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AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS.

Editor:—Allow me to direct attention to one phase of our educational system recently introduced, the teaching of agriculture from a book to both sexes from ten years of age...

RESPECTIVE COMPETITION.

Halifax, March 16.—An interesting competition is said likely to arise near future between the British and the Spanish legation here...

DEADLY RHEUMATISM.

Which is instantaneous and Permanent in Effect—A Calgary Resident, cured for Three Years Becomes Strong in Athlete.

BIRTH.

On March 12, at 138 Richmond street, the wife of J. K. Worsfold, of a son, the 16th inst. at 15 Stanley avenue, the wife of F. H. Cole, of a daughter.

DIED.

On the 11th inst. at the residence of his mother, Mrs. H. N. Taylor, of a son, the 10th inst. at 15 Stanley avenue, the wife of F. H. Cole, of a daughter.

THIRTY-NINTH YEAR. UNMEASURED CENSURE.

The Liberal Press of London Indignant at the Blockade of Crete.

"Black Sunday" the Title for the Day That Sees It Enforced.

LONDON, March 20.—The Cretan imbroglio remains the question of the hour, and the enforcing of the blockade of the island of Crete from to-morrow is expected to give rise to exciting incidents in the endeavors of the Greeks to run the blockade.

It is understood that the Greek galleys which have been hovering around Crete and which are now working at Olegio will be ordered to keep outside the ten-mile limit or be rammed by the foreign warships.

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LONDON, March 20.—A position proposed by Rev. Dr. Kennedy Moore will be presented at the coming Presbyterian synod against Rev. Dr. John Watson (an M.A.), on the ground of heretical teaching in "Mind and Matter" and the "Bonnie Briar Bush."

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LONDON, March 20.—Most of the week's newspapers commencing with the "Standard" and "Morning Post" are full of comments on the tariff bill.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assured to give a soft and spongy texture to all breads, buns, cakes, puddings, etc.

THE FATHER OF WATERS. Barriers Go Down at Memphis Before the Rush of the Mighty Mississippi.

READY TO SHAKE HANDS. CARACAS, Venezuela, March 19.—The resumption of diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela is being vigorously pushed, the government here being favorably inclined towards the renewal of friendly relations with France.

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A FAMILY TRAGEDY.

George Brown Dying From a Wound Received From His Son-in-Law.

A Rifle Bullet From Behind a Closed Door Struck Down the Old Man.

Gravely wounded by a bullet, George Brown of Beechey Bay, is dying at St. Joseph's hospital, while his son-in-law, John Aiken, is in a cell at the provincial police station, charged with having fired the shot with intent to kill.

There seems to have been some trouble between the two men for a short time back, as far as can be learned, and it is also said that since losing one of his sons by an accident some time ago Brown has not been quite himself.

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DEATH ENDS ALL.

Frederick Kaye, a man about 70 years of age, who has long been a patient in a Jubilee hospital, suffering from paralysis of one side, died yesterday afternoon under the usual circumstances.

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SOLDIERS SATISFIED.

"Barracks Athletics" Defeat the "Rangers" Through Superior Combination Work.

Cricketers Reorganize and Organize Prepare to Follow-Golfing at Oak Bay.

NANAIMO, March 20.—(Special)—The first match in the Association cup series was played here today between the Nanaimo Rangers and the Garrison Athletics, the game being an excellent one and the fine day bringing out a large number of spectators.

There was a very close contest, the Rangers being the victors in the first half. The game was well played, and the spectators were well entertained.

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Advertisement for 'WILL NOT END FATALY' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a shooting.

Advertisement for 'Fear of His Stalwart Father-in-Law' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a shooting.

Advertisement for 'KASLO' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a shooting.

Advertisement for 'ROSSLAND' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a shooting.

Advertisement for 'BY WAY OF VARIETY' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a shooting.

Advertisement for 'Caligraphs' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a shooting.

