

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, May 10

ORGANIC SPLEEN.

A few remarks offered by the Times on Saturday in regard to the Dominion government's proposals have had an unfortunate effect on our irascible neighbor. Who could have supposed that a mild criticism would have produced so violent an outbreak as this from the Colonist.

"If anyone was so sanguine as to expect rational criticism on the course taken by the government from the local organ of the opposition, he must feel disappointed. Its criticism seldom goes beyond a jeer, or a gibe, or a tirade of abuse, and has not risen above that low level when it undertakes to comment on the means taken by the government to meet the deficit caused by the hard times which are felt everywhere by governments as well as individuals.

GOVERNMENT "COURAGE."

In an Ottawa report Mr. Foster is said to have attributed the deficit for the current year to "the sweeping reduction in duties." There has been no reduction in duties worth mentioning since the raw sugar duty was taken off, three years ago, and it might be supposed that this would have taken effect before now. It is possible that the report does the minister of finance an injustice, and that he was not so foolish as to ignore the part played by the decrease in importations during the past and current years. If he had been thoroughly candid and honest he would have admitted that the deficit reflects on the one hand the impairment of the people's purchasing power and on the other the extravagance of the government.

The president of the C. P. R. has most despatchedly fallen foul of the Hudson Bay railway scheme, as appears from the following Montreal dispatch: "When Sir William Van Horne was seen in relation to the Hudson Bay railway project, he said the proposed grant to the company to build the road was sufficient to not only build it but to afford a profit of some hundreds of thousands of dollars for a season's work, and he had no doubt this profit would be increased by working off on the public a lot of bonds. He did not believe that the railway would be operated for a week after it was built, and refused to believe that any arrangement so utterly absurd had been or ever will be seriously thought of by any government."

Sir William no doubt understood quite well that when he was talking in this way he was offering a severe reflection on the government's action in making the advance of \$10,000 a mile for the road for the matter is placed beyond any chance of doubt. The government has not only "seriously considered" but has actually executed the arrangement.

"An Up-Country Liberal," writing to the Vancouver Budget, says: "For the information of Mr. A. G. McPhillips, of Victoria, I send you a clipping from my scrapbook, containing part of a speech by Sir Richard Cartwright, delivered at Chatham, Ontario, December 10th, 1890. From memory also allow me to comment upon two other phrases frequently quoted in an injurious sense against Liberal leaders. In a speech about five years ago, Sir Richard Cartwright stated that just before the election of 1878, he was waited upon by a deputation of manufacturers, who told him that if he would promise on behalf

of the Mackenzie administration to adopt a policy of protection, and give them the benefit of certain tariff changes which they mentioned, they would promise the support of certain manufacturers to the Reform party.

"I told them," said Sir Richard, "to go to the devil, and they went to Sir John A. Macdonald." (It is frequently quoted that Sir Richard said that manufacturers could "go to the devil.")

"In a debate in the house upon Northwest matters, it was argued by Mr. Blake that liberality in dealing with incoming settlers was necessary because certain parts of the United States were offering great inducements.

"A Conservative speaker, following him, pointedly asked him to name any part of the United States that offered inducements equal to those of our own Northwest. Mr. Blake interrupted the speaker by mentioning Kansas as one of the places that he had particularly in mind. This is the foundation for the statement that the "wise" Canadians emigrate to Kansas."

The evening newspaper is steadily gaining in popularity over its morning rival. An evidence of this fact is furnished by Printer's Ink: "The New York World makes wide announcements of its very great daily sales, but will not let anybody know how many copies are of the morning and how many of the evening issue. To the initiated a reason for reticence is known to exist in the fact that the evening edition is a good deal more than twice as large as the morning."

THE CONTEST IN YALE.

The following letter was sent by a resident of Osoyoos district to the Vernon News:

Sir: In studying over the manner in which we get our mail in this section, viz., one week we get a paper and the next week we don't, might I suggest that you give a reduction to a subscriber taking two copies? By this means he might get a paper every week. I have just got a batch of newspapers, and among the things I read I noticed an article in the News-Advertiser calling Mr. Bostock an "innocent," a "carpet bagger," etc., a letter signed "Farmer" in the Vernon News and several articles by yourself predicting ruin to this section if we have free trade, and prophesying the certain return of Mr. Mara. Now that News-Advertiser article made Mr. Bostock lots of friends, as abuse has always an effect contrary to the one intended. As to Mr. Bostock being a carpet bagger, it is simply untrue; rather he is a working man. He has invested largely in this district and if he doesn't have to work hard to hold his own his experience will be altogether different from that of most of those who have brought ruin to this country. The only point I see in the letter signed "Farmer" is that there must be a good many protectionists in Vernon or they would not have bussed the great mill. But have the expectations of the voters been realized? Would it be voted over again? The N. P. was voted for the same way. I leave it to every farmer who, like myself, voted for that measure sixteen years ago, to say if the promises then made have been fulfilled or if they had not better times than they now. Your statement that free trade to this section means ruin is ridiculous, and is a very poor advertisement for British Columbia. I personally know that there is little or no land in Washington or Oregon that can compare with that round Vernon or the Mission. What a libel on the country it is to say to immigrants: "You cannot farm in the county of Yale unless a protectionist government is in power at Ottawa, as if the government changes you are ruined." The sum received from duties on agricultural products at this outpost have not averaged \$35 a year, yet you ask your readers to believe that this \$35 saves them from ruin. Any agricultural supplies that come across the line come because they have better transportation facilities, while we unfortunately can only get a road if it leads to the M. P.'s or M. P. P.'s townsite property. As to your foretelling Mr. Mara's re-election, I have to say that the same causes that defeated Mr. Vernon are operating against Mr. Mara, and you must recollect, Mr. Editor, how badly you guessed public opinion that time.

RANCHER.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Clara Ford Acquitted—Professor Torrington Waxed Wroth.

Toronto, May 6.—The Clara Ford murder trial concluded shortly after 9 o'clock and resulted in a verdict of "not guilty." In last October Frank Westwood was shot on his father's doorstep in Parkdale, and a mystery resulted as to the author of the fatal wound. The detectives followed with a clue which led to the arrest of Clara Ford, who was said to have disguised herself as a man and shot Westwood out of jealousy. Mr. W. C. Murdoch, the eminent criminal lawyer who had the conduct of the case, brought forward evidence showing that on the night of the murder Clara Ford was at the Toronto Opera House. The jury, after a long absence brought in a verdict of not guilty and Clara Ford was given her freedom.

The Mendelssohn Choir gave a successful concert under the directorship of Prof. Vogt, Professor Torrington, conductor of the Metropolitan Church choir, applied at the door for free admission, which is a usual courtesy, and was greatly surprised when told that Mr. Suckling, business manager of the concert, left orders that he was not to be admitted without paying. This put Torrington in an evil frame of mind, and when the concert was over he slapped Suckling in the face. This created a great disturbance, and Suckling threatened to take out a warrant against Torrington.

ALL OVER THE PROVINCE.

Some Items of Interest From the Agricultural and Mining Districts.

The Nakusp and Slocan Railway Will Likely be Extended to Cody Creek.

Midway Advance.

We are given to understand that the Cariboo company, Camp McKinney, have now on the way in another ten stamps, which will be added to those already in operation on their claim, the Cariboo. An addition to the mining machinery of the district is always welcome as it is a sure indication of prosperity.

Residences and business houses are springing up like magic on all sides and Methow City is rapidly being transformed from a log-cabin, one-horse village, to a city of substantial business blocks and stately residences.

We are pleased to note, from the report of the Northport News, that Capt. Burbridge will soon return to Boundary Creek. The captain was the first mining expert in the Trail creek district who pronounced a favorable opinion. His first trip there was in the summer of 1892, in the interests of the Pyritic Smelting Company of San Francisco. He advised Mr. Pugh, the manager, to purchase the War Eagle, Iron Mask and Virginia for \$17,000.

Nelson Miner.

The Surprise has been bonded for \$13,000. The Mugwump will probably be bonded for \$12,000. Work has been resumed on the P. and M.

Mr. Marpole was at Three Forks this week and the report is general that his visit was to enquire into the necessity of extending the Nakusp & Slocan railway to Cody Creek or Sandon. We understand that Mr. Marpole did say that the extension might be necessary, but that nothing would be done until June or July, by which time Sir William Van Horne will have looked over the ground.

Mr. A. Guthrie, of the firm of Foley Brothers & Guthrie, St. Paul, contractors of the Kaslo-Slocan railway, arrived by Wednesday's boat. Mr. Guthrie confirms the report that construction will commence in a few days.

On the 15th instant eight cars of ore were shipped from Revelstoke station, seven cars on the 17th and eight cars on the 18th. The whole number of cars was 23, and they contained 405 tons of ore. It all came from the Slocan, and was consigned to the smelter at Omaha. The mines represented were the Slocan Star by seven cars, Alamo six, No. Five two, Idaho seven and the Alpha one car.

The latest new gold discovery is reported from Alberni, Vancouver Island, where it is stated quartz taken from the Mountain Rose claim assayed as high as \$900 to the ton, the lowest result being given at \$40.

