

THIRTY-FIRST YEAR.

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Severe Weather in Europe—Terrible Snow Storm Prevailing Throughout Scotland.

Proceedings of the Commission.

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Extensive Purchase of a Favorite Brand of Tea—An Attempt to Corner the Market.

A Mystical Explosion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—About 5:30 this evening, Stephenson's brewery was shaken up, and nearly every window for the distance of a block in all directions were broken by a terrific explosion, the shock of which was felt all over the city.

Paris, Feb. 8.—President Carnot attended a ball at the Hotel De Ville last night and was given a hearty reception by a crowd that gathered outside the building.

Mistakenly Rescued.

ZANZIBAR, Feb. 8.—The agent of the East Africa Company has cancelled the release of the Catholic missionaries held by the natives by paying the ransom demanded by Bushiri, leader of the Arab insurgents.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

The Government Asked to Remove Northwest Timber Dues.

Petition to the Government to Disallow the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway—Proposed Atlantic Cable Scheme.

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A LIBERAL MEASURE.

The amendment of the Legal Professions Act proposed by Mr. Higgins is, we think, wise, and required by the circumstances of the given to men of all classes and professions to settle in British Columbia, and we do not see why obstacles should be thrown in the way of lawyers making their home in the province.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Fifth Parliament. FIFTH DAY. FRIDAY, FEB. 15, 1889. The Speaker took the chair at 2:30 p.m. Prayers were read by Rev. Archdeacon Servin.

THE "BLACK MAN."

It is asserted that Lord Salisbury gave great offence some little time ago by alluding to the Gladstonian candidate for Holborn in a late bye-election as a black man. The black man was the Hon. Dabhal Narojri, a native of India, who has for some time resided in England.

THE GUARANTEE OF FIVE PER CENT.

TO THE EDITOR.—I am in accord with "Hillside," your correspondent of to-day. We ought to have a guarantee of five per cent. In some places bonuses have been given for objects much less worthy and beneficial.

THE RECENT SEIZURES.

TO THE EDITOR.—The schooner Walter L. Rich and Pathfinder, have been seized for staying in Drake's Bay, except in the case of the schooner, which is a vessel of the United States customs laws; we would therefore advise through the medium of your paper, that all British sealers, instead of entering Drake's Bay, accept in advance of the seizure of their vessels, should come to San Francisco, and there they would avoid all such trouble.

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Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

For Victoria. The steamer Walla Walla, which left San Francisco yesterday for Victoria, has on board the following passengers: P. Kohler, John T. Fox, F. Burrell and W. H. Williams.

Building Operations at Ladner's Landing. Ladner's Landing is enjoying a brisk little building boom at present. The sawmill is running very briskly, and is turning out the best of material for building purposes.

Funeral. The remains of Walford Lincoln, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Garland, were interred in Ross Bay Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The Fortunate Men. The thirty-second appropriation of the Victoria Building Society was drawn for a meeting held at the Victoria Club on the evening, when Nos. 111, 108 and 107, were found to be the winning numbers.

Real Estate Transfer. Mr. F. G. Reid, yesterday disposed of three lots on the Beckley farm for \$2,800; also a lot on Herald street for \$1,000.

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It is understood that preparations are being made to lay the electric tramway on Upper Fort street, out in large lots for building purposes. As this is, without doubt, the most desirable residential quarter in the city, the banks are so far gaining credence, and the signs are that there will be many transfers and considerable advances during the year.

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TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD. Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in a Readable Shape.

The funeral of the late John Todd, formerly of Victoria, took place at Tacoma on Tuesday last. The erection of a substantial addition to Mr. John Weller's store is to be pushed forward immediately.

Mr. George Vienna shipped a giant octopus or devil fish to Montreal, yesterday for exhibition purposes. The Blue Ribbon Club will entertain their friends this evening in Temperance Hall, an excellent programme having been arranged.

The Blue Bell Mining Co., of Nanaimo, have decided to start in at once with the development of their quartz mine on Texada Island.

Mr. William Munroe (Carne and Munroe), is a passenger on the steamer State of California, quarantined at Portland, with smallpox on board.

The Islander passed the steamer Danube, bound for Vancouver, in the Gulf last night.

Steamer Southern California, from Nanaimo, coal laden for San Francisco, landed pilot Sabiston, at 6:30 last evening, and passed on.

PERSONAL.

Capt. Jordan is at the Oriental. James P. West, of Westminster, is at the Oriental. He had come over from the mainland last night.