Advertisement for 'T. N. Hibben & Co.' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a shooting.



Fifty Years Ago. This is the cradle in which there grew that thought of a philanthropic brain.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in its infancy half a century ago. To-day it doth stride the narrow world like a colossus.

50 Years of Cures. At Beacon Hill an interesting game of Association was played yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A.





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prepared—not mounted on wood.

RESTLESSNESS AND REFORM.

Restlessness is not reform, though  
some people seem to think it is. In most  
parts of America, and especially in the  
United States, a number of men and not  
a few women can be found who seem an-  
nimated by the notion that whatever is  
wrong, and that the prime duty of legis-  
lative bodies is to do for the individual  
what the individual is either too indolent  
or too indifferent to his own interests  
to do for himself. One phase of this  
pseudo-reform consists in attempting to  
supply by legislation the necessity for  
parental control. This found its first  
expression in the public schools, where  
the authority of the parent has been  
gradually superseded by that of the  
school teacher to such an extent that a  
conflict of authority frequently arises. A  
notable illustration of this may be found  
in many of the states in regard to ex-  
cuses for the absence of pupils from  
school or for tardiness. When those of  
us who are old enough to have children  
at school were going to school ourselves,  
a note from father or mother asking the  
teacher to excuse tardiness or absence  
was sufficient. Parents were supposed  
to have sufficient interest in their chil-  
dren to see that they attended school  
regularly and on time and to be able to  
judge of the sufficiency of a cause for  
keeping them at home. But the new no-  
tion is that parents must submit their  
judgment to the review of the school  
teacher and the excuse must contain the  
parents' reason, and if in the opinion of  
the teacher the parent has not exercised  
due judgment—if, for example, mothers'  
illness was not in the opinion of the  
teacher a sufficient reason why the  
daughter, who had to get breakfast ready,  
should be late at school, the child must  
suffer some penalty as the teacher may  
think proper to impose, subject of  
course to review by the board of educa-  
tion. This meddlingness in domestic  
affairs is in some cases carried to such  
an extent as to compel children to tell  
the private affairs of the household in the  
hearing of a whole school.

Another manifestation of restless and  
impertinent interference in domestic  
affairs is the institution of the curfew  
bell. We do not say that it is not desir-  
able for young people to be kept off  
the streets after dark, unless they are  
on business or are accompanied by  
older persons; but we do say that it is  
a piece of impertinent interference with  
domestic affairs for any legislature to  
make rules as to the way parents shall  
manage their children. What do the  
promoters of this curfew nonsense mean  
by it? Do they desire to be understood  
as being unable to control their own  
children, and hence desire to call on the  
police, or are they desirous of control-  
ling other people's children? Is it to be  
understood that the young people of the  
present generation are beyond parental  
restraint? If so, would it not be well  
to begin the reform by reforming the par-  
ents?

The genius of Anglo-Saxon progress is  
individual liberty and the supremacy of  
parents in the family. If for this we are  
to substitute the control of school boards  
by day and the police by night, we will  
undermine the foundations of our whole  
national character. No country can af-  
ford to play fast and loose with the  
fundamental principles of its social  
organization. To-day the United States  
is honeycombed with contempt for law,  
and this contempt is largely due to the  
surrender of the parental control of  
children to irresponsible school teachers,  
to the meddlingness of legisla-  
tures and the restlessness of a lot of peo-  
ple who would make all sorts of experi-  
ments in order to reform humanity.  
We do not believe it will be any improve-

ment to change the old commandment  
so as to make it read: Honor the police-  
man, and the school teacher that thy  
days may be long in the land, etc.

OUR CLAIMS ON THE DOMINION.

