

DISTRESS IN INDIA.

The distress in India cannot yet be said to amount to a famine. It is, however, severe. "There will be," the London Times says, "local distress in several important provinces and there are fears of absolute famine in many of the affected districts. . . . But it will be observed with pleasure that, whatever the event may prove to be, Mr. Woodburn in his statement to the Viceroy's Legislative Council, and the Viceroy himself in his remarks upon it, and his message to the Indian Secretary, speak with perfect confidence as to the ability of the Government to take measures to relieve the anticipated distress."

There are more railways now than ever there were in the country, so that food can be conveyed to the places in most urgent need of it. It was the want of railways in previous years that caused scarcity to become famine most destructive to human life. There was food in abundance to be had, but there were no means of transporting it to the regions in which the crops had failed. But the inhabitants of the most remote part of India are in little danger of again perishing for the want of facilities of communication.

Relief works have been already commenced and a part of the population will earn enough on them to enable them to keep body and soul together. As most of the works are railways they will answer the double purpose of giving employment to the people and of bringing the famine-stricken districts within easy reach of relief. These railways "will be at once a safeguard against famine and they will add to the resources at the command of the Government for dealing with future famines."

UNMASKED.

Henry George, who is looked upon by a great many people as a wonderful reasoner and a patriotic philosopher, stumped the country for Bryan during the late campaign. Gifted as he is believed to be had not penetration enough to gauge the shallowness of Bryan's reasoning or the rottenness of his currency scheme. Neither had he sufficient discernment to perceive that the majority of the people are not with Bryan. At the workingmen's rally in New York city a day or two before the election he said:

"I believe that Tuesday next we will elect William J. Bryan as President of the United States. Furthermore I think that in the vote of the Electoral College New York will be found to have gone for Bryan. This is not a politicians' movement; it is the people's movement, and I believe in the election of Bryan and Sewall because I have faith in the people. I am not a gold man nor a silver man. I place my faith in the money issued by the Government."

If Henry George believed what he said he must rank very low as an observer, for it might be supposed that any man who was not blinded by fanaticism would have seen that the city and state of New York would go against Bryan, and no one but the shallowest and the most ignorant of demagogues could conscientiously declare that he placed his faith in the money issued by Government. Governments have before now issued money that was almost wholly worthless, money that no one could be induced to take at its face or anything like it.

If Henry George did not believe what he said he descended to the level of the bar-room politician who is destitute of knowledge and principle and who has no reputation to lose. The Georgeite who does not now see that his ideal is made of clay—and very coarse clay—must be too blind, too infatuated or too stupid to be reasoned with.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

Here is how the London Times replies to the accusation of land grabbing preferred against Great Britain by the German newspapers:

Now, people may hold very various views about colonial expansion, and may apply to it any invidious epithet that their good taste may suggest. It is not our purpose to discuss the ethics of the matter. All that we want to point out is that this country has no monopoly of annexation, and that Germans who have been seizing everything they could lay hands on are in no position to give themselves airs of moral superiority. They only make themselves ridiculous in the eyes of the world when they vent their ill-humor by flinging at this country charges which, as the world knows, can be brought with at least equal justice against other nations, including themselves. They also look rather silly, if they will allow us to say so, when they declaim about the self-seeking policy of Great Britain. If Great Britain looks after her own interests as far as she understands them she only does what is done by all the rest of the world. Indeed, we owe to Germany the example of a somewhat excessive cynicism in this matter. Both in her language and in her practice she has displayed an unusually hard and tenacious form of selfishness. Phrases such as *do ut des*, and that other about refusing to risk the bones of a single grenadier in a cause not Germany's own, have been illustrated again and again in German policy. We do not complain of this, but we do find it distinctly amusing when lecturers about selfishness emanate from Berlin of all places in the world. It is perhaps forgotten sometimes that Germany after all is but a young power, and

has not quite outgrown the awkwardness of youth. She is still the victim of the juvenile illusion that other people who refuse to play her game instead of their own necessarily display abnormal depravity.