W. L. Deane returned from the mainland last night. Simon Leiser returned from the mainland last evening.

H. Holland returned to the city by the Islander last night. W. L. Chubb came home from Vancouver last night.

Robert Ward left San Francisco for Monterey yesterday. James Orr, M. P., went over to Vancouver this morning.

T. B. Hall came over from Vancouver on the Islander last night. H. Knowles was among the passengers by the Islander last evening.

J. H. Todd returned from the mainland by last night's boat. W. F. and Mrs. Bullen came over from Vancouver by the Islander last night.

W. A. DeWolf, of Vancouver, came over by the Islander last night. Rev. J. White, of Westminster, came over by the Islander last night.

W. H. Long, of Lulu Island, came over by the Louise last night. James Punch, of Westminster, came over on the Islander last night.

E. B. Gray, of Victoria, registered at the Windsor, Montreal, on the 31st ult. Fred. Weldon, the popular conductor of the C. P. R., was in the city on the evening, when Nos. 111, 108 and 107, were found to be the winning numbers.

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Sir George Baden-Powell, K.O.M.G.M.P., for Liverpool, accompanied by his friend Hon. R. Scott-Montagu, arrived in Victoria by the Islander last evening. He is expected to remain in the city for a few days.

Three Canoes Lost. The steamer Islander, on Friday evening, brought down three canoes of the C. P. R. to the wharf. The canoes were from near Ashcroft, and were in the company's ice house on the wharf. It came in blocks about sixteen inches thick, each weighing, on an average, 300 pounds, or about seven blocks to the ton, and is valued at \$160 per carload.

News From Texada. The news comes from the new Eldorado that rich quartz ledges have been discovered on the north side of the island, and that a strike has been set for that quarter. Millions are in future are to be met with on all sides, while returned prospectors with pockets full of quartz are being sent back to the mainland.

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Iron Moulders Strike.

The iron moulders employed at the Washington Iron Works, Seattle, are out on a strike. They demand that there shall be no piece work and that the boundary of the work shall be clearly defined. There are two or three men working in the moulding room, but not a sufficient force to carry on the work of the foundry.

The San Francisco Steamer.

It is now definitely settled that the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., commencing on March 1st, will run three steamers to Victoria and the Sound, and commencing the increased traffic. The steamers will leave every five days, and the additional steamer will be the Meteor, which has been entirely renovated and repaired.

A New Pastor.

Rev. E. D. McLean, the new pastor of St. Andrew's Church at Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. McLean, arrived from the East on Monday. This evening the induction service will take place, and a large number of the province are in Vancouver to assist at the ceremony.

Fine Strike in Coal.

The miners employed by Messrs. Dunsmuir & Sons, of the Wellington Colliery, now working at what is known as the Sabatier and Hillier shaft, have struck into a seven-foot seam of excellent coal. This property is in the famous Millstream Valley on the Nanaimo side of the East. The Wellington proprietors are opening it up will be prosecuted with the utmost vigor. Quite a number of men are now engaged at this work.

Smuggled Opium.

Part of a cargo of smuggled opium brought from Victoria in a small boat has been discovered near Seattle by the customs officers. It was in three packages, one in a box, one in a trunk, and one in a bag, and the occupants of the frail craft have perished. When the steamship Unadilla reached the coast, the morning morning customs officers found forty boxes of opium stowed in the pantry-room of the vessel.

Diphtheria Claims another Victim.

Mr. George Thomson, M. P. P., and Mrs. Thomson, have been again called upon to part with another of their children, their little five-year-old daughter, Elsie, having succumbed to the disease on Monday. This makes the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have lost through diphtheria during the past few weeks. Mrs. Thomson has had the disease, and her suffer from the same disease, is now convalescing. The afflicted parents have the heartfelt sympathy, not alone of the people of Nanaimo, but of Victoria, where Mrs. Thomson has many friends.

Change of Business.

The Ames Holden Company yesterday morning assumed the management of the Victoria Boot and Shoe Manufactory, formerly carried on by Mr. William Heathorn. It is a gratifying fact that the latter made a good sale, and that the buyers are pleased with their purchase. Mr. J. Holden has been in the city a couple of weeks, and is making the acquaintance of the extensive manufacturers of boots and shoes. As soon as possible the premises will be extended, a three-story addition to be erected on Langley street. The wholesale department of the company will be continued for the present at the ware-rooms on Wharf street. Mr. Heathorn retires from the business, and the new firm enters into the same wishes of all for their further success.

The Conversation.

