DISALLOWANCE

A telegram to an evening paper con tains extracts from the Toronto Globe on the question of disallowance of provincial acts. As far as can be gathered from the extracts the views of the Globe stacle in the way of a satisfactory treaty ing the last twenty years has materially or other arrangement with a foreign retarded her progress in that direction. ance is reserved to the Governor-General pied by a population that will know how because the courts will declare such acts into the political arena. manifest that the omission to employ it vancement of the cause of humanity, alof the provinces to deal as they think ought to desire peace and work for it. best with what is their own cannot very well be questioned without creating serious friction. As the Globe points out, if provincial legislation is not acceptable to people of the United States they must so frame their own legislation as to avoid the provocation to the passage of laws which they do not like.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

There is considerable excitement in Se attle and Tacoma over the report that the head of Lynn Canal is to be given up to Canada. The papers of those cities insist that such a surrender will deprive the Sound cities of a great deal of trade. and this undoubtedly is the case. Nevertheless this hardly disposes of the ques- THE APPEAL TO SECTIONALISM. tion. The boundary line must be located somewhere and as the Colonist has frequently pointed out, owing to the diftation must be agreed upon. It is quite the region around Skagway is valuable,

few Seattle business firms would not stand in the way.

THE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE.

speech to the Czar's disarmament propo-fluence. But the one great issue upon the United States for \$20,000,000 the sition brings this great question once which the people of Victoria believed sum which the latter power has agreed more under the attention of the world in they were pronouncing, the one great isa prominent way. It is undoubtedly the sue upon which they desired to be undersupreme question in international politics stood as speaking, was the constitutional to the transfer was never asked, and it will appear at the Victoria the to-day, and though there is very much difference of opinion as to what the practical results of the proposed conference will be, there can be none as to the desirability of the effort to relieve Europe stood as speaking, was the constitutional question, involved in the dismissal of the transfer was never asked, and it will occur to most independent observers that there has been some very bad mandagement in that connection. If the Filipinos had been approached in a spirit of conciliation in the first place, if sirability of the effort to relieve Europe of the increasing burden of militarism and the ever-present dread of war. Disamment is a long way in the future.

Every one knows why the Province takes this position; but it may be well to remind readers of a few facts which may have escaped their memory. Alteria the future of the transfer, they might have seen their way clear to account the inevitable of the province and prefertions. armament is a long way in the future. may have escaped their memory. Altrice the protogram of their way clear to accept the inevitable edly the most legitimate and pretentious without a struggle in which case their flat of Hoyt's. His other pieces are If it were possible to begin to-morrow of the legislature last year, the Province and beat the swords of the nations into declared itself strongly against Vancoudoubt as to the advisability of doing soat least of doing so very rapidly. The military system of Europe is so identified, the Mainland, by the erection of a sepnot only with the existing governments, but with the whole social and business plain away what it had said on this world of Europe, that the effect of sud-world of Europe, that the effect of sud-subject and at the same time began to subject and at the same time began to ful acquisition of that province, and this starred successfully for two seasons un-der his management in the most import den disarmament would be confusion. But this is not proposed. A gradual reduction of the cost of armies and navies, and an agreement as to the increase of of Mr. Martin, and has since on every nossible occasion endeavored to stir up.

Subject and at the same time began to clamor for the election of Mr. Martin, and has remained the organ of Mr. Martin, and has since on every nossible occasion endeavored to stir up.

Subject and at the same time began to clamor for the election of Mr. Martin, and has been lacking in the Philippines. As the case seems to stand, unless the conflict is brought to an end allowed with the same time began to clamor for the election of Mr. Martin, and has since on every nossible occasion endeavored to stir up. and an agreement as to the increase of armaments in the future is the most that feeling on the Mainland against the the Czar seems to hope for. Even this Island. It now deliberately mis-states States many lives and much treasure. would be a result worthy of great effort. Island. It now denotiately the plain significance of the late cam-Much doubt has been thrown upon the pain significance of the late campaign, the very palpable object being to good faith of the Russian proposal, but we think unjustly so. There is no good cause for supposing that the Czar is not sincere in his desire to promote peace.

| Palgn, the very parabole object being to excite the feeling of the Mainland people against those of the Island and thereby strengthen Mr. Martin's position.

