

The Colonist.

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THE FAVORING TIDE.

The Toronto Globe, speaking of the business situation in Canada, says there is "a feeling of optimism and confidence abroad in the financial and commercial world."

Since the development of British Columbia means so much for the whole of Canada, it is to be hoped that the government and parliament of the Dominion will recognize that what they may be asked to do to advance it must be considered in the broadest possible sense as for the advantage of the whole country.

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bringing about lasting peace in the Upper Nile valley, and that is by the complete overthrow of the power of the Arabs and the extermination of the slave trade. To do this, the Anglo-Egyptian forces must go at least as far as Khartoum, and perhaps it may be necessary to destroy as well as capture Omdurman, the capital of the Soudan.

OUR SMELTING ORES. Mr. Cobbleck, in his interview in yesterday's Colonist, touched upon a new and very interesting point in connection with gold mining in this province. He mentioned that English mining men, when they think of gold mines, have free-milling quartz only in mind, but pointed out that in the smelting ores, which are the commonest kinds in British Columbia, the vein matter instead of consisting of worthless silica carries copper and sometimes other economic minerals, and is therefore the more valuable.

In this province great bodies of low grade ores are known to exist. The deposits are so enormous that if they were free milling it would pay to operate them, just as it pays so handsomely to operate the Alaska Treadwell mines. Such ores await the discovery of methods of treatment that will make it pay to handle them, and it is very probable that the fact of the gold occurring in combination with some base metal may afford the solution of the problem.

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merest tyro in criticism finds it a mark for his arrows. Some of the critics are utterly unfamiliar with the Canadian system of administration. "Their speech bewrayeth them."

COERCION THAT WILL NOT COERCE. The Philadelphia Ledger is responsible for the following: The Canadian policy of President McKinley will be watched with interest. It is not known that he has ever committed himself on the subject, and his friends in Washington desire the Canadian to state his views on other subjects, do not know how he stands on this.

Imperial Federation, though not a political issue as yet, is coming to the front at a rapid pace. Its discussion is always timely. That it will one day be accomplished we have no doubt, but it will be brought about, as almost everything worth preserving in the British constitution has been, by the formative process of its consumption, more or less.

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The people of Bella Coola want a trail into the interior. This request is reasonable one, and will doubtless receive every consideration which the many demands upon the revenue will permit. In this province of magnificent distances, where so many new sections are being opened up, the calls upon the government are almost without limit.

CERTAIN statements appeared in the Colonist yesterday reflecting upon the manner in which Dr. Fraser has discharged his duty as health officer. The statements were made in good faith and under the impression that they were absolutely correct.

THE Fort Angeles papers hardly know what to think about the alleged resolution of some Pittsburgers to establish a big steel plant in the Washington town. The Democrat-Leader is inclined to believe the report true because Thomas Murphy, who is named as vice-president of the new company, spent two or three weeks in Port Angeles last summer and, after making many inquiries, left with a promise that the people would soon hear from him in regard to a proposition that would mean much for the town.

THE school board in its discussion of salaries has recognized a correct principle in proposing that the pay of teachers in the lower grades shall be placed upon an equitable basis as compared with those in higher grades. Almost as great a degree of teaching skill is required in the case of the former as in that of the latter. It is of paramount importance that the foundation stones of a child's education should be well and truly laid.

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HON. MR. PATTERSON who, as a member of the tariff commission, ought to be able to speak with authority, told the people of Brandon, Ont., a few days ago that there would be "no reactionary measure of tariff reform," and that the government would carefully protect the manufacturing interests of Canada.

MODERNITY is not the distinguishing feature of our esteemed contemporary the Inland Sentinel. It wants three more representatives in the legislature and wants them right away. It goes further and says how it thinks its urgent demand can be complied with. "Esquimaux with its two representatives," is an outrage," says the Sentinel, and these two seats "can be handed over to Kootenay."

THE New York Sun keeps up its campaign for the annexation of Canada. Unhappily for the peace of mankind Editor Dana in his younger days was assistant secretary of war or something like that under Lincoln. His experience was lively and his services patriotic, but neither sufficed to cool the belligerent ardor of his blood.

THE action of the government in giving the engraving contract to an American house continues to excite much comment among our Eastern contemporaries. The claim is made that it will mean a saving of \$120,000 in five years as compared with the prices paid under the old contract.

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BOARD OF TRADE ENDORSED. That some restrictions will be put on the never-ending list of mill and other (and in some cases little mineral) mining companies at the next session of the legislature is expected. How it is to be done has been often asked.

RAILWAYS WANTED. The development of the Province demands the construction of certain railroads. We trust the government will be able to evolve ways and means free from the objectionable features of the past and yet of a businesslike nature.

ALL TALK IMMIGRATION. If the government can people the Northwest and raise the level of prosperity in the cities at the same time, it will have made a "hit" worthy of the greatest effort.—Montreal Star.

THE CLERGY IN POLITICS. And while we may occasionally hear of undue influence in Quebec elections, prompted not by the church as a whole, but by the zeal of the extremists, the resort to such influence is altogether without authority. The other question, that of the control of opinion, is, however, as we have recently seen, undetermined.

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BY WAY OF VARIETY. No one need be at a loss to understand why the Sultan is unable to make up his mind what to do. He has 7,000 wives. The impression is gaining ground that the British judge who sentenced Lady Scott has a mother-in-law of his own.

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LONDON, Jan. 19.—Du-bate on the address, the Salisbury turned his attention to arbitration treaty concluded between Great Britain and the United States.

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