The many who had the pleasure of attending the delightful conversations given before Christ Church by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church, will be pleased to learn that the series has again been taken up, and many more enjoyable evenings may be spent in the near future. The programme presented was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Barbara Wilson; vocal duet, Mrs. D. R. Harris and Miss Young; vocal solo, Mrs. Jones, with violin and piano accompaniment; quartette, Miss Monks, Miss Higgins, Miss Helmeck, Miss Orridge, and Miss Macdonald as accompanists, and gave a very active set. The next conversation will be given in about a fortnight.

The Loss of the "C. S. Fowler."

A San Francisco exchange says:—Captain William Fowler, of the schooner C. S. Fowler, three of whose crew were drowned in Drakes Bay on Tuesday, the 5th inst., returning from the scene of the disaster on Friday. He says that Captain Eocler of the Corwin, and the captain of the cutter Rush, did everything in their power for those on the Fowler and to recover the bodies of the drowned men. He says that he had hopes of causing the bodies to rise, but without avail. The statement published that the officers of the cutter searched the seafloor and the bodies of the drowned men were recovered. The tug Active, which will tow the R. D. Rice to sea this morning, will take out a boat for the Fowler, which will pick it up outside. The sailing schoolmaster, with Captain John Jacobson, the "mighty hunter," in command, will clear and sail to-day on a hunting and sealing voyage. She will go about 500 miles from the coast and will follow up the seals in their migration to the north.

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Floating Caucery.

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Collister-Cesford.

The residence of Mr. R. Cesford, Henry street, was last evening the scene of a very happy gathering, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Lizlie Cesford to Mr. John R. Collister, of the firm of John Barnsley & Co. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. E. Starr, pastor of Pandora street Methodist church, in the presence of a select number of invited guests and the relatives of the contracting parties. The groom was attended by James Cesford, while Miss Collister made a most charming bridemaid. After the happy knot was tied, the guests spent a very pleasant hour in the refreshment room, wishing the happy young people every joy and happiness on their voyage through life together. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, and the room was afterwards a host of friends. The COLONIST extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Collister.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

The regular monthly meeting of the Public School Board was held in the police court room last evening. Present: Mr. Chas. Hayward, in the chair; Messrs. W. S. Erskine, Hesterman, Erskine and Morrison.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From S. D. Pope, Superintendent of Education, stating that the fire drill had been resumed in the schools, and that the report of the fire drill had been in regard to better fire protection, as well as the appointment of monitors, would receive prompt and careful attention. Received and filed.

REPORTS.

The following report was presented by the special committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. the Minister of Education, the report is published in full. It explains itself: To the Chairman of the Board of School Trustees:—Your committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. the Minister of Education, beg to state that on Saturday, the 2nd inst., they had the honor to receive the Minister by your appointment, viz: (1) The setting apart of a site for a school; (2) The setting apart of a site for a school; (3) The setting apart of a site for a school; (4) The setting apart of a site for a school; (5) The setting apart of a site for a school; (6) The setting apart of a site for a school; (7) The setting apart of a site for a school; (8) The setting apart of a site for a school; (9) The setting apart of a site for a school; (10) The setting apart of a site for a school; (11) The setting apart of a site for a school; (12) The setting apart of a site for a school; (13) The setting apart of a site for a school; (14) The setting apart of a site for a school; (15) The setting apart of a site for a school; (16) The setting apart of a site for a school; 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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1889.

PRINCE RUDOLPH.

The world has heard more than enough of the suicide of the Crown Prince of Austria. When a man has not led a good life and when he closes his disreputable career by committing suicide, the least that is said of him, whether he be prince or peasant, the better. The old injunction to say nothing of the dead but good, is not always to be observed. It is the duty of those that live sometimes to speak plainly of the character and acts of a dead man, even if the truth is disagreeable to his memory, and unpleasant to those with whom he was connected. The fulsome praise of dead men, if they happen to occupy high positions in society, that is generally indulged in, does harm. It confuses people's ideas of right and wrong, of worthiness and unworthiness. If a man has lived a dissolute life, if he has openly disregarded his obligations to his family and to society, and if he tries to escape the evil he has brought on himself by his vicious conduct by taking his own life, no good end is to be served by writing and speaking of him as if he were the most estimable and the most honorable of men. If there is any taint in crime, if wickedness is to be reprobated, then all that can be expected of the most indulgent and the most charitable is to maintain with regard to the doings of such a man a merciful silence. Rank cannot make that moral which is essentially immoral, or that which is in itself dishonorable honorable, but one would think from the way in which some people write and speak of Prince Rudolph that, in their estimation, it has this more than miraculous transmitting power.