| Not only is the charge of sectionalism | N

Neither he nor his empire has anything not borne out by the late campaign, but to gain by war. The local problems of it is disproved by the legislation of last no statesmanship can fully grasp them sion of 1898 were the railway subsidy or hope to form a plan equal to their act and the redistribution act. The forsolution. Most people, when they think mer provided for several lines of railway, of the ruler of Russia, have in mind a and not one of them was on the Island. man who is determined at all odds to The latter added six representatives to encroach upon neighboring nations. A the legislature, all of them from Mainvery exceptional. Where Imperial inter- Asia, and if it is the goal of her ambi-

power, the right of disallowance might Russia will cease to be a menace to as some do, that the power of disallow- vast domains in Asia have been occusolely that he may annul acts not within to use their great latent resources. When the powers of the local houses. The this comes, the end of absolutism will be power is not necessary for that purpose, at hand, and a new Russia will step out

unconstitutional. It must have been A very influential section of the people given for some other purpose, and that of Great Britain is taking up the dispurpose must have been as above indi-armament proposal with much enthusicated. It is said that the right of dis- asm and is endeavoring to stimulate inallowance is vested in the Queen on the terest in it all over the world. The condition that it never shall be exercis- movement is in the right direction, and ed. Dr. Alpheus Todd describes the though it is not easy to see what the outpower of disallowance as vested in the come will be, there is great satisfaction crown as one of its "dormant rights," in the knowledge that all movements inreserved only to be exercised when it is spired by right motives work for the adwill work an injury to the nation; but though their effects may come in ways the very express directions in the B.N.A. quite unexpected. We look forward with act as to how the right shall be exer- great hope to the outcome of the discised prevent it being classed as a "dor- armament proposal, and if there is any mant right" so far as relates way in which the people of this part of to the Dominion or the Prov- the Empire can co-operate with the peoinces, Moreover it is not in point ple of Great Britain in advancing the of fact dormant, because it has been idea, there should be no time lost in exercised. Yet it is clear that the right taking the necessary action. We all

NORTH EAST KOOTENAY.

milk, but there are some things about tenant-Governor was warranted in withthe return of Mr. Wells for North East Kootenay by acclamation that will be the better for being cleared up. The fact that a formal protest has been out in the House of Commons, but in lodged with the returning officer indicates that things are not wholly satisfactory. In the absence of fuller particulars i would be unwise and might be very unfair to make any criticism. The oppoguise the very great disappointment they rights. feel over the unexpected result.

In its comments on the defeat of the

reputation of Mr. Turner undoubtedly passable to a regular army. contributed much to the result. A determination to crush the supremacy of of the Filipinos for independence, they Joseph Martin before it assumed too will be inspired in the conflict by the idea The promised reference in the Queen's formidable a magnitude also had its in-

ver Island, even going so far as to advocate the separation of the Island from that they were not a conquered race, but comedy arate province on the Mainland. As the feeling on the Mainland against the longed for years, and to cost the United The most recalistic scene eve

sia are so vast and so intricate that session. The two chief acts of the ces-

are shared by the Conservative party about them has not availed anything couver Island has fourteen representa-Columbia, we feel able to say with much or the other of two courses seems open fore on a sectional issue the Island certainty that the Conservatives would to Western Europe. Russia must be would be outvoted by a majority of ten. regard any attempt on the part of the allowed to work out her own destiny New Westminster district and Kootenay Ottawa authorities to interfere with matjurisdiction of the provincial legislatures as something that ought not to be atdoes not relieve the situation in any determined unless the circumstances are gree. Russia keeps reaching out in very exceptional. Where Imperial interests are concerned or where the action of a local legislature is clearly an obsectionalism, for any one in this secince knows this as well as any one else, and it is simply endeavoring to strengthen be exercised. It is a mistake to think, the peace of the world only when her Mr. Martin's hands on the Main'and, when it pretends otherwise.

THE CONSTITUTION.

A contemporary says: "We suppose the British Constitution is safe now. What a relief." It is not safe yet. Personal government has been "scotched not killed." The British Constitution will not be safe in British Columbia until the Semlin ministry has been compelled to accept the responsibility for and defend the dismissal of the Turner government. When that has been done constitutional practices will be restored, but not till responsibility of the Semlin ministry for drawing his confidence from Mr. Turner. that the whole matter will be threshed North America.

FIGHTING AT MANILA.

but so far as is known its value consists in the fact that it is the entrepot to the valuable possession of Canada in the in
was as is solved. When a great deal said about the election was fought, but, as a matter of fact the "constitutional" issues were not is
the region around Skagway is valuable, and the fact that it is the entrepot to the valuable possession of Canada in the in
was fought, which was as lonews.

