

A CLERICAL ERROR.

The public will be rather amused to find the Colonist announcing that "there has been a material modification in the tone of the press regarding the B. C. Southern land grant."

On a few days ago the government organ undertook to show that the Hon. Mr. Blair was all wrong when he said that this land grant amounted to 15,000,000 acres; it found that "Mr. Blair made a series of distinct statements in connection with the land grant to the B. C. Southern, all of which were wide of the mark."

The Colonist, however, offers a most remarkable explanation for it avers that the grant of 20,000 acres per mile was extended to the western section of the road "by reason of a clerical error" in the act of 1894. There surely never before was a case where a "clerical error" could be held to account for the increase of a railway subsidy from 3,500,000 acres to 15,000,000 acres.

It is to be noted that while the Colonist and World have corrected their error, the News-Advertiser has maintained a solemn and dignified silence on the subject ever since it undertook to crush the Hon. Mr. Blair. Perhaps it is preparing a weighty utterance which will clear up all the mystery surrounding this affair.

the Colonist's theory that the last extension of the grant is due to a "clerical error" in the act of 1894, and having appealed in vain to the Colonist to point out wherein he has better success with the Vancouver organ.

There is one circumstance which the government organs like to keep in the background. The act of 1894 was a public act, drawn up by the government and passed through the house in charge of the Attorney-General (then the Hon. Theodore Davie) from start to finish.

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CHAMPLAIN ELECTION CASE.

In the petition against the election of Dr. Marcotte, Conservative in the county of Champlain, Que., one of the charges advanced was that the bishop and some of the priests had intimidated electors against voting for the Liberal candidate.

Before long British Columbians are likely to receive some assistance from the eastern provinces in their agitation for a higher tax on Chinese.

WHERE IS THE ERROR?

Yesterday we asked a very plain and easily understood question in regard to the B. C. Southern land grant which the Colonist to-day deliberately evades.

LET US HAVE LIGHT.

When the Hon. Mr. Blair made his statement in reference to the extent of the British Columbia Southern land grant, the Vancouver World came to the conclusion that the statement was wrong.

THE TALK OF EUROPE

Arrest of Officers of Military Commission Causes Excitement in Constantinople.

Herbert Spencer Consents to a Fund Being Opened to Print His Portrait for Nation.

The Sultan Charged With Fomenting Demonstrations Against Reforms.

London, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Constantinople says: Three officers of the military commission were arrested at Galata bridge to-day, causing great excitement.

Newspapers state that the uncle of Princess Ohinay and Carman has stopped all supplies of money till the affairs are settled in regard to the elopement with the Hungarian Gypsy King.

The Times announces that the Princess has issued an indignant protest against the scandalous interview by M. Catulle Mendes, which was published in Le Journal.

In response to a letter signed by over 20 noblemen and gentlemen eminent in literature, science and art including Mr. Gladstone, Herbert Spencer has consented to a fund being opened to print his portrait for the nation.

The Pope is pronounced well again after the slight indisposition resulting from the exertions attendant upon his Christmas and New Year receptions.

John Chandler, a clerk, was arraigned in the Guildhall police court yesterday for the railway's fast express from Mc-Kinnon & Co., of Toronto, and others.

The Times correspondent in Constantinople says that diplomacy there credits the palace with inciting the Asiatic provincial governors to foment demonstrations against the proposed reforms in the provinces.

WRECKERS CONFESS. Arrest of the Men Who Caused the Train Wreck at Cahaba.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—A special to the Republic from Birmingham, Ala., says: Four of the five train wreckers in jail here confessed to the formation of a fanatical plot to wreck and rob the Cahaba train.

CHINESE EXCLUSION.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Secretary Carlisle in his report says: Many difficulties are continually experienced by the officers charged with the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws, but, with few exceptions, their duties have been performed so far with promptness and in an efficient manner.

SPANISH TROUBLES.

Parisian Anarchists Protest Against Treatment of Friends in Spain.

Paris, Jan. 5.—A mass meeting was held to-night to protest against the torturing of anarchists in the prisons of Spain. Violent speeches were made and at their conclusion 5,000 persons marched to the Spanish embassy shouting "down with Canovas!"

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Inquiries in ministerial and political circles show that there is no hesitation in affirming that the autonomist and other parties in Porto Rico are perfectly satisfied with the reforms just decreed as an instalment, and confide in the promise and good faith of the government to concede all the further self-government which the circumstances require.

however, after every wheel had left the track. Seeing that their plot had failed, Parker says he and Peagan fled, mounted on a mule.

Here the confessions end, but as the Cahaba wreck was like the McCombs attempted wreck in every detail, except that it was successful even to the extent of sacrificing twenty-six lives and the wounded and dead being robbed by the wreckers.

PERKINS HAS IT.

He Will in All Probability Secure the California Senatorship.

Sacramento, Cal. Jan. 6.—George C. Perkins was declared the nominee of the joint Republican caucus to-night. Twenty-six assemblymen and twenty-three senators went into the caucus, and Perkins received 63 votes and the proxy of Sims, making a vote of 60.

