

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1893.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Yesterday the World's Exhibition was opened at Chicago. The holding of an exposition of the world's industry in a city which came into existence only in the last half of the present century...

Those who see the magnificent buildings of the exhibition and the immense show of the works of industry and art that has been collected there cannot but admire the courage and the enterprise of the men who, in so new a place and so young a community, engaged in so vast an undertaking.

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It is generally to be hoped that the Chicago Exhibition will be as successful as the most ardent of its promoters hope and expect, and that 1893, the Exhibition year, will be looked upon as a fortunate epoch in the history not only of Chicago but of the whole American continent.

PROMPT ACTION.

We are glad to see that the crisis with regard to specie payments, or rather gold payments, in the United States is well over. If the American public had thoroughly understood the financial position of their country and had formed any such estimate of the man who is at the head of its affairs, there would never have been a crisis at all.

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These statements had the effect they were intended to produce. People in all parts of the United States were reassured. They knew that the President meant what he said, and that the credit of the country would be maintained at all risks. They ceased to be nervous about the \$100,000,000 gold reserves. They then knew that this was only the change in Cashier's pocket, and that, even if he was required to spend it all, he has wealth enough and credit enough

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to assume that the Government wish to do justice to all industries, and that they have gone into the investigation in order to be in a position to do this thoroughly and intelligently. It will be time enough to condemn the Government when it is seen that their manner of treating the different industries is worthy of condemnation.

Instead of prematurely criticizing the Government, those who take an interest in the revision of the tariff, whether supporters or opponents of the Government, should do all in their power to give the members of the committee the information they need. They can, by personal interviews and by written representations, do all that they see to place matters relating to the tariff and the incident of taxation in what they regard as the true light.

The Toronto Globe, in noticing the affairs of the Mainland, says that a portion of the press of the Province "is much stirred over the refusal of the Government to redistribute the constituencies according to population. If it had gone to a reliable source for its information it would have found that the Government have not refused to redistribute the constituencies according to population. On the contrary, they have pledged themselves to do so. But the trouble is, it is not possible at the present moment to find out what is the actual voting population of the Province. According to the census and the information received from the Department of Agriculture, the white population of the Island is greater than that of the Mainland. This, the Mainlanders declare, is absurd. They claim that the Mainland has many more white inhabitants than the Island. The Government, out of consideration for them, refused to redistribute the seats in the Legislative Assembly according to population as shown by the census and other authoritative information, and postponed the work until next session.

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UNION AND NON-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—The non-union crew in the schooner W. L. Beebe had a very rough experience this morning. Three of the men came to the section of the sea wall where the vessel was lying, and when they attempted to board her were set upon by eight unionists. One of the non-union men was struck with a stone and had his cheek laid open. One union man was knocked down with a handspike and a free fight ensued. One of the union men pulled a pistol and a non-union man drew a dagger. The dagger struck the union man, and when the rest of the crew of the Beebe put in an appearance the union men fled. The schooner has now three injured men in her forecastle, and the police are looking for eight union men.

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At Tacoma, on Saturday evening last, Mr. J. G. Elliott, of this city, was united to Miss Mary Elder of Canobie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, whose she has just arrived in the city. The ceremony was performed at St. Peter's Church by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Looney, and Mrs. Elliott on Sunday came to Victoria by the steamer. The many friends of the groom throughout British Columbia will heartily welcome Mrs. Elliott to her new home.

The opposition of certain residents of Vancouver to the erection of the new Government buildings in this city took the form of a petition to the Governor-General to veto the Government Buildings Act, and also asking that the Legislature of the Province be made more representative of all parts of the Province were displayed at the street corners for all to sign who passed. In the evening each of these tables bore a lamp in addition to the papers, pen and ink, and the stranger within the gates, as the citizens, was invited to subscribe to the expression of disapproval.

The Divisional Court yesterday, being composed of the Chief Justice, Sir M. R. Beattie, Mr. Justice Greig, and Mr. Justice Walkom. The case set for hearing was an appeal to the Divisional Court from the decision of the Governor-General to veto the Government Buildings Act, and also asking that the Legislature of the Province be made more representative of all parts of the Province were displayed at the street corners for all to sign who passed. In the evening each of these tables bore a lamp in addition to the papers, pen and ink, and the stranger within the gates, as the citizens, was invited to subscribe to the expression of disapproval.

The monthly magazine published by the congregation of St. Alban the Martyr, Nanaimo, has the following paragraphs: "The Rev. John Sheppard, an A. B. C. clergyman has been appointed to the See of Norwich in England, and the home papers unanimously speak of the selection with great satisfaction. It is not the only instance of former B. C. clergyman receiving such distinction, but of course if they had remained in the Colonies they would have passed over as not good enough even for Colonial promotion. Bishop Perrin is expected in Victoria by Wiltsday. We ought to arrange a reception for him when he pays his first visit to Nanaimo. We suggested that it would be nice for the united congregations of St. Paul's and St. Alban's to combine for this purpose either at the Opera House or elsewhere."

The second of the series of concerts given in St. John's school, under the management of the ladies of the Victoria home, was an event which, last evening, brought out a good-sized audience. The entertainment was unique and pleasing. The chief portions of the programme were furnished by the young ladies and children, principally in the way of tableaux, and the "sylvan scenes" which were so attractive. The program was divided for a stage, having at the back a handsome painted floor curtain which with the natural flowers and foliage decorations in front was made to represent a fair's scene on a calm moonlight night, with the fairies and sprites all being conspicuous. The fairies were accompanied by their maids of honor and called forth in from all parts to greet her majesty. The part of the Fairy Queen was most gracefully taken by Miss Beaven, daughter of His Worship the Mayor.

Besides the fairy voices and scenes from fairyland there were four charming tableaux. The first was a scene from the Vicar of Wakefield, representing Sophia and Alving visiting the fortune-teller; the second was "Elixir and Puck," from Midsummer Night's Dream; the third, "Open your mouth and shut your eyes," and the fourth and last, possibly the best, "Flower Queen," taken part in by all the fairies. The other numbers on the programme were most pleasing. Four young pupils of Prof. Haynes, the Misses Graham, Brown, Heisterman and Todd played a violin quartet with piano accompaniment by little Miss Haynes. The selection was a most difficult one, from the well-known opera "Il Trovatore," but so well executed was it that the little ones were recalled. Miss M. Finlayson sang a solo and was encored. Miss M. Graham contributed a violin solo, the Misses Poncea a duet, Miss M. Taylor, vocal solo, and Mr. Brown a guitar selection. All of these numbers being extremely well received. The entertainment as a whole was a most pronounced success, for which great credit is due to Miss Jeanne who, with the ladies who assisted her. Miss Jeanne wishes to convey her thanks to those who so kindly allowed the children to attend, and especially to

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"As a result of the feeling between the Mainland and Island in British Columbia, petitions have been sent to Ottawa asking the Governor-General to disallow the act of the Provincial Legislature appropriating something over half a million dollars for the erection of new Government buildings at Victoria. There may be room for questioning the wisdom of the British Columbia Legislature's course in regard to the new buildings, but there can be none as to the Dominion Government should do. Its business, in provincial matters, is to mind its own business and to let the Province mind theirs. The petitioners in this instance are deemed to be a refusal."

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