When a great deal said about the election was fought, but, as a matter of fact the United States is similar to that is an unsafe guide to any economic condismissed. Therefore Mr. Sibbald was worked out next year, the value of Skagway would drop almost out of sight, for although it is the best point from which Atlin can be reached an all-Canwhich Atlin can be reached an all-Canwhich at the victorial property of the content of which a resident of Victorial property of the value of Skagway would drop almost out of sight, for although it is the best point from which a resident of Victorial property of which a resident of Victorial property of the value of Skagway would drop almost out of sight, and the Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than that they desired to enter a protest against a government of which a resident of Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than that they desired to enter a protest against a government of which a resident of Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than that they desired to enter a protest against a government of which a resident of Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than that they desired to enter a protest against a government of which a resident of Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than that they desired to enter a protest against a government of which a resident of Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than that they desired to enter a protest against a government of which a resident of Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than that they desired to enter a protest against a government of which are resident of Victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than the victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than the victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than the victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than the victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than the victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason than the victorial people voted for the opposition for no other reason tha terior. If the Yukon gold fields were sues at all, constitutional or otherwise, with which the Spaniards had to deal in clusions. which Atlin can be reached, an all-Canadian line to those gold fields would soon be constructed. In a matter of this ritory is involved, the party ceding it is necessary to tell the people of this city. of America as that of Cuba was to nanecessarily under some disadvantage, They know that the so-called issue of tives of Spain. An additional difficulty but this may be only temporary. In this yet undeveloped Northwest, no one this yet undeveloped Northwest Nort can tell what may be the future of any ince, which can hardly be said with truth were confined to a single island, in the section, and it is possible that regions which may be abandoned by Canada in battle was fought out squarely on the the whole archipelago. Putting the inexchange for others ceded by the United constitutional issue, and if any further terpretation upon the news received that States may prove in time the more important of the two.

The feeling animating the people of Seattle and Tacoma will hardly be shared by the authorities at Washington. If they are satisfied that it would be a Reasonable compromise to suggestion of the campaign, it was afforded by the meeting of opposition supporters.

I have made several very handsome Rugs and Mats for the house that I am very proud of. The rags and pieces of cloth and flammed used in the Rugs and Mats were all dyed with your wonderful Diamond by the meeting of opposition supporters are not on Saturday with whom supporters are not on Saturday with whom supporters are not on Saturday with whom supporters are not on Saturday with the colors are not on Saturday with the specific provided that the operations so far have resulted that the operations of the local manufacture of the claims of the production of the operations of the support of the States may prove in time the more im- proof were needed than was given by the is most favorable to the claims of the reasonable compromise to surrender the on Saturday night, when every speaker lands that are accessible to the fleet; but head of Lynn Canal, the interest of a treated the victory as a triumph of the this is merely the fringe of a very large Constitution. A desire to vindicate the and almost impassable region, that is, im-In addition to the not unnatural desire

without a struggle, in which case they effort of Hoyt's. His other pieces are would have claimed hereafter, as the simply broad farces, people of Quebec have always claimed, came into United States empire through Stockwell who first made this play popumutual concessions. There was, however, in the case of Quebec an element in the form of the Roman Catholic clergy, which contributed greatly to the peaceful acquisition of that province and the subsequently at his solicitation here.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

Resuming the discussion of the rela-Britain, the imports of which country ish this distinction between members of of the possession of the head of Lynn out pre-eminent, to all appearance as imexceed the exports by about a billion dollars every year. A very considerable house. While not many people will join think they have an undisputed right to part of the exports represent British per with Mr. Semlin in the very superficial it. Yet if they will only take the treaty used to liken him. It must be fifteen manent investments abroad, and hence view he holds of the matter, those who of 1825 and read it in connection with years since Punch portrayed the South good deal of nonsense has been written about Russian designs. These are the great bug-a-boo of a certain class of British politicians, but all the discussion about them has not availed anything towards counteracting them. Only one or the other of two courses seems open or the other of two courses seems open to Western Europe. Russian must be allowed to work out her own destiny neaceably, or there must be a united in the country now than the country now than the country now about the whole Island, and they can be no direct importation to off set it. If a surplus of imports represents there can be no direct importation to off set it. If a surplus of imports represents a loss, Great Britain would have been pumped dry long ago. The Britisher of the day to appoint two Queen's Counsel was at least debateable. Indeed if the contention, always made by the United States government as to what constitutes the map, they will see that their claim was at least debateable. Indeed if the contention, always made by the United States government as to what constitutes the high sea, is admitted, that we got back £400,000,000 worth. Consequently we have £200,000,000 or merchandise, and we got back £400,000,000 worth. Consequently we have £200,000,000 worth. Consequently we have £200,000,000 more merchandise in the country now than there can be no direct importation to off the two did to the their claim was at least debateable. Indeed if the contention, always made by the United States government as to what constitutes the high sea, is admitted, that their claim was at least debateable. Indeed if the contention, always made by the United States government as to what constitutes the high sea, is admitted, that the trouble to think the matter out the was at least debateable. Indeed if the contention, always made by the United States government as to what constitutes the high sea, is admitted, that the trouble to think the matter out the devery year, and to expect this power to be exercised solely for the purpose of the about the matte ters coming unquestionably within the jurisdiction of the provincial legislatures as something that ought not to be at townsted unless the circumsted unless the circumsted unless the circumsted and the provincial legislatures are townsted unless the circumsted and the provincial legislatures are townsted unless the circumsted unless the circumsted and the provincial legislatures are townsted unless the circumsted and the provincial legislatures are the contempt. If the law appropries the contempt of the provincial legislatures are townsted unless the circumsted and the provincial legislatures are the circumsted and the provincial legislatures are the contempt of the provincial legislatures are the circumsted and the provincial legislatures and the contempt of the contempt enough to render the inquiry interesting.
A portion of the excess of imports is undoubtedly represented by the earnings of profit upon British business ventures in the colonies and foreign countries. Ultimately all the profit on these transactions ceipts of coin and bullion.