THE CIVIC ASSESSMENT.

We trust that the city assessors will this year do their work judiciously and equitably. In valuing real estate they should be careful to find out its actual worth. Valuable lots in good situations should not be lightly taxed because there are no improvements on them. The owners of property thus situated demand for a high price, and if they leave it they ask a heavy rent. Nothing can be fairer than to assess the land at the owners' valuation. They cannot complain if the assessors value it as highly as they do. Real estate whether improved or unimproved, should bear its full share of taxation. Improvements are going on every where, and it is no encouragement to the enterprising citizen to improve his property if his assessment is raised in proportion to the value of the improvements he places upon it, while his neighbor, who does nothing to his property, simply waiting for it to increase in value on account of the improvements that he and others are making in its vicinity, continues to be lightly taxed. If unimproved property grows valuable on account of its situation it is perfectly right that the assessment should be raised in proportion to that increase. In growing places like Victoria every encouragement should be given to those who are disposed to make use of the land they own, and no favor should be shown to those who are every day growing richer, not by their own enterprise and exertion, but by the energy and labors of the whole community. The duty of the assessor is, we admit, difficult. It is hard to place on property its right value, but there are certain broad principles upon which they can act with perfect safety, and on which they ought to act in order to do justice to all property owners. One of these principles is to assess unimproved property at the value to which it has risen on account of the growth of the city and the improvements which have been made in its neighborhood. We are not converts to the single tax doctrine, but we do not believe in permitting those who are growing rich by allowing their property to lie idle, and shrink leaving their fair share of the burden of taxation, and in taxing mindfully the enterprise of the men who are spending their money to improve the city. We think it quite possible for the assessors to fix upon rules of valuation by which justice will be done to all property owners.

DEFENCELESS.

The people of the United States are beginning to see the danger of allowing their coast to remain in a defenceless condition. They know that if they went to war now with any nation, they would suffer very great loss and much havoc before they would be in a position to defend themselves. In spite of their numbers and their vast riches they are at present unable to cope with any power which has at its command a fleet of armored ships. The loss would be temporary, for so rich and so populous a country would soon be in a position to defend itself, but it would be great, and there are many who declare that it is a reproach to so great a country that it is in a position to incur it. The New York Sun says: "Had the fortification of our great seaports been at once undertaken on the scale which Mr. Tilden advocated, and which the instinct of self-preservation commended to the nation, there would have been no surplus; no Mills' bill; no defeat of the Democracy at the last general election." Another American journal says that a month of war would cost the United States more than would be required to place its whole coast in a proper state of defence. It is evident that public opinion in the United States is turning, and that the government will build a fleet and to erect harbor defences, sufficient, at the very least, to protect its seaboard cities. The United States has nothing to fear from invasion by a land force. A force could be raised in the Republic at a very short notice sufficient to overwhelm any army that a foreign power could land on its shores. Great Britain is the only country which would have its own dominion, as a base of operations, but the chance of that nation ever invading the United States from Canada is very remote indeed. With the coast of their country well defended, the inhabitants of the United States would have nothing to fear from foreign

VICTORIA'S PROGRESS.

The proof that Victoria is in proportion to the population one of the richest and most progressive cities in Canada is abundant. An examination of the city assessment roll proves that it is in every respect the reverse of what its enviers and detractors represent it to be. The following statement showing the assessed value of personal property in Victoria will be a surprise to those who have been told that it is a slow place, rapidly decreasing in importance:

Table with 3 columns: Personal Property, City, and Population. Rows include Belleville, Brantford, Brantford, Chatham, Guelph, Peterborough, St. Thomas, and Stratford.

The progress of Victoria appears even more striking when the increase of taxable income during the past four years is considered. In 1885 the taxable income was \$236,370, in 1886 it was \$283,396, an increase of \$46,926, or nearly 20 per cent. But these are not all the indications of Victoria's prosperity. It is safe to calculate that there is an export to the credit of its citizens, in the Dominion Savings Bank and other monetary institutions within the city sums of money aggregating over three millions that do not appear on the assessment rolls. Add this to the amount on the roll and we find that the personal property of our quaint little city foots up to somewhere about nine millions of dollars.