LAND GRABBING.

The Germans have lately been in a bad humor with the British, whom their newspapers have abused with some bitterness and a good deal of energy. One of their chief accusations is that the English are a nation of land-grabbers, and, of course, it is something more than insinuated that they are not very particular as to the means they take to add to their territory.

The Times, as a loyal defender of the British nation, while it does not deny that Great Britain has been for many centuries adding to her possessions, says it does not lie in the mouth of Germany to accuse her of land-grabbing, for within the last twelve years Germany has acquired an immense extent of territory. The Thunderer goes into detail and proves conclusively that since 1884 Great Britain's acquisitions of territory have been more moderate proportionately than those of either France, Germany, Italy or Belgium. It freely admits that Lord Rosebery was perfectly accurate when he said that within the last twelve years Great Britain has added to her territory some 2,600,000 square miles; but it shows that during those years Germany increased her colonial possessions from nothing to an area of more than one million of square miles in extent, or something like five times that of the Fatherland itself. It says:

In the beginning of 1884 Germany possessed not one square mile of territory beyond her own shores. It is unnecessary to repeat the oft-told story of the aggrandisement of the young German Empire. The way had been prepared by private enterprise and official encouragement for some years before, but few people outside German colonial circles imagined that Prince Bismarck was in earnest; he had pretended to be "no colonial man." Even after the first overt act of what the German Press calls land-grabbing on the part of Germany, it would have been easy for England with so many of her representatives on the spot to have blocked the way round. We certainly looked after our own interests in particular directions—on the Niger, in East Africa and south of the Zambesi; and why should we not? We were only continuing a policy which we had begun 500 years ago, from which we had never desisted. All the same, partly in spite of us and partly by friendly arrangements with us, Germany in little more than a year found herself the mistress of an empire beyond the seas of over 1,000,000 square miles, something like five times the area of the Fatherland.

France in those eventful twelve years "grabbed" over 2,726,000 square miles of territory. In 1884 French acquisitions abroad were 665,000 square miles in extent. In 1895 they were 3,391,000 square miles. Great Britain in 1884 owned colonial territory to the extent of 8,409,790 square miles, and in 1896 it had increased to 11,098,780. This is an immense empire, but as we have seen it has been growing for about five hundred years, whereas the colonial possessions of both Germany and France have been, for the most part, acquired within a comparatively recent period. The area of the territory of France, including part of the mother country, has within the last twelve years increased four times, of Germany six times, of Great Britain 1 1/2 times, of Belgium 80 times, and Italy 5 1/2 times. It will be seen from this that the accusation of land grabbing comes with a very bad grace from any of the European powers who have named and particularly so from Germany, as she has appropriated the whole of her colonial territory within the last twelve years. She went into colony planting pretty much as an experiment, whereas Great Britain has late years particularly been in a haste to increase her foreign possessions. Having an immense colonial empire to guard and care for she in the performance of those duties found it necessary to add to her territory. But Germany has no such excuse for her "land grabbing." She had no colonies to foster but she undertook to create a colonial system, and it does not seem that as yet the experiment has met with any very remarkable degree of success.

The answer of the Times to Great Britain's German detractors is complete and admits of no rejoinder. It is also spirited. The great English newspaper for the occasion drops its judicial tone and its defence of Great Britain is as lively a specimen of journalistic discussion as one would wish to see.

A SANGUINE ROSSLANDER.
It does one good to see a man or a newspaper standing up bravely for his or its own part of the Province. It is the habit of too many to belittle and disparage their own section or their own city. One consequence of this croaking is to throw a damper on energy and enterprise, and another is to prevent outsiders from visiting it and throwing in their lot with its inhabitants. The town or the settlement which has an earnest advocate in every inhabitant is sure to go ahead and to prosper. The predictions of the enthusiastic and the hopeful frequently bring about their own fulfilment.