credit would, in the simplest form of ney-general will always have the decis trade, be covered by exchange on London. ion in such matters. practices will be restored, but not till then. So far as the principle of responsible government is concerned, it is quite immaterial how the house shall vote upon the act of the Lieutenant-Governor. The case divides itself naturally into two parts. One of these is the act of the Lieutenant-Governor. The other is the responsibility of the Semlin ministry for cause it had already established a credit ments, had out of courtesy continued in London by shipments of merchandise. their commissions. that act. It is possible that a legislat. It would not be necessary for the Ceyure, which passed the Deane-Prentice lon firm to have shipped the merchanbill, will vote to confirm the action of the dise to London. It might have shipped Lieutenant-Governor. But the people them to New York, and the New York ney-generals of Canada or of the other have yet to be heard from, and the next house to whom they were shipped might provinces, even if it did not go so far as general election in this province, whenever it shall be held, will settle whether shipments of American wheat. In by the other provincial governments. There is no use in crying over spilt in the opinion of the electorate the Lieu-other words, the Manchester cotton spinner might get his pay for the goods worn by the Cingalese out of the pro-We do not lose sight of the certainty ceeds of wheat grown on the prairies of bald's case does not present the govern

the end the people of this province will if possible at a profit, in the very great general grounds, the alleged reason being determine the matter. Any action which majority of cases, no matter how many that his continuance in office would no the House of Commons is likely to take such commercial involutions as the above conduce to the best interests of the dis will be more of an academic nature occur before the account is fairly bal- trict. As everyone knows, this is no than anything else. The people of Brit- anced, the buyers and sellers all make a reason at all, and is not intended to be sition fully expected to win the seat, and ish Columbia should never lose sight of profit. Hence it follows that whatever a reason. Mr. Sibbald was dismissed there is no attempt on their part to dis- the fact that they decide their own the showing of the exports and imports Indeed he is informed in the letter of of merchandise may be, the people carry- the Provincial Secretary that "the Lieu If individuals make a profit the country fit to relieve" him. The request for the makes one, for every business transac- resignation that follows is simply s The opening of hostilities in Manila is tion is expected to yield a profit to both much needless verbiage. government candidate in Victoria the the beginning of a very serious campaign parties engaged in it. If it does not, A government has a perfect right to ficulties in the way of determining just Province declares that the constitutional for the United States forces. In one the conditions are abnormal and cannot dismiss an official without assigning what points cover the meaning of the question cut no figure but that the real sense the battle at Manila was timely, be permanent. It is manifestly impossicause, but when a general cause is as treaty of 1825, a conventional interpre- question was Island supremacy. That because it will ensure the raffication of ble for the majority of persons engaged signed, the official clearly has the right we may not be accused of misquoting the treaty with Spain. All differences in business to make a profit and yet the to have something definite specified. A true, as the Seattle Times alleges, that our contemporary, its exact language of opinion between expansionists and country be the loser. This consideration political dismissal, pure and simple, car may be given, which was as follows: non-expansionists will vanish in the face will supply an additional reason to those ries with it no discredit, but a dismiss

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tion between exports and imports, attention may be directed to the case of Great more applicable to a proposition to abol-Kingdom is included, a portion of the fied number of years' standing might be on goods at the seaboard as at the Sumfor about one-quarter of the difference, foreign investments, another portion by the earnings of ships, another by the finds its way to London and appears in Martin may be credited with perfect the imports of merchandise or in the re- good faith, when he says that, so far as he is concerned, political favoritism will To illustrate the matter further: A play no part in the selection, even his British mercantile house ships goods to judgment is fallible, and if it were not, Ceylon; this gives it the value of those the province has no guarantee that he goods in Ceylon to its credit, and this or some equally non-political attor-