Again, revise the real estate city assessment roll, taking the cash prices already paid and being paid every day for that kind of property as a guide, assess it at fifty per cent of those values on a just and equitable scale all over the city, and an assessed value of over twelve million dollars will be the result, making a total assessed value of real and personal property of twenty-one millions in a city of about fourteen thousand inhabitants. This shows one and a half million dollars worth of property for every one thousand inhabitants, young and old, in the city. Victoria is not vain or boastful. She stands quietly along the stream of time flaunting no gaudy colors for superficial effect; but she carries the ballast of substantial worth which causes her swiftly and steadily to pursue her voyage to the haven of Prosperity.

THE OPPOSITION'S OUTCRY.

It is not a little amusing to see the fuss which the Opposition is making because Mr. Mason, one of the representatives of Cariboo, has been placed on the committee to enquire into the manner in which the authority granted the executive to aid the development of quartz mines has been exercised. It is not pretended that Mr. Mason had anything to do either directly or indirectly with the exercise of this authority. No member of the Opposition ventures to assert that he has any interest in the case, or that he has been set up in the district which he represents. The sole objection urged against him is that he is presumed to know something about the matter into which the committee is appointed to enquire and may be asked by its members to relate the facts that have come to his knowledge. This is certainly a singular objection to raise against a member being named on a committee. Any person who is capable of thinking, who is not blinded by personal dislike or political prejudices would certainly conclude that the more a member knows about the subject to be investigated, provided he is not one of the parties whose conduct is enquired into, the better qualified he is to take part in the enquiry. No sensible man would choose a farmer to be a jurymen in a mining case, or a miner to decide on a purely agricultural question. Besides, Mr. Mason being the representative of a quartz mining district has, as it were, a right to take part in an enquiry the object of which is to find out whether or not the Government has done justice to the quartz mining industry. When it is seen that Mr. Mason possesses the principal qualifications of a member of that committee ought to have, namely, a knowledge of mining and an interest in seeing that the Government has used its authority wisely and impartially, the public will be surprised to see the opposition objecting so strongly to his being placed on the committee. They will be apt to suspect that the objectors have some motive in endeavoring to exclude Mr. Mason, which they are either ashamed or afraid to avow. They will in a manner be forced to this conclusion when they see that the only disqualification urged against Mr. Mason, which they are either ashamed or afraid to avow, is that he is a member of the committee to enquire into the manner in which the authority granted the executive to aid the development of quartz mines has been exercised.

There were 679 strikes reported in 1888, involving 21,841 employees, a decline from 1887 of 23 per cent. In number of strikes, and 48 per cent. in number of employees. Against 1886 the decrease in number of strikes is 52 per cent. Higher wages or fewer hours were causes of strikes by 68 per cent of the strikers in 1888, against 75 per cent in 1887, and 75 per cent behind the strikes of 17 per cent of the men involved in 1888, against 22 per cent of the year before. Sympathetic strikes also disappeared last year. About 20 per cent of those striking were in Pennsylvania in 1888, against 33 per cent in 1887. Only 38 per cent of the strikes in 1888, involving 50 per cent of the whole number who went out, resulted in favor of the employee, against 42 per cent of the strikes and 38 per cent of those involved in 1887. There were 74,375 employees locked out in 1888, against 46,000 in 1887, of whom 87 per cent were successful. The number of days' labor lost by striking and locked out employees in 1888 was 7,592,420, against 10,250,920 in 1887. The latter being placed at \$150 per man, the estimated loss of wages to striking and locked-out employees in 1888 would be \$11,343,720, against \$15,380,850 in 1887, a decline of 25 per cent.

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Children Cry for Fitch's Castoria.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

We have received the annual report of the Department of Militia and Defence. This report enables us from an official point of view to observe the condition of the military force of the Dominion. We find that the military establishment of the Dominion is attracting the attention of the other dependencies of Great Britain. The Quartermaster-General of the army in the India applied to the Department for information on the subject of cast construction for army transport purposes, which he obtained, and we trust, that it was satisfactory. The Governor of Jamaica, too, recently made a request that one of the British divisions of the militia be sent to Canada might be voluntarily attached to a corps of Canadian militia to enable him to avail himself of the course of instruction given to our officers in the Royal School of Military Instruction. This application was, we learn, promptly cordially and, of course, courteously complied with. The West Indian officer, we have no doubt, profited by the opportunity extended to him, and he will be able in due time to carry the fame of the Canadian military schools to distant lands. The Canadian militia force cost the country last year in all the very considerable sum of \$1,213,401. Of this sum \$40,223 was for services performed in the Northwest Territories in 1886. Although the Canadian army has not seen much active service, it has its pension list. The sum of \$36,869 was paid last year to persons who had received wounds in the defence of their country. The veterans of 1812 still, we see, receive a small sum annually. A number of men who received wounds in the Fenian raids drew \$4,000 from the Dominion Treasury, and soldiers who were wounded in the Northwest Rebellion of 1885 are in the receipt of pensions to the amount of \$28,415.