We were led into this train of thought by reading an article in the Rosslander of the 3rd instant, headed "Is Trail District Overrated?" The editor is of the opinion that it is not overrated, and more, he evidently believes that as a gold producing district it is impossible to overrate it. He considers that Trail has given evidence of possessing greater capabilities than any gold-producing region in the wide world. It is richer than the Transvaal, and will yield gold when the South African gold-fields have petered out. It

will, when it is once fairly developed, yield those who have invested their money in it better dividends and for a longer period than have Coolgardie, the Black Hills, Cripple Creek, Leadville, Nevada and California. "Trail Creek," it says, "before two years will yield more of the precious metal than any mining district that has yet been known."

It is hard to keep from sympathizing with the sanguine Rosslander and from believing that there must be a great deal of truth in what he says.

Enthusiastic statements such as this, evidently uttered with a firm conviction of their truth, will do good to the Trail District and are not likely to do harm to any other part of the Dominion. Those who do not believe that they are literally true, who think that the enthusiastic Rosslander paints his district in colors that are too bright, will be apt to conclude that there is a good deal of truth in what it says and will form a favorable opinion of its possibilities. The openness, the heartiness and the evident honesty of the Rosslander are attractive, and lead the cool-headed and, perhaps, skeptical reader to hope that the country it praises so highly and admires so much is as rich as it describes it to be, and that its future will be as bright as it expects and hopes.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Although the people of the United States have returned a large majority in favor of sound money, they are by no means sure of being able to place their currency on a sound basis. The Senate may be so constituted as to be able to defeat any measure of radical reform. Although it is believed that the numerical majority of voters in favor of McKinley is over a million, the majority of states in his favor is only two. Twenty-three states have given majorities for McKinley. This leaves twenty-two for Bryan and free silver. Now each state, independently of the number of inhabitants it contains, sends two members to the Senate. The Senate does not dissolve like the House of Representatives at the expiration of two years. Consequently, although there is a new House of Representatives elected to carry out the wishes of the people, it does not follow that there will be a new Senate that will work in harmony with the new House of Representatives. It is more than probable that when Congress meets there will be a majority in the Senate determined to obstruct and to nullify the action of the House of Representatives in dealing with the currency. The Senate may refuse to pass a tariff bill or any other bill that may be urgently required unless something is done for silver. The action taken by the Senate immediately after the election of President Cleveland is no doubt fresh in the memory of many of our readers. The people in 1892 voted with singular unanimity for tariff reform. When Congress met a tariff bill was framed that met with the approval of the large majority of the representatives of the people. While that measure was passing through the Senate it was mangled in such a way as to be unrecognizable by the men who drew it up and voted for it. Every effort was made to prevail upon the Senators to abandon the stand they took, but they remained obstinate in opposing the well-understood wishes of the people, and when, after a great deal of disputing, a tariff bill was carried through Congress President Cleveland was so disgusted with it that he refused to sign it. The absence of his signature did not vitiate the bill, for a bill which the President does not see fit to veto, becomes law in the process of a short time, whether he signs it or not.

Something like this may be done when Congress meets. The body just elected, representing an immense majority of the people, may pull one way and the majority of the Senate, who really represent no one, may pull another and an opposite way, and legislation on the currency or some other subject of importance may be brought to a standstill.

Our readers see from this that the people in the Great Republic, so far from being sovereign, do not possess so much power, and cannot exercise what power they have so quickly and so readily, as the people under the monarchy of Great Britain. After a general election such as was held in the United States on Tuesday, with a similar result by this time have placed their resignations in the hands of the Sovereign, and would continue in office until a Government in agreement with the majority just elected were ready to take their places, and no longer. This would be a matter of a few weeks at most. Whereas, in the United States, in the regular course of things, months must elapse before the new President is installed, and many more months must pass before the men who were elected on Tuesday will meet to exercise the power with which they have been invested by the electors, and even then a few old men not at all remarkable for either their ability or their honesty may set at naught the will of the Sovereign people of the United States. The people of the United States are beginning to see that the Senate is not exactly a divinely appointed body, and to ask themselves if it cannot be reformed or reconstructed in some way. It is too bad that a group of senators from a number of small and thinly populated states can delay and per-

haps prevent reforms that the people desire and it may be urgently need. A late telegram from Washington says that the next Senate will be composed of 44 Republicans, 33 Democrats and 13 Populists. This gives the Democrats and Populist command of the Senate. With a Republican House of Representatives and a Democratic Senate the prospect of harmony in Congress is not very cheering.