On Friday the Daily Times said that  
for many years it had been directing  
public attention to the startling fact  
that our province was being impover-  
ished at the rate of millions a year by  
the operation of the customs law, but  
that the Colonist never supported its ef-  
forts. Speaking of this paper the Times  
says: "While its political friends were  
in power it was willing to sacrifice the  
province. Now that its friends are driven  
from office it has become virtuous and  
honest and, courageously champions  
causes which the Times, and the liberal  
candidates at Victoria have been advocat-  
ing for years." Probably if we had  
contented ourselves with a simple denial  
of this statement, the memory of the  
public would have furnished sufficient  
corroboration, but as the matter is not  
one between this paper and its evening  
contemporary, but is a public question  
of great importance, and as it is desira-  
ble to counteract any impression that  
the position which the Colonist is tak-  
ing, and which we hope to see the local  
government take, is even in a small de-  
gree due to the fact that the Liberal party  
is in power, at Ottawa, we have taken  
the trouble to turn to some former issue  
of the Colonist and see what light they  
cast upon it. The references given be-  
low are all to editorial articles which ap-  
peared in the Colonist in 1894, when  
the Conservative party was in power:

On March 22 of that year the Col-  
onist printed an editorial entitled:  
"Let us have Justice." It was a  
demand for large appropriations, and  
it was stated therein that "the amount  
which this province is compelled to con-  
tribute to the Dominion, compared with  
its population, is in every sense extraor-  
dinary." Again: "It contributes per  
capita five times as much as any other  
province, and is far from receiving an  
adequate return." Again: "Its people  
cannot afford to send so much money to  
Ottawa as they do every year. The ex-  
actions of the General Government are  
improving themselves." Again: "British  
Columbians have borne the burden  
with extraordinary patience. All they  
require is simple justice. The appro-  
priations should be in proportion to  
their contributions to the revenue."

On the following day the matter was  
taken up again, and the Colonist gave  
figures in support of its position show-  
ing the following to be the ratio per  
capita of customs duties and excise paid  
by the several provinces:  
Ontario..... 4 50  
Quebec..... 7 50  
New Brunswick..... 4 25  
Nova Scotia..... 3 30  
Manitoba..... 7 20  
P. E. Island..... 1 80  
British Columbia..... 15 00

The per capita payment by the whole  
Dominion was stated at \$6.07, and it  
was pointed out that British Columbia  
"paid last year (1893) \$869,403 more  
than it would have paid if an average  
had been struck and every province was  
required to pay in proportion to the  
number of its inhabitants." Full de-  
tails were given to show how these fig-  
ures were reached, and the article closed  
with an appeal for greater appropriations  
as a matter of simple justice.

This latter article appears to have  
wakened up the Times, for on March 25  
the Colonist expressed its regret that  
the evening paper was making a party  
matter of the question. It is a fact,  
which the recollection of those who  
think it worth while to remember what  
the Times says will recall, that the even-  
ing paper did its little best to turn the  
Colonist's efforts into ridicule.

Our contention seems to have excited  
the hostility of the whole local oppo-  
sition, for the issue of March 27 we  
found an article answering the false state-  
ment set up by the News-Advertiser  
that the Colonist's article was written  
by the then premier, and replying to  
the pretended belief of our Vancouver  
contemporary that our object was to  
incite the people to rebellion.

On March 30 the Colonist again took  
the subject up, and this time contended  
for larger appropriations for this Pro-  
vince. Among other things it was said:  
"As we have more than one clearly  
shown the Dominion is in justice bound  
to make the appropriations for this Pro-  
vince exceptionally large."

This strong presentation of the case  
for the Province excited attention in the  
East, and the Toronto Mail took occa-  
sion to express the hope that British  
Columbia would not join the Maritime  
Provinces in a demand for better terms.  
To this the Colonist answered by re-  
peating the salient facts of British  
Columbia's case, and adding that if  
this Province received the same measure  
of justice as the Maritime Provinces,  
"neither the Mail nor any Eastern  
newspaper would have the slightest pre-  
text for questioning its financial con-  
dition adversely, or of expressing a fear  
that it 'would cry for more.'"

the sentiments of a majority of the in-  
habitants of the province."  
We have not thought it necessary to  
examine the Colonist files any further  
than this; but the extracts above given  
show that three years ago this paper  
was advocating the claim of this Pro-  
vince to consideration at the hands of the  
Dominion more persistently than it has  
done this year, and that the Times was  
then as now doing its best to throw cold  
water on the agitation for a larger mes-  
sure of justice at the hands of the govern-  
ment and parliament of the Dominion.

