

The great progress made in Victoria and Vancouver Island during the last six years cannot, perhaps, be attributed to any one thing; but it will hardly be denied that the policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has contributed a great deal to bring about the condition of things upon which we all so much and so justly congratulate ourselves.

THE INTERCOLONIAL

It appears to be the intention of the government to extend the Intercolonial Railway into counties in Nova Scotia that have as yet no railway facilities. This statement was made by the Minister of Railways on a motion that effect moved in the Commons by Mr. Mackenzie of Cape Breton and supported by Mr. Borden.

BRITISH POLITICS

At this writing the Liberals and Unionists have each elected 271 members of the House of Commons. The Laborists have 42, the Nationalists 10. In Great Britain the ministry has a majority of about 40 over the Opposition.

THE CHRISTMAS SECTION

The Christmas section of the Vernon News is a thing of beauty typographically, and in the character of its contents it cannot be surpassed.

By the death of Michael King, Victoria has lost one of her most picturesque figures as well as one of her best known and most highly esteemed citizens.

When projected railways have been completed—and there seem to be no great difficulties in the way—the journey from London to Bombay will occupy only seven days. There are about 1,600 miles of railway to be built.

To crumple up a street car transfer in Toronto is an offence against the statute in such case made and provided, but unless the papers of that city misrepresent the facts, the tramway company can crumple up its passengers as it pleases and yet violate nothing but their feelings.

Our friends in the Mother Country are ingenious at election times, but the candidate who posted his wife's portrait on every available billboard in his constituency seems very near reaching the limit. After this the fact that he took her everywhere he went on his canvassing tour seems commonplace.

Mr. Gouldthorpe is conceded by the government to have a high rank in the public mind in the Ottawa printing bureau.

In 1841 there were 16,000,000 people living in the United Kingdom, of whom 2,300,000 were employed on the land. In 1901 only 388,500 were employed on the land, although the population had risen to 32,800,000.

Viscount Morley thinks the only formidable obstacle to the solution of all the problems of British politics is "race prejudice," by which he means the prejudice of the Irish against the English and vice versa.

The Toronto Globe estimates that the cost of maintaining the schools in that city in 1911 will be at least \$1,500,000 and the expenditure on accommodation fully three quarters of a million.

The Premier of Prince Edward's Island is reported to have said that there will be a rebellion in that province if its representation in the Commons is reduced.

It is interesting to see if they will now take the position that there has not been a sufficient mandate on the constitutional question. We have endeavored in the discussion of these questions to avoid as far as possible any expression of opinion, but we say frankly that, as much as we favor democratic institutions, the proposals of the Lords were in our humble judgment to be referred to those of the ministry. But this only in passing.

Guilty of Murder

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 18.—Julian A. Mock, who killed a woman in a quarrel in September last in Medford, Ore., was found guilty by a jury at Jackson today of murder in the second degree. Mock claimed the killing was in self-defence.

Earthquake in California

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 18.—A sharp shock of earthquake was felt in the vicinity a few seconds after 6 o'clock this morning. At Santa Clara college the vertical and horizontal seismographs both recorded it as approximately one and one-half minutes in duration. The direction was southeast. At Las Pinos, in the foothills, the shock was sharp and at Gilroy it woke many from their morning slumbers.

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Useful Gifts for Men Folk---Home and Den

- Arm Chair, Rocker, Office Chair, Den Chair, Chiffonier for Clothes, Hall Rack, Wardrobe, Book Rack, Couch or Lounge, Card Table, Library or Den Table, Desks for Home or Office, Pictures for Den, Reading Lamps, Fireplace Furniture, Military Brushes, Shaving Mirrors, Shaving Mugs, Moustache Cup & Saucers, Wine Coolers, Toast Raacks, Sponge Basket, Match Box Holders.

Useful Gifts for Woman and Her Home

- Reception Chair, Reed Chair, Tea Table, Bedroom Furniture, Cushions, Buffet or Sideboard, Bookcase, Music Cabinet, Tabourette, Writing Desk, Kitchen Cupboard, Butler's Tray and Stand, Lace Curtains, Linoleum for Kitchen, Tray or Tea Clothes, Piano Lamp, Silverware—the kind that resists wear, Candelabra, Fern Pots, Brass and Silver-plate, Manicure Sets, Carvers and Forks, Fish Knives and Forks, Epergnes, Tea Sets, Art China, Cheese Stands, Foot Warmers, Cradle, China Tea Sets, China Dinner Sets, Coffee Percolators, Call Bells, Parlor Chair or Suite.

Gifts for the Children

- High Chair, Rocker, Child's Set—3 pieces, Crib or Child's Bed, Doll's Bed, Silver Mugs, China Mugs, Napkin Rings, Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, Indian Clubs.

Useful Gifts for Every-body

- Furniture, Rugs, Silverware, China, Enamel Ware, Wooden Ware, Tinware, Kitchen Utensils, Brushes, Bedding.

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TRANSVAAL MINES LESS PROFITABLE

Returns for Nine Months of Present Year Show Decrease in Money Available for Distribution

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 20.—In some respects the mining industry of the Transvaal during the first nine months of the year has realized the reasonable anticipations formed 12 months ago. It is true that the production of gold, coal, diamonds and base minerals was on a greater scale and that employment for a larger number was found. More money was expended in salaries, wages, and stores, and to that extent the country gained, but the proportion of the gold production which is available for distribution as profit is less than in the year 1909.

WAR ON PRIZE FIGHTS

Authorities at Schenectady and Ludington Take Action to Prevent Contests

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—In an endeavor to stop a round fight between Jack (Twin) Sullivan and Percy Flynn of Boston here last night, before the American Athletic club, Sam Langford, Bob Armstrong, Matchmaker Jake Carey and Flynn were arrested before the bout. Sullivan left the city before he could be arrested.

OBJECT TO TAX

Dr. Proudfoot Takes Exception to Regulation Enforcing License Fee on Doctors

Dr. Alexander Proudfoot is not at all in accord with the regulations of the city, which provide for the licensing of doctors. In a communication addressed to city treasurer Monday, enclosing his cheque for \$10 for doctors' license fee he states: "I cannot refrain from entering my protest against so ill-advised a tax. Most cities are only too glad to have doctors settle here without taxing them for so doing, as they all do gratuitous work for the poor, which saves the cities many times the amount of any license fee, and I am surprised that Victoria is an exception to the rule. I will feel much obliged if you will place this protest before the council at their next meeting as all the doctors in the city think as I do, that the tax is unjust and ought to be repealed."

Indian Moonshiners Raided

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 20.—A raid by a detachment of marines from the revenue cutter Rush has resulted in the breaking up of an Indian moonshiner's camp at the Indian village of Hoona. Mandy Martin, a squaw, was arrested, and is said to have made a confession implicating her husband and other members of the tribe. Continued reports of moonshining at Hoona have been received by federal officers. State deputy marshals have been without result. The matter was placed