ONE OF THE RESULTS.

Not the least important result of the Presidential election will be the restoration of commercial confidence in the integrity of the Government of the United States. While that election was pending no one either in the United States or in the countries that have dealings with the United States knew how soon the money of that country would be so greatly devalued that it would not be intrinsically worth half or much more than half of what it is at present. It is impossible to imagine the changes that would follow making money so debased a legal tender for all debts. The fear of that change to a great extent paralyzed business, for men naturally were reluctant to engage in new undertakings with such a change in prospect. It is, therefore, not surprising that no sooner had the result of the election been published than there was a change for the better in business, and there can be no doubt that it will go on improving for some time to come. Speculation may cause fluctuations and the collapse of booms may tempt some at times to doubt the reality and the permanence of the improvement; but that there will be a steady revival of trade in the United States and elsewhere it is impossible to doubt.

The Tacoma Ledger of yesterday says: The beneficial effect of Republican success has appeared promptly. Everywhere from the East comes news of the resumption of business with all of the old time energy and confidence. Fires that have long been quenched are relighted, and the turning wheels of industry are once more making their customary music. Thousands long idle are already seeking employment, and there is promise of employment for other thousands at an early day.

IS TRAIL DISTRICT OVERRATED?

[From the Rosslander.] So rapidly has Trail Creek mining division gone ahead this year that those who have not visited its mines are apt to conclude that its resources are being boomed to too great an extent. Enquiry into the results upon the many propositions upon which work has been done will show that such is not the case. In Cripple Creek dozens of holes of 500 feet were sunk and abandoned because mineral in paying quantities was not found. Good mines exist there, however, and the usual output is about \$1,000,000 a month, and a town of 25,000 population is its commercial centre. The mineralized district is not nearly so large as Trail of old time, and the veins are not so numerous nor so rich. In the Cripple Creek district is only a few miles in length; depth is required before gold in quantities is obtained, and the rock yields but from \$10 to \$20 a ton. The quantity of gold-bearing rock or gravel has been estimated there to be about 100 million tons. The veins have width and depth, yet the district has been famous for the whole civilized world. In Trail Creek there has not occurred a single instance where development has not shown the presence of increasing value. The veins have width and depth, and in fact almost any other part of the mining regions, and on the outskirts as good surface indications as those of the Le Roi, which is paying a monthly dividend of \$25,000 a month, are found. Taking all these things into consideration, it will be seen that practically every word stated in that practically every word stated in that district has been under rather than above the mark. Trail Creek before two years will yield more of the precious metal than any mining district that has yet been known. Coolgardie, the Black Hills, Cripple Creek, Leadville, Nevada and California have all created furores on the London stock market, but bigger dealings in stocks will better results in dividends are assuredly forthcoming by impregnation of the water in natural basins containing the active mineral constituents. There is always great danger of inconstancy in the quantity of the mineral constituents present. This is a very serious matter, since it involves uncertainty in dosage. "It is, therefore, a matter of high satisfaction," says Professor Liebreich, "that the apert water shefts," "Apenta," from the Uj Hunyadi Springs in Ofen, has been placed under State control. The Royal Hungarian Chemical Institute, directed by the said Professor Liebreich, has undertaken this charge, and therefore it is now possible to obtain a water which is free from injurious extraneous waters infected with organic substances. The analysis has been published by Professor Liebreich, director of the said institute. The proportion of sulphate of soda to sulphate of magnesia is 15.432 to 24.498 in the lime, so that "Apenta" is to be classed with the best apert waters, and may be pronounced one of the strongest."