The service performed by the Canadian militia last year cannot be said to be heavy, neither was it very dangerous. The military expeditions were three. Our readers are sufficiently acquainted with the most important of these. The trouble with the Indians on the Skeena River was deemed of sufficient importance to require the aid of Battery C to preserve order. In the early part of last autumn the Mounted Infantry School corps of Winnipeg were called out to keep the peace between the railroad factions in the crossings dispute. Happily their services were not required though their presence may have prevented mischief. The interference of the militia was thought to be necessary to keep the men on the Hereford railway who had been cheated out of their wages by some rascally contractors from taking summary vengeance on persons who were not responsible for the ill-will, they had received. The active militia force of the militia was not required in this instance. The militia, who were called out, were amenable to reason, but the presence of armed men in their neighborhood may have helped to enforce the arguments and exhortations of those who tried to persuade them to refrain from committing acts of violence.

The Report says that several new buildings have been erected under the superintendence of the Department of Public Works. "The Montreal and Quebec Drill Hall, Barracks for the Royal School of Infantry at London, and the Hamilton Drill Hall are now occupied by the force, and with a few additions and alterations which are still required to render them complete, and which I have no doubt will be effected, may be considered first-class buildings, and will meet the requirements of the militia in their respective localities." It is to be regretted that the Deputy Minister could not add the barracks for Battery "C" to this list. In no part of the Dominion are accommodations for the force more urgently required. We see, however, that this matter is not altogether overlooked in the report. Major General Sir Fred. Middleton's report contains the following paragraph:

I found "C" Battery at Victoria, B. C., laboring under very disadvantageous circumstances. Having as yet no regular barracks accommodations, they had been quartered in the Provincial Exhibition building, from which they had just prior to my arrival, been removed to a building erected for an exhibition. I found them camped in a convenient spot near by, and the camp looked clean and neat. This is altogether for the purpose of giving instruction in garrison drill, and is formed as such, but as yet has no heavy guns, and I saw them on parade simply as an infantry company. They looked clean and neat, and were well equipped on parade and seemed to be well drilled. Their late trip to Skeena in aid of the civil power, happily their services were not required in the field, but I am informed that the news of their being in the harbor with a man-of-war was quickly conveyed up the river to the Indians, on whom it had a remarkably quieting effect. It was also informed that the conduct of the troops during the time was very good. A separate report of this has been already sent in. I hope the barracks for the battery will be finished next year, as they are a great advantage at present. I still think that some additional should be granted to the allowances of this Battery, as a special consideration for the service in Victoria being greater than in the rest of the Dominion, the addition being in the shape of an allowance to cover increased cost of living in the rest of the Dominion, and to be regulated by a sliding scale for the several years of the completion of the "C" Battery barracks at Point Maitland.

The General is not, it appears, altogether satisfied with the condition of the militia. He sees in it some defects. He says: "I have no reason to alter my opinion expressed in former reports, to the following points:—The advisability of reducing the number of the militia and the necessity of calling out every corps every year. The advisability of giving more encouragement to the engineer-branch of the force. The necessity of more guns of position and new field battery guns. The question of rifle instruction for the force in general, including the necessity of more instruction for rifle and percussion of Morris and other tubes for winter practice." It is, however, hardly to be expected that a militia force in a new country would be drilled and equipped by the high standard of the regular army. A poor man must have a poor wedding and on the same principle a new corps must be content with a military force a good many degrees below perfection.

ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION. Athletics should not doubt form part of any rational system of education. Exercise of some kind is necessary for the health of the mind as well as of the body, and it should be the aim of the educator to train his pupils that they should have sound minds in sound bodies. To enable him to do this there should be for every educational institution, large or small, a spacious well-equipped playground. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is true in every sense, and it is necessary if Jack is to turn out a man of vigorous mind, fit to take his part in the larger world, that he should enjoy the opportunity of having a much play, and that of the right sort, as is good for him. Professor Shaler, who has passed thirty years of his life in Harvard as student and teacher, discusses the question of Athletics in Education in the January number of the Atlantic Monthly. He considers that physical culture attained by means of sports such as boys are so fond of is essential to the bodily and the moral welfare of the masses. He believes that the exercise which the student gets in playing games more conducive to the health both of his mind and his body than gymnastics practiced according to rule. The excitement of the game gives the mind, as well as the body, the healthy stimulus they require. He gives the first place to football, as an athletic sport and school game. Lacrosse ranks next in his estimation, and after it baseball and cricket. "Of course," these games are to be indulged in moderately, and not as the business of the student's life, and it is his opinion that engaging in these games prevents premature and excessive intellectual development. This he regards as one of the greatest benefits of athletic exercises. "I think," he says, "the youths who have been much given to field sports, or who, in other words, have attained a vigorous growth, are apt to be from one to two years behind their mates in their intellectual development." But this slowness of growth is compensated by greater vigor and a longer term of intellectual activity. He considers that devotion to athletic sports has the effect of lessening the appetite for narcotics and stimulants. He has found that the excessive use of tobacco is far less observable among students now than it was before athletic came into fashion.