The Montreal Hydraulic Gold Mining company has incorporated at Cariboo, to acquire the property of the Montreal and British Columbia Prospecting and Promoting Company, Limited, certain placer mining properties in Cariboo and to operate the same. Capital stock, \$250,000. Trustees, P. A. Peterson and J. Kennedy of Montreal, J. M. Brown, F. C. Innes and S. O. Richards of Vancouver.

During the winter 48 men have been washing the banks of the Lardeau, B. C., for gold. Two men took out \$3000 in dust and nuggets between them, and all have made good wages. Some of the nuggets taken out were worth \$25 each. A large quantity of float, carrying gold, was found in the creek, and the miners will combine and prospect the mountains with the intention of discovering the ledge from whence came the quartz.

Vernon News.

The Revelstoke smelter has been leased to a Chicago syndicate. Potatoes are selling at Nelson at \$22.50 per ton. The freight from this point is \$9.

Mr. A. Gilmore, of Victoria, who owns a large amount of property in the city, came up from the coast last week. A new market for beef cattle has been opened up to the Kettle river ranchers by the rush to the Trail creek mines in the southern Kootenay district. The old Fort Sheppard trail, which has become obstructed in some places by fallen timber, etc., will be at once cleared out, so that the same may be driven from Grand Prairie, Kettle river, to the Trail creek mines without crossing the international boundary.

NANAIMO NEWS.

The Synod Meeting—Cases for Spring Assizes.

Nanaimo, May 3.—The fourth meeting of the Synod of British Columbia and Alberta opened in St. Andrew's church yesterday morning. The synod is composed of a representative minister and elder from each congregation in British Columbia and Alberta. There were twenty-four members in attendance.

The case of Dr. Garrow, of Victoria, was heard. Dr. Garrow was present and was allowed to state his own case. Rev. D. A. McRae and Clay spoke in support of the action taken by the presbytery. After a little further discussion it was referred to a committee composed of Revs. Herdman, McLaren, McMillan and Buchanan to report on Friday morning, when the case will be finally decided.

The synod decided to remain in session over Sunday and arrangements have been made for supplying the pulpits of Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster.

There are three cases set for the spring assizes to be held here on the 7th inst.: Regina vs. J. P. Planta, misappropriation of funds; Regina vs. McInnis & McInnis, compounding a qui tam suit; and Regina vs. Hughes, indecent assault. At the meeting of the District Metho-

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dist church yesterday, Maple Bay circuit was divided as follows: Duncans comprises Duncans, Chemainus, McPherson's and Tetland. Maple Bay and Salt Spring Island will form another circuit.

Rev. M. Tate moved a resolution memorializing the conference to decide that the annual conference commence hereafter the first Thursday in June. The motion was carried unanimously.

The elections to the annual conference resulted as follows: Stationing committee, Rev. R. B. Maitland; Sunday school, Rev. J. Turner; layman, C. Spencer; Epworth league, Rev. Jos. Hall, John Jessup; missionary committee, layman, Thos. Haggart. A special ministerial session was called to consider the case of J. T. Southall, who desisted during the year to take work in the Salvation Army. It was resolved that the conference be recommended to drop his name in silence from the minutes.

The "Fencing Master" drew a large crowd to the opera house last evening, and it is the first time in the history of the stage in Nanaimo that a company of such exceptional operatic ability has ventured to appear here. The applause which continually followed the performance must have been exceedingly gratifying to them, and made up for other little shortcomings of the audience.

Nanaimo, May 4.—The appeal of Dr. Garrow was again brought up at the Presbyterian synod yesterday. The committee gave in their report, which was of a non-committal character, and will necessitate the reference of the matter to the general assembly at Toronto. The next annual meeting of the synod was arranged to take place at Vancouver on the first Wednesday in May, 1896. The rest of the morning was occupied in arranging the regular routine business—principally finance.

After lunch the first matter taken up was the recommendations from the home mission committee which were read last night. They were: that the synod overture the general assembly: 1. To fix the minimum salary of unmarried ordained missionaries at \$300.

2. To make the remuneration of students \$6 per week in the summer and \$7 in the winter.

3. To instruct its committee in making grants to the fields to discriminate in regard to the varying expenses of living, the ordinary for house rent being in some places, for instance, four times what it is in others.

4. That in case of deficits in the contributions to the home mission funds, the reduction of grants to missionaries be not carried into effect until six months has been given.

5. That all grants be voted by the assembly committee in the East, to each field, rather than being sent in a lump sum to the synod committee to be allocated in the west.