THE GOLDEN AGE.

Was there ever a Golden Age, or is the  
story of it only a myth invented by some  
poet, who lived in some forgotten period  
of Grecian history? Was Mount Meru,  
which of Hindu legends tell and on  
whose summits the gods lived, a figment  
of the imagination? Had Olympus,  
where Zeus reigned and minor deities  
made their home, an actual existence?  
Was Mount Zion simply the name of a  
little hill in Jerusalem and applied to  
the abode of Jehovah only metaphorical-  
ly, or was the true Mount Zion the  
kingdom of some great earthly monarch,  
and was its memory preserved by being  
applied to the site of the temple? In  
short, are the stories of gods, demi-gods,  
giants and all the weird creatures of  
mythology actions pure and simple, or  
are they history dimmed and distorted  
by the obscurity of a remote antiquity?

Comparative mythology is a very new  
science, so new that the primer of it has  
hardly been written. The influence of  
theologians has until very recently been  
against it. When the Spaniards went  
to Central America they found a great  
number of Mayan MSS., which purport-  
ed to give the early history of the people  
of that part of the continent. These  
MSS. were destroyed by the priests be-  
cause it was feared they would under-  
mine the faith of Christians. Some few  
have been since discovered and they in-  
dicate a very great antiquity for the  
Mayan civilization, but nothing yet dis-  
covered casts any light upon the monu-  
ments of a still older civilization with  
which Yucatan abounds. The narrow-  
ness which led to the destruction of these  
MSS., which were on a prepared  
table, has at all times until  
recently discouraged any in-  
vestigation into the mythology. Yet  
the field is one worthy of deep research,  
not only as a matter for the curious, but  
as calculated to affect certain impres-  
sions, which play an important part in  
the government of human conduct. The  
part which the story of Eden has played  
and plays to-day can hardly be over-  
estimated, and it is certainly a matter of  
grave importance to determine what  
bearing, if any, the memories preserved by  
other races than the Jews have  
upon it.

The Micmac Indians of Eastern Can-  
ada have legends telling of a happy era  
before the coming of Wab-Poot, the  
great beaver, who dammed up the  
watercourses and brought about a period  
of intense cold. The Kikicats of the  
state of Washington tell of the wonder-  
ful age "before the mountains were  
brought forth." The aborigines of the  
Olympic peninsula relate how the  
monster Sa-at-to crushed the race in his  
terrible rage, and plunged them into  
ice from which they have not yet  
emerged. Go where you will you find  
the same thing. The Norse legends tell  
of Ragnarok, when the world was de-  
stroyed by a great deluge. The Greeks  
relate how a great deluge, which they  
might go on until the patience of the  
reader was exhausted by a mere cat-  
egory of the myths and legends bearing  
upon this single point. In a very re-  
markable book entitled "Paradise  
Found," the president of the Boston  
University makes a collection of them,  
and a brief resume fills many pages.

It is an insult to the intelligence to  
suggest that these scores of legends, and  
alike in all their chief elements, and  
diversified only by local coloring, are  
mere inventions. They have undoubt-  
edly a common origin. They vary in  
detail, but when we recall how the wit-  
nesses of a contemporary event will  
differ about it, we will no longer wonder  
that the memory of this remote age of  
the world is not preserved with uni-  
formity except as to its general charac-  
ter. If the universal recollection of  
marked counts for anything, there was  
undoubtedly a period, call it by what-  
ever name you will, when humanity had  
reached a very high degree of progress,  
which period was closed by a great  
catastrophe from which the race has  
been slowly emerging for several thou-  
sand years.