PRICE OF CODFISH.

Unfortunate Newfoundland Has Another Matter to Trouble Her.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 5.—The price of codfish in the European markets has dropped alarmingly, and exporters here are apprehensive of the result.

CANNERS COMBINE.

Astoria, Or., Jan. 5.—C. S. Norris, of Chicago, who organized the canners combine a year ago, is here and from present indications will endeavor to form a stronger combine, more similar to that of the Alaska Packers' Association.

PACIFIC CABLE.

Agreement Arrived at Between Great Britain and the Colonies.

New York, Jan. 6.—A special copy-righted cablegram to the Evening Post from London says: "The draft report of the Pacific Cable commission was signed this afternoon on behalf of the British, Australian and Canadian governments, after many months of investigation.

MRS. GLADSTONE'S BIRTHDAY.

Unveils a Memorial Window to the Martyred Armenians.

London, Jan. 6.—The celebration to-day of the birthday of Mrs. Gladstone, wife of the great British statesman, was of unusual interest, owing to the presence of the Armenian delegation and the unveiling by Mrs. Gladstone of a memorial window in Hawarden church to the martyred Armenians.

Good Blood

is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health, impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other disease.

MCKINLEY'S CABINET.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 7.—President-elect McKinley has at last got down to the serious work of constructing a cabinet for the new administration.

CANADIAN PENSIONS

One of Col. Prior's Pet Schemes Which He Could not Get Out of Late Government.

Order-in-Council Dismissing Dr. Duncan Approved by Governor-General.

Domestic and American Fish Commissioners Decide on a Joint Report.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Borden is considering a scheme of pensions for officers and men of the permanent corps and members of headquarters staff.

The order-in-council dismissing Dr. George Duncan as quarantine officer at Victoria, B.C., was returned to the department of agriculture today approved by Lord Aberdeen.

Hon. Mr. Fielding stated to-day that the tariff commissioners will have to confine their eastern engagements to Quebec, Halifax and St. John.

It is understood here that the nature of the report signed by the Pacific Cable Commissioners is merely to recommend its construction by Great Britain and the different colonies interested.

Dr. Wakeham, Canada's representative on the International Fisheries Commission, has returned to Ottawa, having completed his duties.

Out of 40,000 stand of Lee-Enfield rifles ordered by the Dominion government, some 33,000 have been delivered.

The cabinet had a three-hour sitting yesterday at which the question of the extension of Canadian trade was under consideration.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

Victoria, Jan. 7.—The wheat market is becoming very strong and an advance in flour may be looked for in a few days.

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour, \$1.50; Lake of the Woods, \$1.50; Rainier, \$1.50; Snowflake, \$1.50; XXX, \$1.50; Lion, \$1.50; Premier (Borden), \$1.50; Three Star (Borden), \$1.50; Strong Baker's (O.K.), \$1.50; Selton, \$1.50; Wheat, per ton, \$30.00 to \$32.00; Barley, per ton, \$22.00 to \$25.00; Middlings, per ton, \$20.00 to \$22.00; Bran, per ton, \$12.00 to \$15.00; Ground feed, per ton, \$25.00 to \$27.00; Corn, whole, per ton, \$30.00 to \$32.00; Corn, cracked, \$28.00; Cornmeal, per 10 pounds, \$3.00; Oatmeal, per 10 pounds, \$3.00; Rolled oats, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks, \$3.00; Potatoes, per pound, \$1.50; Cabbage, \$1.50; Cauliflower, per head, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Hay, baled, per ton, \$13 to \$15; Straw, per bale, \$5.00 to \$6.00; Onions, per lb, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Bananas, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Lemons (California), \$2.50 to \$3.00; Apples, Eastern, per box, \$3.00 to \$4.00; Oranges (California), per box, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Oranges (Japanese), per box, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Fish—salmon, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Halibut, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Fish—small, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Smoked hickory, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Eggs, Manitoba, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Butter, creamery, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Butter, Delta creamery, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Cheese, Cheddar, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Hams, American, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Hams, Canadian, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Bacon, American, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Bacon, rolled, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Bacon, long clear, per pound, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Bacon, Canadian, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Shoulders, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Sides, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Veal—beef, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Veal—veal, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Mutton (whole), \$1.00 to \$1.50; Pork, fresh, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Pork, sides, per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.50; Chickens, per pair, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

HON. MR. LAURIE

Eloquent and Vigorous at the Club N. Mo

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At the banquet given in his honor by the Club National in Montreal the Hon. Mr. Laurier spoke as follows:

—Despite the much too flattering language in which you, Mr. President, have spoken of me, it is not out of place that I should say that this banquet, in many ways, exceeds the ordinary demonstrations of this kind. In political life and customs a banquet is a thing of frequent occurrence, but we consider the solemn circumstances in which we are placed to-day, we are permitted to indulge in the belief that the echoes of this banquet will penetrate through the years to come.

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