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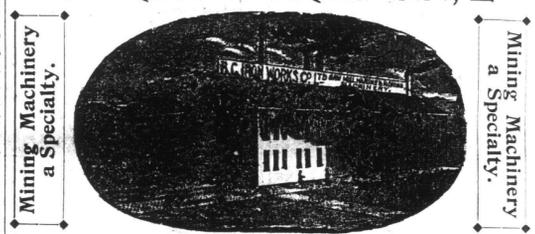
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FILLED EXPECTATIONS.

The Season in Alberni Has Been a Very Satisfactory One.
More Rich Finds—Copper Belt Found Closely Resembling Trail Creek.

ALBERNI, Nov. 7.—(Special)—Several prospectors came down from the mountains and report that a few inches of snow have fallen around the Alberni mine, but everything is in good shape at the tunnel, so that snow will not delay the work this winter. The wagon road is progressing favorably.
Westwood brothers came down to-day and report that work on the claims on Douglas mountain is going ahead in good shape.

On the Mayflower a cut is being made to show the face of the ledge. A tunnel will also be driven on this property at an early date. Work on the Regina is also being pushed ahead.
Robert Debeaux has built a large and commodious stable on his premises at Mineral Creek. This has been much needed of late, owing to the large increase in traffic to and from the mines. The recent spell of bad weather has somewhat checked mining operations on such claims in the district as are not as far advanced as to burn candles.

Prospectors are coming down from the higher points, and are preparing for a few weeks' activity down the canal as the first break in the weather occurs. Several rich finds down there are looking well, and parties of prospectors are quietly pulling out for that locality. The copper belt has been found there with large leads of ore which closely resembles that of Trail Creek. Prospecting will be carried on in this section more or less all winter.

Everything considered, the season has been a satisfactory one. Developments on Mineral Hill have fairly filled expectations. The Duke of York Hydraulic Company are starting work with a full force of men on Monday, the recent heavy rains having caused China Creek an abundance of water, and there is now a The Tees arrived here with a large cargo of freight on Wednesday, and left again on Thursday for West Coast points.

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CANADIAN APPEALS

THREE MONTHS IN JAIL

possible temptation, goes about London and takes articles under no pressure of need. When arrested she had plenty of money. Your lordship must have noticed the testimonials to the Castles' character and her instantly this vast amount of bail was found. Suddenly the lady takes to this practice of taking things and packing them away. The insanity of the proceedings is proved by her handing to one tradesman a fur which had a private mark upon it, and by her taking the toast racks, etc., of the Hotel Cecil. Clearly, then, some explanation is required for these strange circumstances, such as are prepared to call medical witnesses, for of course such matters are not fit for forensic discussion.

Mr. Castle, who had re-entered the court room as Sir Edward Clarke began, listened with flushed face for his action. Dr. Wm. Chapman Grigg, specialist in diseases of women, and leading physician at Queen Charlotte's lying-in hospital, having thirty years' experience, testified that he had formed the opinion that the disease from which Mrs. Castle was suffering was one of those which are almost always accompanied by mental disturbance, causing difficulties in her mind, such as delirium, religious mania, etc. In different women, Dr. Grigg added, this disease would take a different form at the time of each disturbance. He asserted that Mrs. Castle had a serious form of this disease, and was unable to distinguish the consequences of her acts. The detention in prison of such a woman, he concluded, would be most serious.

Dr. George Henry Grigg, senior physician in Bethlehem hospital, and lecturer on women's diseases at Guy's hospital, who for thirty years has devoted himself to the study of women's diseases, testified that he was of the opinion that Mrs. Castle had a serious form of this disease, and that it would not endanger her life, but would certainly endanger her sanity.

Dr. Scott, medical officer at Holloway jail, gave evidence the strongest of all, in account of his position. Dr. Scott testified that Mrs. Castle would be injurious to her mental and bodily health. The court then ordered the restitution of the stolen articles to their owners. Dr. Scott said he was surprised at the result, in view of the evidence, intimating that he expected a much lighter sentence. He added, however, that the prisoner will be under a doctor's care at Wormwood Street, and that everything possible will be done for her.