Is there any reason outside of myth-  
ology and tradition to suppose such a  
period existed? There is unquestion-  
able geological proof to the effect that  
the Tertiary Age, which preceded the Ice  
Age, was fit for the development of the  
highest type of life, and there is some  
evidence that man existed before the  
Ice Age. We shall not at present pursue

this line of thought any further, but  
may take occasion to say a subsequent  
article to point out why the existence of  
a high type of civilization antecedent to  
the Ice Age is entirely consistent with  
the unquestioned degradation in which  
humanity was sunk after the great cat-  
astrophe, which has left its trace upon  
every religion of mankind and colors  
every conception of the Deity. Perhaps  
the investigation may cast some light  
upon the meaning of the words which  
the Hebrew poet attributed to Jehovah  
speaking to Adam, "Cursed be the  
ground for thy sake. In sorrow shalt  
thou eat of it all the days of thy life."

THE EASTERN SITUATION.

So far the blockade of Crete seems to  
have produced no appreciable effect  
except to intensify the feeling of the Greek  
people. There is something underneath  
this movement that no one outside a  
very narrow circle knows anything about.  
The best informed correspondents are as  
much at sea as anyone else. They give  
plenty of guesses, but not one of them  
suggests even a plausible explanation for  
the defiant attitude of the little Kingdom  
of Greece. The best explanation seems  
to be that which was given at the out-  
set, namely, that the people have taken  
the matter out of the hands of the diplo-  
mats, who are simply striving by every  
means in their power to preserve the  
peace.

The suggestion is made that there is a  
secret understanding between Russia  
and Greece to the effect that while the  
former nation will make a show of  
opposing the latter Greece is to con-  
tinue her preparations and finally pro-  
voke the Sultan to war, whereupon the  
Ottomans will seize Constantinople. This  
is rather too artificial an explanation, it  
savours too much of melodrama to be  
accepted by any one. It is hardly con-  
ceivable that Russia has been able to  
pull the wool over the eyes of all the  
Turks, except a few newspaper corre-  
spondents. We think that as a rule  
people would be more accurate in their  
conclusions if they could remember that  
emperors, kings and diplomats are in  
ninety-nine cases out of a hundred not  
particularly different from ordinary  
mortals, and that if they succeed in  
doing what each day calls for they are  
managing pretty well. The notion that  
every step taken by any of the  
great powers is for some undisclosed  
 ulterior purpose is probably the rankest  
kind of folly. Governments have cer-  
tain general lines policy, but in carry-  
ing out details they do very much what  
a prudent business man does, that is  
what seems best to be done at the time.  
Just now all the powers are agreed that  
the thing to be done is to keep the peace  
if possible. If the action of the Greek  
people makes this impossible, we will  
then see what the settled policy of the  
several governments will lead them to do.

For an absolutely pointless waste  
of time compared to yesterday after-  
noon's performance in the house upon  
Mr. Selwin's motion. It happened that  
on the second reading of the bill to pro-  
hibit the employment of Chinese labor  
in the mines all the members of the  
government voted in the minority. The  
bill was a private one, and it never was  
held that the vote on a private bill could  
be considered in the light of a vote  
of want of confidence. There was no pro-  
position before the house which the gov-  
ernment supported and the house negat-  
ived. There was no proposition before  
the house which the government op-  
posed, and the house approved. The  
two members of the government who  
spoke were careful to say that they only  
expressed their individual opinions.  
Hon. Mr. Pooley especially gave it as  
his reason for speaking at all that he did  
not propose to permit anyone to say  
that he was afraid to define his position  
on the Chinese question. The Provin-  
cial Secretary simply expressed his per-  
sonal opinion as to the inexpediency of  
doing anything calculated to jeopardize  
our trade relations with China. Nobody  
supposed for a single instant that the  
government was opposing the measure.  
It never entered into the mind of any  
man that a question of confidence was  
involved. Hence when Mr. Selwin  
waded half the afternoon yesterday on  
a motion to adjourn, he simply blocked  
the regular work of the house and de-  
layed important private legislation.

