago, when ordinary passenger present time, beyond the line of what is steamers put to sea as per usual? If called the "mortgage tax." I hope, therethe weather were strictly calm the fore, you will confine possible correspond-Monterey might do; and if the recoil of ents on this subject, to the question of morther own guns would not upset her. But gage tax. A short time ago you published here is a great authority, quoted almost writers drifted off into single tax, a question in itself sufficient to easily fill your Seattle Times, the paper that shouted paper daily. My sole object at present in "hooray!" when a Canadian vessel with addressing you is a sincere desire to benefit hundreds of passengers aboard was reported (happily incorrectly) to be in great danger:

"It would take the United States" says the Seattle Times, "say sixty days to drive every Spaniard out of the Westmyself sufficiently clear, but I do know from practical experience that this mort-gage tax is a clog in the prosperity of the country at large. A member of the gov-ernment said on the noor of the house the other day that if this tax was abolish-ed it would raise the rate of interest. This

ocean—and it is a duty the United States owes civilization to promptly carry this programme out."

Is not that grand? The lovely youthful simplicity of it; the rare, dewy, early morning trust in his majesty myself. Not to mention the split infinitive in the last clause. It is the coarsest kind of disillusionment, though, to turn one's eyes to this vigorous San Francisco English with which into paying a larger rate of interest than he would have to pay were it not for the name "mortgage tax" staring him in the

Star expresses his decidedly original views upon the United States' Cuban policy; it makes a pleasing finis to this day's review of the subject:

"We repeat, let all the indignation available be directed not against Spain, but against our own far more culpable officials who trade in wholesale starvation and dishonor. If we had our way we would hang at the yardarm of the resurrected Maine all prominent persons responsible for the hellish Cuban policy of this country, and allow them to be buried only in the feculent deposits of Havana harbor just below where the catastrophe occurred which lies at their doors. A war against those fiends (the look in the country districts, even in the vicinity of this commercial city of Victoria, and see if ruined homes are not in evidence. Why is not, the working of this mortgage tax not thoroughly exposed? Because the persons who suffer are poor tollers—the farmer, the settler in the woods, the mechanic and the enterprising hyllder.

the mechanic and the enterprising builder the mechanic and the enterprising bunder—
they suffer in silence and go down under
their burden. The high rate of interest
in this province is directly the result of
this mortgage tax. Money is a form of
wealth very sentitive and shy of special
legislation—no government can collect a tax on it; the present government is satisfied that it has quite solved the preblem as to money lent on mortgage, with the result that the man who digs the potatoes is saddled with double taxation. Many instance, and the great taxation with the control of the contr stances could be given to prove this, but one taken from real life in this province will be sufficient to those not blind.

It is:
A. bought 320 acres of government land;
paid \$1,600 cash for same, having \$400 to
start with, which he did in high spirits to start with, which he did in high spirits to make a home and grow up with the country. He worked like a horse, but got behind, and finally borrowed from B., a friend in England, \$3,000, to improve the place, and promised high interest and secured B. by a first mortgage on the property. From wild land, not paying the government a cent, obsere how the taxes grew:

(1) New settler, invests \$2,000; taxed on \$2,000.

(3) Mortgage tax, \$3,000; taxed on \$8,-000.

Here is the finishing touch to this illuspays all taxes on his property and is compelled to pay a high rate of interest to pay the tax on the mortgage; and as likely as not is compelled in writing to pay the mortgage tax. Is it likely that B. will send any more money out to this country to invest in mortgage, when a property is thrown upon his hands and he has not only to pay the taxes on the property, but on the mortgage as well?—a thing that has an imaginary value, but in reality does not longer exist except in law. This mortgage tax system is believed in by many amiable persons, but it frightens money away. The very fact of a specific law to compel a lender to pay a special tax on mortgages is sufficient to tighten some person's purse strings.