It occurs to the Colonist also that the

The brief correspondence in Mr. Sib ment in a good light. The request fo Now as business is always conducted the resignation was made on the mos ing on the business are making a profit. tenant-Governor-in-council has thought

Therefore Mr. Sibbald was perfectly justified in asking for an investigation, and the government ought to have granted it. The failure to do so may very properly be taken as implying that no substantial ground existed for the dismissal, and this view is borne out by the resolution of the public meethave let things alone.

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be conceded by every one except the a colonial matter. Now it is of conti-The observations of the Attorney-Gen-people of the Sound cities, and they are neutral dimensions and of international

whole story. In this statement of exports only the produce of the United certain number of barristers of a speci- interior, for they might as well pay duty ties are only a spur to greater efforts. kingdom is included, a portion of the imports being exported. This accounts called within the bar on the recommendation. It would deprive them of the local His conquests are those of peace. His armies wage war with the pick and

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as good fighters. The climate of the public meeting at Revelstoke, which forms a part the correspondence. Mr. Sibbald can STAINS-Imitating the natural woods. Shingle stains. True to nature and thoroughrest content with the knowledge that he has been removed from office through no fault of his own. He is a victim to Mr. Kellie, and probably the next election in Revelstoke may convince that gentleman that he would have been much wiser to have let things alone.

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TUESDAY, Federal issues in project ade their first appearance tack upon the late gover ada for prostitution of Queen's counsel to polit He even went so far as to Conservative mer har at present bearing th were at the tin ent as well qualified ional standing to recei

vere certain of their Libe The house opened at 2: COMMITTEE OF S The formal motion "t the Pinance Ministe the Chief Commissioner Works and carried. The then passed through corwhole, with Mr. Higgins and duly reported to the it was again adopted. The Finance Minister and er "that the hou mittee of supply on Tue also endorsed by the hou Mr. Turner inquired Minister if it was his i ged with the business formal motion?

Hon. Mr. Cotton replie

lution was purely formal; pect to be ready by the yould let the opposition Mr. Turner—I presume vill be laid on the table

Hon, Mr. Cotton replie MR. CLIFFORD ASKS Mr. Clifford asked of Mines: "Have the gover any report or communi gold commissioner, Mr. ing what he considers to pursue in dealing wi location of government of lin district?" Hon. Mr. Cotton—No. Mr. Clifford then aske

ernment to bring in a bill out mining certificates claims and recorded then under the mining laws o Territories?"

Hon. Mr. Cotton upor point or order that the q permissible as involving of government policy. Excluding from the chair as was not so. Mr. Eberts observed t

first time that he had he that a Speaker of the hou ed to be so closely in government of the day what was or what was not be a speaker of the day. ment's policy.

Hon. Mr. Cotton object

jection of the member toria as "trivial" and "i Speaker was not expec with the government, whether or not this quivolve a declaration of Mr. Speaker held the of Finance stated that volved a declaration of no other course than t

Mr. Eberts agreed that correct—what he had objerequiring of the Speaker did involve a declaratio The Premier thought t or any member for tha say that a question of po

Mr. Clifford endeavored necessary it was to the in the North that the info should be obtained as s sible, but
Mr. Speaker called Cassiar to order—debate missible on a question, of Finance saying that a ernment policy was in the question out of orde

understood, however, regard it as part of his that a matter of policy that was for a member ment to assert. COAL MINES REGU Hon. Dr. McKechnie, i second reading of the Coa lation bill (No. 43), exp was merely for the purp the exclusion from mine anese as well as Chinese the similar legislation in

the exclusion of all Asi The second reading of t pposed, and it will be co next sitting of the hous MEDICAL A On the motion of the l Council, the Medical a

third time and finally HEALTH BIL The bill for the am Health act was next McPhillips in the chai explained that the secrets board shall be a duly practitioner, the bill as reported complete to

rt will be dealt with

COAL MINES REGI In making the motion reading of the bill to at Mines Regulation act (No President of the Counthere were three main queilpes embodied. The first readers that the coal. pulsory that the coal should weigh the coal as from the mine, before so the workman might be upon gross weight. In it was provided that should be competent min certificated as such; ar it was made possible for proceed against the own ment of incompetent wo ernment assuming the pro owners on its being estab were doing wrong by the violating the spirit of

President of the Council