The Kinshu Maru took 837 Japanese  
to Hawaii on her last trip and the im-  
migrants authorities refused to allow them  
to land, except at the quarantine station.  
There is fear of serious trouble. A sus-  
picion is entertained in Honolulu that  
this large shipment of immigrants is  
part of a plan formed by the Japanese  
government to acquire the islands by  
flooding them with people, who on the  
first opportunity will demand their an-  
nexation to Japan and be prepared, if  
necessary, to make their claim good by  
force.

EVERYONE will regret that Mr. Kitch-  
en has been compelled to abandon his  
legislative duties on account of his poor  
health. He carries home with him the  
earnest wish of all that he may speedily  
regain his strength.

It is reported that Italy is going to  
give Great Britain the little island of  
Paniglaris, in the Mediterranean, and  
south of Sicily, in exchange for Terini,  
the little island off the entrance to the  
Red Sea. Paniglaris has an area of 58

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square miles and a population of  
between 7,000 and 8,000. It is about 150  
miles west of Malta.

HON. MR. BLAIR, in his reply to the  
Toronto Board of Trade in re the Crow's  
Nest Pass railway, shows that he well de-  
serves his reputation of being a past  
master in the art of avoiding a difficult  
proposition. "I think I am in a posi-  
tion to assure you that there is no dan-  
ger of precipitate action on the part of  
the government in respect to the Crow's  
Nest Pass railway," said the minister.  
This casts a whole flood of light on the  
subject, but it is the sort of light which  
Milton describes as "darkness visible."

The people of the State of Washington  
are making tremendous efforts to get  
rid of that forest reserve which lies up  
the best mining district in that common-  
wealth. It is a misfortune to live under  
an absolute government. "Eternal vigilance  
is the price of liberty," said one of  
the Fathers of the Republic. How much  
better it is to live in a country where  
one's liberty is safe without his having  
to stay awake all night to watch it. We  
are sorry for our neighbors and hope  
they can get the iron heel of despotism off  
their gold mines.

We made a reference yesterday to the  
pliable condition of Kansas resulting  
from populist vagaries in legislation.  
Hon. Edwin Taylor of that state says  
the whole country is bonded, but the  
bonds are largely worthless for people  
are fleeing from the state. "One coun-  
ty has declared itself bankrupt. Others  
are sure to follow." British Columbia  
should take warning and nip the bud-  
ding tendency to populist legislation  
before it is too late.

The Vancouver World very pointedly  
asks those who criticize the aid given  
heretofore to railways in this Province  
to say what condition the districts  
traversed by the railways would now be  
in if the lines had never been built.  
Those people who are full of overflying  
with ex post facto wisdom, who always  
know afterwards how a thing should  
not have been done, were never yet  
known to suggest beforehand how it  
should have been done.

RENEWED reports come from Germany  
as to the alarming condition of the Em-  
peror's health. If this belated survival  
of medievalism should be gathered to his  
fathers, all Europe would breathe more  
freely. No one knows what he may do  
or may not do at any day. He is  
whimsical in the extreme and convinced  
of nothing so much that he is the second  
being in the Universe.

A CONSTANTINOPLIS dispatch announces  
that when the Ottoman affair is settled a  
big programme of reform is to be set  
on foot in Turkey. That "man" is an  
elastic term. The Sultan is like the man  
of whom Goldsmith, or was it Cowper,  
said that he—  
"Reforms and re-reforms, then dies the  
same."  
With the publication of the letters in  
to-day's Colonist on the Governor and  
the house, we must, in the language of  
diplomacy, be allowed to consider the  
incident closed so far as the COLONIST is  
concerned.