This letter is far too long, but I do not belong to the class of growlers who complain without pointing out a remedy. With your permission I will, some other time where the revenue to replace that derived from this cruel double-headed taxation can easily come from without hurting any person, for this tax must go, even if it takes the present government with it.

The property of the property of the present government with it.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 28, 1898.



The story is told of a young married wo man, who asked another young married woman how she managed to get along so amicably with her husband. The answer was, "I feed the brute—his stomach with food and his mind with flattery." Even a man will have to admit that this young woman had solved about two-thirds of the ar of making the average man happy. The other third consists of keeping his body in such condition that he will enjoy his food and his mind in such condition that he will be susceptible to flattery. It isn't much use to put tempting food before a man who basn't an appetite. It doesn't pay to lavish smiles on a man whose nerves are racked and overworked. The average man pays very little attention

to his health, and won't take medicine of his own accord until he is flat on his back. A shrewd wife will keep an eye on her hus band's welfare in this respect, and when she sees that he is bilious or suffering from indigestion, or is generally out of sorts, will see that he resorts to that most wonderful of all invigorators, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the best of all appetite - sharpeners, blood - makers and flesh-builders. It corrects all disorders of the digestion and makes the liver active and the blood pure. It tones the nerves and cures all cases of nervous exhaustion and prostration. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption, bronchial, throat and kindred ailments. Medicine dealers sell it Mrs. Rebecca F. Gardner, of Grafton, York Co. va., writes: "I was so sick with dyspepsia that I could not eat anything for over four months. I thought I was going to die, I weighed only so pounds. I took two bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery." I am now as well as ever and weigh 125 pounds." efore the boat sailed.

For constitution - Dr. Pierce's Pellets.

I united choir from the city churches

Provincial News.

GREENWOOD. George Edwards, a miner, who re-cently worked in the Jewel mine, has died here.

ENDERBY

The Re. G. Buter has solemnized the marriage of Mr. Edgar Charles Simmons, second son of J. W. Simmons, of Kedleston Ranch, Vernon, to Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. J. W. Gardom, Mount Ira, Enderby, The ceremony took place in St. George's Episcopal GRAND FORKS A party of C. P. R. surveyors under Engineer Rice has arrived in Grand Forks, and has started running the line through the town. The line, as now surveyed, comes round the head of Observation mountain, thence along First

fork and across the river to the Christina lake section. CARIBOO.

street to Main, then down to the north

Mr. H. Helgeson, who formerly represented this constituency in the provincial legislative assembly, has, with Major-General J. C. Kinchant, been chosen at a convention to contest the electoral district of Cariboo in the opposition interest at the forthcoming election. This district returns two members to the provincial legisature. The voting returns from central points in the district were

MIDWAY.

Dr. Mewburb, of Lethbridge, head surgeon for the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction camps has made a thorough inspection along the line. He states that the health of the men, and the sanitary condition of the different camps along the line are excellent.

There are at present eight members of the Northwest Mounted Police force doing patrol work along the line of con-struction of the Crow's Nest Pass railthe comparative absence of crime, define good order maintained in the different camps.

NEW WESTMINSTTR. A good deal of friction has arisen lately between the sturgeon fishermen and the dealers regarding the price of stur-geon, and it is probable that a total cessation of sturgeon fishing will take place until the market justifies a higher price of payment for these fish. There is no doubt but what the fishermen in the early part of the season made good money out of this industry, but at the present rate of prices paid by the dealers, there is not much in it for the fishermen, taking into consideration the cost of nets, bait, etc. The demand for this kind of fish should lead to an ami-The demand for cable arrangement between the dealers and 'he fishermen, which should allow Here is the finishing touch to this illustration, one of hundreds:

A. got discouraged, could not pay his high rate of interest and heavy double taxes, left the place, as no sales could be added Mortgagor has to keep paying the taxes on the land and on the mortgage until times in mortgage until times in an unlimited quantity of sturing the taxes on the land and on the mortgage until times geon in our nable river. TIVET As the deck work on the Hudson Bay Company's boat is about to la completed as far as possible before proceeding to Vancouver for the fixing of the machin-ery by the British Columbia Iron Works ompany, the launching of the same will

not take place for a few days. ROSSLAND. Rossland, Feb. 26.-The city council met in extraordinary session to-day and voted \$500 to send a special delegation to Victoria, to urge upon the 'egislature to grant increased representation in the assembly and liberal appropriations for the Trail Creek division. Mayor Wallace, Dr. Bowes, F. W. Rolt and Ross Thompson compose the delegation. They will start for Victoria on Monday.