Mr. Castle after the sentence remarked: "I am so unwell that I scarcely know what to say about my wife's terrible condition. I wish to thank my friends, many of whom came to the court house, for their continued kindness. So far as I am able to do so, I shall sail direct for America, but I do not know when I shall be enabled to go." The officials of the home office have not as yet replied to the United States ambassador, Mr. Thos. F. Bayard, who wrote on behalf of Mrs. Castle, urging clemency on the ground of her physical condition. It is understood, however, that the letter was marked unofficial.

The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, and other papers of this city, urge the release, upon medical grounds, of Mrs. Castle, who was sentenced yesterday at the sessions to three months' imprisonment without hard labor. The Globe says it strongly believes in the mania defence, and declares the sentence commensurate with the most terrible violation of common justice. "Though," the article says, "certain judges only desire to do what was just."

The St. James' Gazette, while agreeing it is a case for clemency in view of the physical condition of the prisoner, if she is released it ought to be clearly understood that the evidence of kleptomania came to nothing. If her counsel had relied on it, he would not have advised her to plead guilty. The evidence was frequent, systematic and artful.

The Daily News comments with severity on the case, saying: "This woman, whose dishonesty is serious, delib'rated on the evidence, and has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment without hard labor. The case is a disgrace to the law, and should like them to be applied to the poor as well as the rich. The case will foster the impression that who is rich people steal it is not stealing, but kleptomania, and it is to believe that, even at the instigation of counsel, Mrs. Castle would have pleaded guilty if she did not do so."

STORM ON LAKE ERIE.

BUFFALO, Nov. 6.—A strong gale prevailed here last night and vessels had great difficulty in reaching the harbor. The barge C. J. Young is on a reef in the Niagara river below the treacherous Horsehoe reef and is going to pieces. The crew was taken off by the lifeboat crew. The wind still continues in gusts of high velocity and much damage has been done to shipping. The steam canal boat Delta and the tug Onycha came in late last night. The captain of the Delta said that half-way between Erie and Dunkirk the storm struck him. The low line between the Delta and her three consorts parted. The Morgan tried to pick them up but the sea was running too high and the consorts were left to their fate. The consorts missing carried crews of two men each. The wind had been tearing along at an average of 50 miles an hour with bursts of 60 and 70. Several other wrecks are reported. On the lower Niagara river, the storm swept as has rarely occurred before. The water has risen two feet. Trolley and steam cars are running with difficulty.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—(Special)—Those who were expecting an official announcement regarding the school question to be made to-day were disappointed. The cabinet met at eleven o'clock this morning and at once took up the consideration of the proposed terms of settlement, but what progress was made remains a state secret, for at two o'clock, when the low price of estimates and two other matters were discussed, the cabinet was informed that there would be no information to be given to the public until next week, probably not before Wednesday. Hon. Mr. Tarte was with the ministers during a portion of the conference.

The case for the Crown was closed to-day in the Hatton murder case. The feeling is general in the city that no case has been made against Moran. The trial will last well into next week.

U. S. ELECTION FIGURES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Mark Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee, has given out the following statement: "Sufficient returns have been received to satisfy me that the following states have been carried for McKinley and Hobart without doubt:

California	9	New York	36
Connecticut	8	New Jersey	10
Delaware	3	Ohio	23
Illinois	24	Oregon	4
Indiana	15	Pennsylvania	32
Iowa	13	Rhode Island	4
Maine	6	South Dakota	4
Maryland	8	Vermont	4
Massachusetts	15	West Virginia	6
Minnesota	9	Wisconsin	1
Michigan	14	Wyoming	1
North Dakota	3	Total	365
New Hampshire	3		

"This insures the election by a majority of 41 in the electoral college, if every other elector's vote goes against us. The most significant feature of this election is the fact that McKinley and Hobart's election has been secured by a plurality of over 1,000,000 popular votes, the largest ever given."

Mr. Hanna was asked how the president-elect would stand on the tariff question. He declined to speak for Major McKinley beyond repeating a statement made by the president-elect before the Marquette club in Chicago, in February last, in which he said he was not an advocate of a schedule, but of the principle of protection.