THIRTY-  
WAR CLOUDS

The Sultan's Indifference  
to Set All Europe  
a Blaze.

Britain Announces De-  
No More Inhuman  
Be Tolerate

CARMA, March 24.—  
troops, encouraged by y  
clamation of the admiral  
that the insurgents  
would attack the Tur-  
sions at Kosonno, Sad-  
dia and Hierapetra, who  
troops have been landed  
that these fortifications  
maintain the security  
tempt to-day to re-visit  
at Malaxa. Thereupon  
sacked and razed to the  
who pursued the convoy  
the environs of Suda bay  
warships finally opened  
Christians and consular  
retreat. At Sitta the  
habitants of the town a  
and are surrounded by  
The insurgent command  
have cut off all mes-  
sage with the place.  
Advices from Arts say  
of the protest of Gre  
stopped the construction  
at Pevesa, at the northern  
the Gulf of Arts, while  
the stipulation of the  
Sultan's reports are in  
regarding the strength  
troops on the frontier.  
one report says that the  
concentrated 100,000 troops  
at Epirus alone. The  
is not believed in milita-  
The insurgent command  
Akrotiri this morning re-  
posal of the powers to  
to Crete to the various  
surgent forces, who as-  
sent parts of the island  
ferent parts of the islan-  
declared that only  
possible annexation of  
Crete to Greece will  
end the struggle for the

THE POWER UN-  
Reparation Inadequate for  
Sunday Last at

CONSTITUTIONS, March  
tally by the British em-  
pik officials held resp  
massacre of 100 Armen-  
the Sivas district of Asia  
villaging of the Armen-  
Tokat for eight hours, a  
tory to the suburbs of  
and unless there is a cha-  
action very shortly it is  
some of the powers will  
public opinion, and the  
of their policy toward Co-  
The immediate result  
strange of Sir Phillip Cot-  
ambassadors, was an ex-  
traordinary meeting of  
ministers at the Valiz  
evening, at the end of  
sadors were notified that  
ordered the dismissal of  
police and the chief of  
last for preventing  
and for failing to prevent  
to the pillaging of the Ar-  
of that city.

The more dismissal of  
Turkish officials is not  
cient to demonstrate the  
the Sultan at the want  
hundred Armenians, and  
ed upon as being likely  
ditional outbreaks of the  
Consequently, Sir Phil  
such a fresh representa-  
to prevent further ma-  
settling forth that perils  
will follow the failure of  
really punish those who  
of the Tokat outrage,  
though it has something to  
it, is objectionable on the ground that it  
would introduce confusion into business,  
which would be attended by losses, from  
year to year, on the selling value of the  
goods on hand.—Monetary Times.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

IT may now be stated incontrovertibly  
that British Columbia is one of the  
richest, if not the richest, fields in the  
world for the production of gold, silver,  
copper and various other precious  
minerals, just as the Northwest Terri-  
tories, and notably Alberta, are un-  
questionably adapted for grazing and stock-  
raising.—Calgary Herald.

RECOGNIZES HIS DUTY.  
While the News has always been, and  
always will be, neutral in politics, it  
nevertheless believes that all residents  
of the Slovan should swear their alle-  
giance to the country in which they are  
doing business and in which they make  
their living. As a step in this direction,  
the publisher of the News has taken out  
his naturalization papers and will here-  
after be a citizen of Canada.—Slovan  
City News.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION.  
British Columbia is rapidly going be-  
yond the experimental stage, and it  
would be an absolutely safe venture for  
the Dominion government to advance  
money to build the railway, and take the  
cost and oil lands, which would proba-  
bly pay the whole cost of building a  
road which would be a paying enterprise  
from the start.—Toronto Telegram.

"I can't see why they speak of the wis-  
dom of the serpent." "Well, you never  
heard of a serpent getting his leg pulled,  
did you?"—Truth.