Rossland citizens are divided in opinion concerning the action of the Victoria Board of Trade's resolution re the Corbin railway. The general impression is that the board is playing into the hands of the Vancouver Victoria & Eastern railway, which wants the transportation monopoly.

It is reported here that the Canadian Pacific Railway company has taken

over the Trail smelter and the Columbia Western Railway. It is reported that the War Fagle and nine other mines in this camp have contracted to ship ore to Trail. The Trail smelter will blow in again in a few days. The British America Corporation has secured bonds on some valuable Boundary mines. Hon, C. H. Mackintosh has sailed for England to confer with Mr. Whitaker Wright. It has come to light that more money than was at first supposed was stolen

in the recent robbery of the mails at the Columbia & Western depot in this strike of \$25 ore has been made on the Victory-Triumph, and the chute is widening steadily.

Work is progressing steadily on some

of the properties bought recently by the British America Corporation.

The snow is beginning to disappear, and there are signs of an early spring.

There is considerable evidence of a resumption of activity) in the R ssland real estate market, and severals large deals are under way, and other thain.
The Velvet mine is shipping to Nelson.
The Iron Mask, Poorman and La Roi mines are shipping to Northport.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver Feb. 26.—Mrs. Sarah Salsbury, mother of W. F. Salsbury, treasurer of the Pacific division, C. P. R. died to-day in her 79th year. Mrs. Sals bury was the widow of the late W. S. Salsbury, of Brighton, England,
A party of ten, H. T. Rogers, Winnipeg; Rr. Rogers Sault Ste Marie, Mich.; J. Everett, Ashland, Mich.; U. Pusch. J. Bone, S. Sherman, C. Cota, Sault Ste Marie; A. Hogan, Minneapolis; A. N. Ord, St. Paul; and E. Trainer, Winni-peg, left by the Louise to night to pick up nuggets in the north located by J. Bone in a hypnotic trance with Dr. Rogers as operator. Bone, they state proved his power by making astounding erformances to project his astral body through space. He gets 810,000 and his share of the find already located by him The secret was guarded until an hour

Consul Dudley is taking steps to notify all American subjects en route to Klondike to report at the consulate that he may trace their whereabouts on enquiry from anxious friends. Opposite each

name is the destination of the writer and name of his nearest friend There has not been an instance whe those registering could not write, an intelligent class are moving north Half of those registering put their de Half of those registering put their destination down as Wrangel.

Nine boats are being built on False
Creek for the Stiking river route.

Although three louded steamers have left here for the north there is no diminution in the crowds on the streets.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION American Vessels Calling Here to B Inspected As Well As British,

Ordens have been received by the inspectors of steamboats that ers sailing from this port. Br American, or of any other rigidly inspected and not clear Collector of Customs until they certificates that they have passed orable inspection. This ac part of the Canadian authoriti taken solely to assure the sa comfort of travellers leaving this and to guard against such cat as the loss of the Clara Nevada, the order applies to the American veralling at this port is shown by the of the letter received by steam spector Thompson. It reads:

spector Thompson. It reads:

"Enclosed herewith I forward you a
of an order-in-council, dated the 27tl
of January last, directing that pass
steamboats, other than steamboats he
passenger certificates from Her Maj
board of trade, registered elsewhere the
Canada, engaged in carrying passeng
or from Canada be subjected with ce
exceptions to the provisions of the s
boat inspection act. I have therefore
request you that the provisions of the cin-council referred to be carried out.