These recommendations were all adopted. An overture from the presbytery of Calgary was then taken up in regard to co-operation in home mission work. Rev. J. C. Herdman, of Calgary, represented the presbytery in support of it.

Another overture from the same presbytery urged that the expenses of commissioners to the general assembly should be paid from some general fund, and not left to the private means of each commissioner.

The case of L. W. Fanquier occupied Magistrate Bate yesterday afternoon. The time of the court was evidently not taken into consideration by the prosecutor when court adjourned at 5:30 o'clock a settlement was no nearer than before the proceedings opened.

The wife of Magistrate Simpson expressed suddenly yesterday from heart disease. The community, generally, express their sympathy for the bereaved husband. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

It is now generally understood that there will be no assize on the 7th at Nanaimo. The Planta case has been laid over for the fall assize, and the indecent assault case of Hughes will also be postponed. A change of venue being

granted in the McInnes qui tam suit, leaves no cases to be disposed of.

David Adamson, a miner, employed at the Wellington colliery, was severely injured by a fall of coal in No. 6 shaft yesterday afternoon.

FROM THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

Indians on the Warpath—H. B. R.—The School Question.

Winnipeg, May 2.—It is said on good authority that the reply of the local government on the school question will be thus: "That inasmuch as this legislature was elected to support national schools, it must adhere to that policy on account of which it was returned to power, and before this government can give any other answer than that the national school system must be maintained, it must discover a fresh attitude on the part of the people of Manitoba on this question."

In other words, the government will say "No" to the remedial order and will go to the country for an expression of opinion upon its action.

A Killarney dispatch to the Free Press says: "A party over from St. John's, North Dakota, last night reports that the inhabitants of St. John's have nearly all moved out and are greatly alarmed, Indians having taken possession of the town, barricading it with cordwood to resist arrest. A special train from Bismarck was expected in last night with troops. They will guard the boundary to prevent the Indians escaping over the line and they attack them." Farmers are crowding into Rolla, North Dakota, in a very alarmed state.

Hugh Sutherland and the H. B. R. R. contractors left Portage la Prairie early this morning on a drive of inspection over the new Hudson's Bay route. They will return on Saturday. Mr. Andrew Strang, secretary of the Hudson's Bay railway, says that yesterday Mr. Sutherland, president; Mr. Sprague, director; and he met and officially ratified the contract to build the first 250 miles of the Hudson's Bay railway which was signed by the contractors and the president in the East. The contractors bind themselves to build 250 miles, one-half of it this year and the other half next, while the company binds themselves regarding the payment. The road is not to be taken of the hands of the contractors until it has been passed by the government engineer, which will satisfy both the government and the company. There is no question, said Mr. Strang, but that the road will be built this year if the government carry out the order-in-council, and he did not think there was any doubt on that score. After the road reaches the Saskatchewan there will not be much difficulty in finding the money required to build it to the bay.

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Sir, I saw the other subsidized organs which gentlemen, a statement of the late lamented Donald had fallen upon me so. If so, Mr. me that it has covered much the same reserved, if I recollect ver's coat descended of his sacred majesty speaker, I may say learn from so high a master of finance, first in harmony, and then him aright, that he would not be so damaged in any that the same may be desired, or that, if an ed upon to seal the opinions with their were all received in ing to my view of tion is most grave, a gentleman may say, gentleman may think the question well out taxation is extr We know right well perhaps, a word that subject, how it completely the effort man, well meant as failed during the last of the last year to re that taxation. It is I do not hold him to the income of very most important sect have been enormous the last three or four wise true that the to Canada abroad, and the hon. gentleman of account, not merely of our municipal debt, the general debt, has enormous the past few years. A tleman knows our situation, and I know it better, that of Canada, not mere of population fallen prevails in our day, but in the old, but it is five and a half years of all is true of presents, and of the which he sits in this wish to enlarge on the ent; it requires more at my disposal, and I most of all is true of tantities, indeed, to pe of these facts on the and to show how uttacious is the view welman holds, and I conclude upon as one which easily to pass away, the conduct of the makes it impossible occasion to avoid exist. There is no question, said Mr. Strang, but that the road will be built this year if the government carry out the order-in-council, and he did not think there was any doubt on that score. After the road reaches the Saskatchewan there will not be much difficulty in finding the money required to build it to the bay.

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What did the hon. gentleman say, and a quarter? He was to throw away dollars. One-quarter the purpose of conciliating interests, and another hon for the purpose of justice, the very unprofitable to have been, according to him, after a year in all to our shape of an Atlantic and of subsidies of more. Finally, and of an appropriate hon. gentleman, this