THE REJECTED TREATY. The United States Senate has definitely rejected the Rosebery-Phelps extradition treaty. The treaty was many pretensions for the action it has taken, but not on any one of them. It is evident that the arrangement between nations is so urgently required as a good extradition treaty between Great Britain and the United States. Every day it necessarily forces itself on the attention of the people of both nations. Soundness of every grade, say to the boundary line between Canada and the United States from both sides when they find it necessary to escape the punishment which they have richly deserved. As soon as that line is crossed the great majority of them are perfectly safe. There is no need of further flight or concealment. An American thief, who may have brought misery and ruin upon thousands, may walk the streets of a Canadian city as safely as the most law-abiding of its citizens, and the Canadian defender laughs at the officers of justice when he sees the American safe on the American side of the line. This is a state of things that should not exist in civilized or Christian countries. The United States Senate accuses as the idea of establishing a reciprocity of trade in commodities that are necessary for the comfort of those living on both sides of the boundary, but it does not hesitate to perpetuate a reciprocity in thieves of every kind and degree, who are a curse to the community which they have left, and a reproach to the country to which they have fled. By rejecting the extradition treaty, the United States senate has made itself the accomplice of every thief and every felon of the laws of the republic, who can escape the punishment due to his crime by crossing the boundary which separates Canada from the United States. And they do this with malice prepense, for they are fully aware of the consequences that have followed the neglect of duty in this matter in the past, and that must follow it in the future. The senators who voted against the confirmation of the extradition treaty are the aiders and abettors of every scoundrel who commits a crime with the hope of getting off to Canada with his plunder before the officers of justice can get on his track. If these thieves offered to give the senators a share of the swag they would only do what was fair among men.

One of the excuses made by the Senators, who, from a mean motive wish it to be false for them to attempt to disguise, void against the treaty, is that it does not distinguish clearly enough between political and other crimes. The objection is well answered by Prof. Rogers, formerly of the University of Michigan law school. He says: "The law of his kind can tolerate for a moment, the danger of the assassin or the dynamite bomb of the anarchist. Men who resort to these means to promote any cause, however worthy, are infamous, and they cannot be distinguished from the ordinary criminal. It is less than a crime to ask the government for their protection. They are not political offenders, but out-

THE CORRECT VIEW.

Sir John Macdonald, in his speech in reply to the Leader of the Opposition in the debate on the address, stated the objection to the agitation in favor of unrestricted reciprocity in the clearest, simplest and most concise way possible. He said: "Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman (Mr. Laurier) knows, as we all know, that the reason we do not extend our trade to the South is that the South will not allow us to do so. We are all united in wishing to do so. From 1854 to this moment the South has been ready and has shown her readiness to enter into most friendly commercial and social relations with the United States but they won't have us—phrases, unless at a price which we do not choose to give. (Hear, hear.) The hon. gentleman, I think, would not give that price himself. It has been announced by the men who will in the near future govern the political course of the United States that there shall be no extension of trade with this country unless it is by selling our heritage for a mess of pottage. (Cheers.) Give up our allegiance to our Sovereign, by changing our grand position as a member of the greatest Empire in the world for us to become the subservient outcasts of the neighboring republic! (Cheers.) The hon. gentleman opposite would not pay that price. I know he did not pay that price, and unless we did pay that price to the South and the extension of Commercial Union, I think, must be dropped in silence."