F. GOURDEAU F. GOURDEAL Deputy Minister of Marine and Fis

Deputy Minister of Marine and Fi The order-in-council reads as follo His Excellency in virtue of the prof. the 2nd section of the act 55: chapter 19, intituled "an act furtamend the steamboat inspection act by and with the advice of the privy council of Canada, is pleased and direct that the provisions of 78 of the revised statutes "The or The frevised statutes, "The Inspection Act" and the amendments, together with the Canadian regulations relating to the inspe steamboats, shall apply to passenge boats—other than steamboats hold senger certificates from Her Majesty of trade—registered elsewhere than ada, engaged in carrying to or from one port or Canada, to another port or Canada, or on any of the lat or sea coasts of Canada; however, that the provisions of act and the amondment that or sea coasts of Canada; however, that the provisions of act and the amendments thereto quire Canadian passenger carry Canadian certificated carry Canadian certificated engineers, not applied, and that the Canadian read regulations relating to the inspect of boilers while in course of construct be not applied, and that the boilers such steamboats be deemed to have be inspected by a Canadian steamboat instor, while in course of construction, that the affidavit of the boiler maker, quired by the rules and regulations between quired by the rules and regulations be dis-pensed with.

His Excellency is further pleased to order

His Excellency is further pleased to that the rules and regulations relating the inspection of safety valves be no piled, and that the safety valves of boilers of such steamboats be passed, inspector is satisfied that they are in reliable working order and of sufficient mensions to discharge all the surplus mensions to discharge all the surplus s the boiler can generate beyond the v ing pressure allowed, when under full and engine stopped, and provided the spector considers the construction of JOHN J. M'GEE, Clerk of the Privy Council

Golden Klondike.

www Some thing of the Hardships the Gold Seekers Must Undergo.

In the rush towards the golden fields of the Klondike, there are thousands who are ill-fitted to stand the strain of hardship and exposure, which are inseparable from that trip. Illness, disease and death is almost certain to claim many of the illprepared adventurers. The following let-ter from one who has undergone the hardships of the trip, will prove interest-ing to those who intend going into the lesolate but gold laden north:

Skagway, Dec. 12th, 1897. Dear Sirs:-My object in writing this etter is to give a word of advice to those who contemplate going to the Yukon gold fields. For ten years I have followed the occupation of prospecting, timber estimating and mining, and the hardships and privations which one has to undergo are enough to wreck the strongest constitu In thespring of 1897 I was stricken with pleurisy, as the result of exposure I recovered from this, but it left behind the seeds of disease which manifested themselves in the form of heart and kidney troubles. I managed to reach Van-couver, but did not have much hopes of recovering. I was advised, however, to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and at first purchased but two boxes. Before these were gone I found beyond a doub that they were helping me, and their continued use "put me on my feet again." to use a common expression. I then en gaged to go to the Yukon country and only those who have made the trip Dawson City can form even the faint conception of the hardships that have borne in making the trip. Befo starting I added to my outfit two dozen boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I can honestly say no part of my outf and I would strongly urge every man w goes in to take a supply with him, as will find the need of a tonic and upbu er of the system on many occasions went in and returned to this place Dalton trail, which consists of 350 of old Indian trail, starting at Py Harbor. In going over the trail one at times to wade through mud more th a foot deep, and ford streams waist of in ice cold waters. When I started the Yukon my weight was only pounds, and I now weigh 169 pot thanks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I am soon starting for another trip Dawson by the same route. This ti however, the travelling will be on sno shoes, and you may depend upon it Dr Williams' Pink Pills will again form par

of my outfit.

I write this letter for the two-fold pr ose of letting you know what your m cine has done for me and urging who go in to take a supply with the Every man, whether he is sick of undertakes the trip to the Yuko will require something to brace and his constitution sound in that country may say that my home is at Copper Cliff. where my wife now resides.

Yours very truly, JOHN PICHE. THERE ARE OTHERS.

