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PRESENTATION TO RAINBOW.

The interesting ceremony, which took place at Esquimalt, when the handsome piece of plate presented to H. M. C. S. Rainbow by the government of British Columbia was formally handed over to Commander Stewart, is not without much significance.

It is very satisfactory to learn from Commander Stewart that the young men of Canada are showing readiness to enter the naval service. It would be pleasant to be able to write that war is to be no more, and that the time has come to convert our cannon into structural steel and employ explosives only in removing obstructions in the way of industrial development.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

No explanation that has yet been given satisfactorily accounts for the activity of the forces of the United States on the Mexican frontier. So far as the public is able to judge, President Diaz is fully able to cope with the insurrection, and therefore foreign interests are not at all endangered by the disturbed conditions of the country.

There is nothing in the existing situation, as far as the despatches disclose, that calls for such preparations. Intervention between the government and the insurgents would be an unwarrantable interference with the sovereign rights of Mexico.

A persistent rumor connects Japan with the situation, but no one has an even plausible explanation of it. The rumor has its origin in Germany. There comes from Berlin a story to the effect that an offensive and defensive alliance has been entered into between Mexico and the United States, and that a similar treaty was made with Nicaragua in which it was stipulated that the Nicaraguan coast should be used by Japan as a base of attack upon the Panama Canal.

A very pretty little story comes from London. Mme. Sherwin, a singing teacher, one Christmas Eve heard children singing before her window an old time Christmas carol. She says she felt annoyed until one of the voices reached high C and held it firmly and beautifully.

reaction, in which event the United States will seek to discover a cause for interfering in Mexico and thus precipitating a crisis before Japan is quite ready to act. We give the story for what it is worth, without suggesting that it is worth very much.

ENGLISH INVESTORS

"Opportunities" discusses the hesitancy of Englishmen to invest money in British Columbia. The reference is not so much to large investments as to small ones. Our contemporary quotes a letter from an Englishman to the effect that things, which look very well here, do not look so well when regarded from a point of view six thousand miles away.

JAIL SENTENCES IN TRUST CASES

Bath Tub Men in Danger of Imprisonment if Convicted—Electrical Trust Inclined to Obey the Law

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so pleased with the voice of one of them, that she sent them home with her maid and immediately after Christmas made arrangements to educate and train the child. The little girl has developed a wonderful voice and is being prepared for her debut, when it is foretold that she will create a furor. She is said to be a very modest little thing with no thoughts for anything but her music.

The British News of Canada having informed its readers that it is difficult for settlers to obtain land on Vancouver Island in close proximity to a market, a local contemporary lays the blame for this upon the McBride government. No doubt the present administration has its faults. We are willing to concede for example that it brought on the Flood, that it was the cause of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, that it is responsible for the depopulation of Sahara, and that Mr. McBride was really the man that struck Billy Paterson; but when it comes to admitting that it is responsible for the fact that all the available agricultural land in Saanich, Sooke and Metehun has been taken up and that the E. & N. Railway grant exists, we fear, that in the interest of historical accuracy, we must decline. However, we suppose any old grievance will do, and it may as well be this one as another.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Bird, pioneer residents of Elk Creek, have removed to Victoria to take up their residence here.

A Thoughtful Expenditure Is the Wisest Economy

WHEN BUYING FURNITURE take plenty of time; look over the article carefully, figure out if it is really worth the price asked. Our furniture, carpets, china, glass, etc., are marked at the lowest prices that goods of quality can be sold for. When buying from us you run no risk of paying the HIGH price usually asked in stores who have BARGAIN SALES. The day of the Faker are about over. It is a good policy to deal at the quality store.



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- HALL SEATS, solid quarter cut oak, Early English finish, handsome design, with cupboard in seat. \$25.00, \$20.00, \$16.00 and \$15.00. Hall Seat, without cupboard seat \$8.00. Hall Seat, without cupboard seat \$8.00. Hall Seats, in fumed oak—44-inch \$38.00. 42-inch \$20.00.



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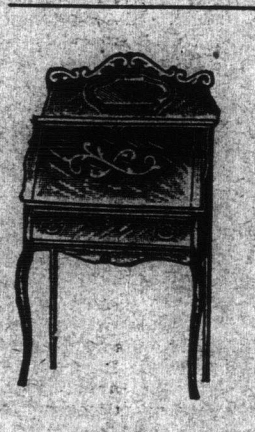
- HALL RACKS, Hall Racks, Early English, \$30.00, \$22.50, \$18.00 and \$16.00. Hall Racks, golden oak, \$40.00 and \$32.50. These are stylish, high quality racks. We will appreciate your inspection of these.

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- Ladies' Writing Desks, solid quarter cut oak, golden finish, from \$40.00 to \$12.00. Ladies' Writing Desks, solid quarter cut oak, Early English finish, \$35.00 to \$12.00.

- Ladies' Writing Desks, in fumed oak, from \$16.00. Ladies' Writing Desks, in mahogany, \$60.00 to \$14.00. Ladies' Writing Desks, in bird's-eye maple \$20.00.

New Dinner Wagons

We have a beautiful new line of Dinner Wagons on our third floor. These we know cannot be duplicated in this town. They are the very newest design of exceptionally fine material, finished beautifully. Their appearance is so fine that it makes the price look exceptionally reasonable.

- Dinner Wagon, in fumed oak, 18 x 36 \$17.00. Dinner Wagons, solid quarter cut oak, in golden, Early English or fumed finish, at \$18.00. Dinner Wagons, in solid quarter cut oak, Early English finish, or golden finish, or fumed, 15 x 32 \$16.00.

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WEILER BROS. The One Price Store

Countless Millions but Russia's System of Stands in Way

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—It appears, says Countess Gold in her vast territory in no way of getting ground. A report has just been received from the gold production of the like so many reports of it conveys the impression up to date has lacked the of the practical business ruled by the bureaucrat administrator. What has either insufficient or in reaction, what is needed practical results has been undone. Thus the enormous land owned by the Emperor territories produce the amount of \$10,000 or \$15,000, while three and a amount is either known or pass over the Chinese frons routes.