(It is no answer to this to assert that the Government has not been energetic enough in its efforts to obtain reciprocity with the United States, or even that it is not wise when it professes to be desirous of obtaining closer trade intercourse with that country. As long as the Government and the citizens of the Republic are unwilling to trade freely with Canada, the more eagerly Canadians appear to desire reciprocity, the more unwilling Americans will be to reciprocate. This is seen in the reply which several influential organs of public opinion in the States have given to the advances which Canadian commercial unionists have already made. "You cannot, they say, have commercial union with us until you are prepared to enter into political union also." This is the price that the Americans ask the Canadians to pay for unrestricted reciprocity. The Canadian Government would certainly place itself in a singular position if it entered negotiations with the United States Government for reciprocity knowing well that this is the attitude which the American people have assumed. They will not consent to a partial reciprocity such as obtained under the old Reciprocity Treaty, because they consider that Canadians would be by far the greater gainers by such an arrangement, and they will not agree to unrestricted reciprocity or commercial union, for that would give the United States all the advantages of increased free trade without their being required to bear the burdens and to undertake the responsibilities of United States' citizens. If there any party in Canada that would have the Government seek favors from the United States which they know before-hand Congress has determined not to grant! This would be to make Canada a beggar, and would expose it to the humiliation of a rough rivalry. None but a few fanatics, whose opinion is not worth consideration, believe that reciprocity on fair terms will not be advantageous to Canada, but the advantages are not so great, and Canada is not so destitute without them, as to warrant its Government going upon their knees and supplicating the Americans to extend to their country reciprocal free trade.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES. Madama Albani is the guest of Sir John and Lady Macdonald at Ottawa. A general strike prevails among the glass-workers of Brunswick. The street car line-up in New York has been declared off by the Knights of Labor. Chandler's planing mill at Toronto has been burned. The \$7000 to \$8000 in exchange unknown. The cold wave and blizzard continues throughout Canada, the thermometer registering 10 to 40 below.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Senate today passed a bill to amend an act relating to the California athletic club which has decided on April 26th of the date for the contest between Peter Jackson, the Australian champion, and Pat Cardiff. Col. Herchimer, of the Mounted Police, Regina, has been summoned for amending the wall by his wages, and died. Mrs. Matilda Griswold Frelinghuysen, widow of the late Secretary of State Frelinghuysen, died Sunday at Newark, N. J.

In consequence of the blizzard at Montreal yesterday, the trotting races and the opening of the park toboggan slide were suspended. An Ottawa despatch says reports from surrounding districts show that the thermometer on Sunday night registered 24 to 37 below. A serious fire, which started in Colby's grocery store was in progress yesterday at Bracebridge, Ont. Several buildings were consumed. Requisition services for the late Queen Victoria were held in Paris, Rome, Constantinople, Sofia and the Hague yesterday.

The winter has set in with terrible earnestness in Michigan. A blizzard has white-capped the country for several days. Traffic is stopped on some of the railway lines. The Los Angeles and Pacific Railway Co. has discharged a large number of its white employees, engaged as section hands at \$2 per day, and filled their places with Chinese at \$1 per day. The K. of K. have taken the matter up. At New York on Wednesday, services were held over the remains of the late Mrs. H. Fiske, dramatist and authoress. Col. Robert G. Ingersoll delivered the funeral oration. The remains were taken to Hartford for interment.

Annie Keane, the 19 year old daughter of Henry Keane, a prosperous German of Philadelphia, was shot and killed on Saturday night last week in the city of Philadelphia. She was shot by her own father, who afterwards shot his wife and cut his own throat in a fit of delirious frenzy. Upon the expiration of his term, President Cleveland will reside in the state of New York and resume the practice of his profession, having associated himself with the law firm of Bangs, Stetson, Tracy & McVeigh, in New York city.

A cold wave is prevailing in the Northwest and the temperature is dropping rapidly. It is now 14 degrees below zero at Winnipeg. Reports from all over the Northwest are to the same effect, although in Manitoba there appears one peculiarity of the climate. At Winnipeg the mercury at 1 p. m. reached 30 degrees below zero, while at Calgary it reached 38 above.

A Brussels despatch to the London Chronicle alleges that, when the doctor of Queen Victoria's ailments was forced open the body of a beautiful young Bohemian lady was also found. The despatch asserts that the crown-prince first killed her with a revolver and then shot himself and the body of the lady was cast secretly to the seat of her family in Bohemia.

New York, Feb. 6.—Fanny Moore, aged 11, was stopped in the street January 24th, while going home from school, by a well-dressed man, who insulted her and declared that he was "Jack the Ripper." The child, being frightened, ran and on seeing the effect of her flight, the man fled. Fanny was delirious when she reached home, and brain fever set in, from which she died on Monday. The police are endeavoring to find the stranger. He is said to have interfered with a number of school children in a similar manner.

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