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Ontario Liberal Government but With a Very Nar Majority.

Dr. Dewait Elected in Nort Some Seats are in Doubt.

Toronto, March 2.—The lat in yesterday's election show the eral government has been sust majority of three. The figur Liberals, 43 Conservatives, or and one Independent. There stituency yet to hear from. Later-Ontario now stand 46; Conservatives 44; Patron ma's doubtful 2; Russell elec Total 94. 2 p.m.—The latest returns t

O'Keefe, Liberal, defeated in which is a Conservative gain, bell Liberal, elected in South nstead of Dempsey, Conse reported last night, thus even Muskoka is definitely Liber Muskoka is definitely Liber Liberal gain, but counted pre Late returns from Nipissi the probability that Loughr will be elected. The most change, however, but not o tain, is that a big mistake o made in number 38 sub-division forcents, and that Marter is Toronto, and that Marter and Dr. Dewart, Liberal, el figure of the Liberal vote wa

38 instead of 98. This mak erals elected 48. p.m.-Dr. Dewart is 2:30 p.m.—Dr. Dewart is North Toronto. March 2—As mi pected from the closeness of yesterday there is some discrealculations. The Mail, for claims that the Hardy gove been defeated, while the Glewas sustained by a slight ma only element of doubt, howe will remain, when final figurained from remote and une stituencies, and when the Russell has taken place, is to the only independent in the left. of the member for Parry So the only independent in the Mail puts him in the straigh tive column, while the Globe Independent, and as Beatty enservative candidate, the fication seems more reasonal places Conmee as defeat Mail places Conflict as defeat is incorrect and taking out his ing out Beatty, the Conser-left with forty-four seats. On side, however, Muskoka ar East, which the Globe counts are doubtful. If Whitney of these, or if he carries R he gets the support of Beatt Sound, the government will jority after it has elected a ss, indeed—and this is who in possession has all the ac ween now and the next s reases its present meagre

the bye-elections.
Ottawa, March 2.—The Jopendent) to night says: "Wh Hardy may manage to ca government of the province, of the electorate at the polys practically against the The Conservative members lature are nearly doubled in spite the adverse influence their influence. This gain servative party is unparal political records of the provi other general election in the Liberals, now that the peop dealy found out that of

thought it time for a change ALASKA PARTIES IN T New York, March 1 .- A di alparaiso says: The steamer City of Colu from New York to Alaska, gers for the Klondike gold ring delayed here because of la The vessel was injured by the rocks in Smith's chann ago, and had to put in at this pairs. Her officers have be funds from New York, but

has not arrived. Through the United State y Captain Baker advertis 000 in American gold for wh bonds would be issued. the bonds will be received States consulate on March 2 thus obtained will be used pairs, and for the purchase provisions to last until the Puget Sound.

MINERS REFUSE TO Wilkesbarre, Pa., March

cal demonstration of what led to the Lattimer massi afforded just across the lin erne, in Carbon county. F men on strike in Colerain, is of A. S. Van Weyk & Co. ned to march in parade roads about the colliery t nore who remain at work olerain men went on stri what they considered an ins on. They refuse to return the miner is reinstated.

MINERS' STRIKE PR Columbus, O., March 1. ce president of the Ohio ations, says that a strike ers on April 1 now see The Ohio operators have they cannot pay the same v ng coal as was paid in we vania, as the Chicago confishould be paid, and Mr. loubt they will refuse to The miners will not work to

cago scale is paid.

TO BRING BACK ID. Bloomington, Ill., March I ones Bedinger, of Weathe has started for London, En le goes to bring her sist famous song writer, rme back to her home rme is confined in an as; insane in London, sufferincerebral trouble. It is be eturn to her home and rely restore her mind. ssured that there will her sister's removal. LONDON MONEY MARI London, March D. The resemed very tight to day an the prospect of early relief cial demand for gold to the continues was pressing and report is causing exporters governous of the Bank of whether they will allow bank's gold to be withdraw to New York.