Kentucky and Wyoming are still in doubt. In the former it may require the official count to determine the result, owing to irregularities. Latest reports indicate that two of Wyoming's votes will go to Bryan. There is no doubt about South Dakota. Returns are incomplete, but McKinley cannot lose the state. The Republican candidate is now sure of 264 votes, and with Kentucky and Wyoming, will have 280 votes and Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia have gone for Bryan. His vote is 107, and with Kentucky and Wyoming would be 183 votes.

HIS EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Steven J. Field to-day celebrated the 80th anniversary of his birth. A constant stream of visitors came all day to offer congratulations. The chief justice, in the presence of the Chief Justice, paid its respects to the distinguished member. Messengers brought many elaborate things. Rev. Henry M. Field, the Justice's brother, spending some time with him. Chief Justice Field is now reaping the benefit of treatment taken last summer in California, and his 80th birthday found him in good health and spirits.

HOG CHOLERA.

CHATHAM, Nov. 5.—Dr. Ridley, V.S., confirms the report of an extensive mortality among the hogs in the vicinity of Wallaceburg from cholera. He had directed that nearly 1,000 hogs be killed and cremated, and had recommended the government to take immediate steps to quarantine the district.

THE NOVELTY COMPANY.

ROSELAND, Nov. 6.—(Special)—The most important event of the week in Roseland has been the purchase of the control of the Novelty company by a syndicate headed by Mr. Finch, vice-president of the War Eagle company. Over 400,000 shares were purchased by them at the low price of 60 cents, and two other blocks of 30,000 and 40,000 shares were secured at 5 and 6 cents respectively. The stock is now firm at 15 cents.

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HARD ON TARTE. The Montreal Gazette says:—In regard to the hard things that are being said about Mr. Tarte, his colleagues, the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor-General, the prize, Mr. Fitzpatrick's declaration, the Exchequer Court, made with the sanction of Sir Oliver Mowat, that Mr. Tarte did not know what he was talking about, and that he was contributing to the relief of a woman known as Julia, in destitute circumstances, and she has now been pronounced a fit inmate of the asylum, and accordingly removed to New Westminster.

GOLD FIELDS COMPANY. The World's representative called yesterday on the British Consul-General Gold, Philip Compton, at 123 West Street, and found Mr. Murray, the eastern manager, very busily engaged examining the reports that received from the various districts.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver Milk Sellers to Be Looked After—Cargo of Fraser River Salmon.

Benefits of the Hatchery—Regarding the Boundary and Trail Creek Mines.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 5.—The milk vendors of the city are to be looked more closely after by the milk inspector, Medical Health Officer Dr. Thomas has called the attention of the board to the fact that milk below the standard 3.5 per cent of butter fat, is being sold and as milk showing so small a percentage is practically unheard of unless adulterated he recommends that dealers be compelled to keep up to that mark.

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ing on that body having to do so without remuneration, congratulated His lordship on his elevation to his present position, and also extended their congratulations to Mr. Justice McColl upon his recent discharge. Mr. Justice Bole thanked the grand jury for their impartial preference of their duties and promised that their recommendations should be brought to the attention of the proper departments. The Chairman, Tom Yuen, charged with wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm was found guilty, sentence being deferred. The charge of libel against Levi Carter in connection with some statements made by him in a letter to General Superintendent Abbott was withdrawn by mutual consent. The case against Ah Fook and several other Chinamen was being proceeded with when the court rose for the day.

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Creek Mining and Milling Company has recently been incorporated to develop a group of eight claims owned by the company in Providence camp. The properties are all situated within a short distance of Greenwood City, in fact one of the claims adjoins or rather lies along the town on a ridge to the west. Some of the showings are remarkably promising. The ledge runs in width from six inches to 25 feet and assays have been obtained as high as \$70 in gold from the average samples of one claim, and the conditions are such that operations can be continued at any time during the winter months—even surface prospecting.

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